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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

As the discoverer of Cross Creek Midden, which Skipper Chapman informed me had been covered by a sand dune a year or so previously, I too admire Brenda Sewell's meticulous excavation, and, like Doug Sutton, wonder at the niggling tone of the last sentence of John Coster's letter in the March 1994 issue.

I surface collected from the exposed midden, but there was no time to excavate during Jack Golson's Sarah's Gully "digs", even if I had wished. One thing most impressed me at the time was the careful stacking of large limpet shells, six or more carefully inserted one on top of another. I have often wondered if the Maori who did it had a tidy mind, or was merely killing an idle moment.

Ron Scarlett