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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Hurrah for Owen Wilkes! He has restored my belief in Archaeology in action. His article, so clearly written in December 1995's *Archaeology in New Zealand*, was fascinating. Here was the exciting study of New Zealand field archaeology - the basis!

Identifying, interpreting, noting the particular man-made marks on the land; raising questions as to their use, origin and meaning and then putting dots on a map so that others may read them and know they are important.

From my days in the field with Aileen Fox I was aware of following a tradition on the East Coast and in Hawkes Bay of Walsh and Leahy, Jones and Hurst, Ritchie and Cave, Millyn and Nevin and the lone recorders Bill Malony and the special one, Robert Hunter, who assiduously covered previously 'blank areas' with consistent fieldwork of high standard. May each decade bring more such people.

Also in December's issue I read with relief Simon Hodge's article 'Public understanding of Archaeology in New Zealand'. All is well when young archaeologists are thinking and discussing where their discipline is going and what relevance it has in and to the general community.

Yours sincerely,  
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