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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Congratulations to NZAA on Monograph 18, 1991. Special thanks to the Editors of Beech Forest Hunters, Atholl Anderson and Richard McGovern-Wilson.

After a salvage operation begun 10 years ago, which wound many people in, before its unravelling, this is a publication worth the wait.

The Maori rock shelter sites on Lee Island in Lake Te Anau have produced fascinating and important information from the careful and skilled work on a series of rich sites.

The lavish photographs and illustrations make such good sense with the text. But to my eye Chris Gaskin's illustrations of what the sites would have looked like, given the recovered materials, are inspirational - especially the frontispiece - a perfect piece of telling understatement. This is Chris Gaskin's strength as an illustrator of archaeological material.

Thank you for one of the NZ Archaeological Association's best monographs.

Mary Jeal Coromandel

I was recently visiting a wildlife park near Perth in Western Australia and was fascinated to see some emus bathing in a pond (see photo). We've usually assumed that moas became trapped in swamps while seeking food. Perhaps they were just cooling off on a hot day!

Richard Cassels Otago Museum

