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LETTERS

Dear Editor

While regrettably unable to attend the 50th Anniversary Conference of the Association, I have enjoyed immensely the special edition of *Archaeology in New Zealand*, “Digging Into History”. Congratulations on this important contribution to the Association’s history.

The publication is a significant record of not only early activities of the Association, but also of Members some no longer with us. However it is apparent from “Digging Into History” that much material is in private ownership.

Although records of the Association are held by National Archives and other institutions and organisations such as, New Zealand Historic Places Trust, universities and major museums, much material is also with members and many must have important collections of photographs, personal diaries or journals, correspondence, field notebooks and perhaps even, oral histories.

Such material is potentially of great value to present and future researchers and I would like to think, members can be encouraged to consider an appropriate repository for their records.

Does the Association maintain a record of such collections, have an archives policy and if so, how is this coordinated?

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