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THE NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE,

1971

The conference for 1971 was held at Auckland, from May 13-18, under the combined auspices of the Department of Anthropology of Auckland University and the Auckland War Memorial Museum. A total of 23 papers were presented on aspects of research in New Zealand and the Pacific, and, in addition, a public lecture was given by Dr Roger Green in the Museum Auditorium entitled 'South-east Solomon Islands Prehistory - How does one plan research in a difficult and unknown area?'

Apart from the papers themselves, additional items of interest were organised in the form of conducted tours of the Auckland Museum displays and stored collections, and two coach tours - one of the Auckland city volcanic cone pa, and the other to a number of pa on the South Kaipara Peninsula, including the two partially excavated examples at Otakanini and Waioneke.

Abstracts or complete texts of 10 of the papers follow this introduction, and it is hoped that articles on the results of other research presented at the conference will appear in the Newsletter in due course. Papers not represented in the following abstracts were given by the following participants:

- Dr R. Reeves, Massey University: "The Identification of Obsidian Sources in New Zealand".
- Mr S. Park, Otago Museum: "Chemical Analysis in Archaeology".
- Mr K. Peters and Mr P. S. Bellwood, Auckland University: "The Conservation of the Artefacts from Lake Mangakaware, Waikato".
- Mr J. McKinlay, New Zealand Historic Places Trust: "Prehistoric Sites in the Taharoa Region, south of Kawhia Harbour".
- Mr R. Cassels, Auckland University: "Site Location as a Clue to Prehistoric Economy in the Waikato".
- Mr P. Bellwood, Auckland University: "The Excavation of a Swamp Pa on Lake Mangakaware, Waikato". (See Report, p. 112)
- Miss A. Leahy, Auckland Museum: "Excavations at Hot Water Beach, Coromandel Peninsula". (See Newsletter, 14/2: 62-3)

- Mrs A. Calder, Otago University: "Archaeological Inferences from Observations of Refuse Disposal Patterns in a modern Thai village".
- Mr G. Law (paper submitted from U.K.): "Home Forts from Abroad".
- Mr P. Coutts, Otago University: "Archaeological Investigations on Ruapuke Island, Foveaux Straits".
- Mrs K. Shawcross, Auckland University: "The Influence of Politics on Northern Maori Settlement Patterns". (With major reference to Tauranga District)
- Mrs M. Riddell, Auckland University: "A Preliminary Survey of Polynesian Rock Art".
- Dr S. M. Mead, Auckland University: "Art of the Star Harbour Region, Eastern Solomon Islands".
- Miss E. Shaw, Gisborne Museum: "Excavations at Natunuku, Viti Levu, Fiji Islands".
- Mr W. Shawcross, Auckland University: "Excavations at Mt Camel, Northland".

Opening remarks on the conference were delivered by the President, Dr R. Duff, who also took the chair at the Annual General Meeting.

Closing remarks on the conference were delivered by Mr Shawcross.