



NEW ZEALAND  
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**NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**



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NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (INC.)

CENTRAL FILEKEEPER'S REPORT

1. NUMBERS RECORDED

The table below shows the number of sites recorded by filing districts for the past five years.

<u>District</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
Northland	369	380	464	473	505
Auckland	698	699	712	848	922
Waikato	107	107	123	151	165
Rotorua - Bay of Plenty	230	280	404	526	605
East Coast	7	7	7	9	9
Taranaki	440	440	440	470	505
Whanganui	90	92	92	97	98
Inland Patea	14	14	15	15	15
Hawkes Bay	57	62	62	62	59
Wellington	314	329	335	348	347
Marlborough - Nelson	200	222	222	222	223
Canterbury	444	579	718	720	724
Otago - Southland	116	139	344	458	503
TOTALS	3,086	3,350	3,938	4,401	4,680

2. FILEKEEPERS

Wanganui: Mr A. J. Bannister resigned last year from the position of Wanganui Filekeeper. Action is being taken to appoint a new filekeeper.

East Coast: It is hoped shortly to appoint a filekeeper in this area, which is at present being served on a caretaker basis by the Bay of Plenty filekeeper. It is expected that appointment of a filekeeper will at last result in some recording in this important region.

3. SITE PROTECTION

Council believes that much can be done at a local level to secure better protection for sites, and in some cases a great deal has been achieved already. An article by the Central Filekeeper on "Town and Country Planning and the Archaeologist" appeared in the Newsletter, vol. 13, No. 1. It is hoped that this article will assist members and affiliated societies to obtain more effective protection of sites, and will also help to dispel the widely held and wrong idea that there is no legislation enabling site protection to be achieved.

4. HANDBOOK

It is pleasing to report that the site recording handbook is at last with the printers and should be ready for sale in about two months.

I would like to thank all those people who have helped me in different ways to compile this handbook. Their contributions have helped to ensure that it will be a valuable aid to recording.

5. FUTURE OF THE SITE RECORDING SCHEME

In the past the scheme has been widely used for research, and has been well supported by both amateur and professional archaeologists. The result has been a considerable amount of work by dedicated and hard-working recorders and filekeepers. It is therefore disheartening to discover that an increasing amount of recording is taking place under the auspices of Universities and Training Colleges outside the framework of the scheme.

Although Council believes that the scheme is important to New Zealand archaeology, it will be greatly weakened if it is not used by those who are in the best position to ensure its health and viability. If people in this position do not feel that the scheme is working as it should, they should state to Council what they think the deficiencies are and how they could be remedied.

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