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NEWS

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Summer Fieldwork

Auckland:

Jim McKinlay intends to do further work at Ellets Mountain, Auckland this summer. Details have yet to be set, but preliminary enquiries should be directed to Jim at N.Z. Historic Places Trust, P.O. Box 12255, Wellington.

Hawkes Bay:

Lady Fox writes: "I hope to be digging at Tiromoana Pa, Te Awanga, H.B., from January 4-18th 1975. I can take eight volunteers, with preference for the university students, for whom accommodation and keep will be provided. Anyone extra will have to pay for food, but can sleep in the shearers' quarters or a tent - food \$10 per week.

I expect to investigate the entrance and finish off a living area. I would be glad of a catering-camp organiser.

Will people write to me at Auckland Museum as from November 11th. Before that, by air mail to: 2 The Retreat, Topsham, Exeter, Devon, England".

Chatham Island:

Doug Sutton writes: "The Chatham Islands Project will be continued this summer. A party of up to twenty people will be in the Chathams from December to February. In that time we will be excavating a number of sites on the main island and concluding the field survey of the group begun in May. There will be at least one major areal excavation underway over the summer. We are looking for a cook and camp organiser. This job is crucial to the success of the party and involves the organisation of the food quest, preparation of the food and maintenance of some of our equipment either by delegation or direct responsibility. We will be able to pay air fares from Wellington or Christchurch to the Chathams for the suitable person. Everyone in the expedition will be 'found and kept' free of charge; that is, housed in the magnificent 'Archaeologists House' at Te One, and fed on the very best New Zealand foods with which the Chathams abounds.

If you are interested in the job and would like to spend your summer in the Chathams in the capacity of camp organiser, please enquire of Doug Sutton, Anthropology Department, University of Otago, P.O. Box 56, Dunedin".

The Association's short conference at Blenheim in May was an unqualified success. Your reporter can remember no conference field trip he has enjoyed more than the 'pilgrimage' to Wairau Bar. The perfect calm day, the many water birds on the Lagoon and the snow on the distant mountains created a magnificent start, capped by having Jim Eyles there as a guide. All credit goes to Nevil Matthews for his organisation of it all.

At the Annual General Meeting, a new council was elected, as listed in this issue. Rachel Baskerville stepped down as treasurer after one year. She and her husband Don are shortly to leave to live overseas for some time. One stop they have planned is Easter Island. The new treasurer is David Harrowfield. David is a Senior Technician in the Department of Geography at the University of Canterbury, and is involved in the running of the Department's Physical Laboratory, and a variety of field projects about the South Island. As far as pre-history is concerned, he has a special interest in the reconstruction of the physical environment of moa hunter sites.

Janet Davidson has been awarded a fellowship to Oxford University which she has taken up at the beginning of the Northern Academic year. The Fellowship is one founded by Rhodes. During her tenure Janet hopes to write on New Zealand pre-history.

Lady Aileen Fox has been appointed to fill Janet's position at the Auckland Museum while Janet is in Oxford. Aileen has returned to Britain for a short period and will be back in November. Aileen recently delivered the MacMillan Brown lectures at Auckland University, covering three aspects of Maori fortifications. It is hoped these will be published next year as an NZAA monograph.

ANTIQUITIES BILL

Many members will be aware - particularly those who heard the NZBC Insight '74 production broadcast on 18 August - that at present a Parliamentary Select Committee is considering a new Antiquities Bill which it is hoped will come into effect by February 1975. Some of the clauses of this Bill are to protect artefacts and control sale and export from New Zealand.

Copies of this Bill can be obtained from any Government Printer's Office but, at the time of writing, are in temporary short supply. However, a reprint should now be available.

We would urge everyone to write to their local M.P. requesting him to support the Bill.

Anyone can also make submissions to the Select Committee themselves; this meets every Wednesday. At present it is also considering the Maori Affairs Amendment Bill and later in the year it is hoped they will be looking at amendments to the Historic Places Act. You may make submissions to the Committee by -

EITHER - writing to them; send 25 copies.

OR - Present their submission (25 copies) personally; thus enabling one to answer any questions that may arise from his paper.

In either case, you should write now to the Secretary of the Committee, indicating your intent to make a submission; specify whether you wish to make an oral submission as well as a written one; and make sure you give them your address. Write to:

S.N. Crisp, Secretary,  
Select Committee Section,  
Legislative Dept., Parliament House,  
WELLINGTON.

It is hoped that as many people as possible will make submissions: perhaps these might include: individuals; Archaeology Societies; staff of Anthropology Departments; prehistory graduate students. It doesn't matter if they disagree, as long as they all follow the line - favour some control of our heritage.

Recent publications will be of interest to most members, and are particularly recommended as up-to-date summaries of the state of knowledge. These are William Howell's "The Pacific Islanders", published by Reeds at \$5.95, and "Adaptation and Change in Maori Culture", R.C. Green. This 44 page reprint from a forthcoming book ECOLOGY AND BIOGEOGRAPHY IN NEW ZEALAND, Ed. G. Kuschel, contains the present thoughts of Dr Green on N.Z. archaeological scene within the limits set by the title. He discusses the ultimate origins, Oceanic origins, Polynesian origins and the adaptations of the Maori of New Zealand, managing to outline concisely the arguments sustained by an extensive bibliography. It is recommended to members of the Association even beyond the Universities as an agreeably readable and un-detailed account of Maori adaptation to life in New Zealand.

The reprint is available from the Bookshop, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland, or the Bookshop, University of Otago, Box 56, Dunedin.

A more detailed and more closely argued account of biogeography by John Terrell is contained in SOLOMON ISLAND STUDIES IN HUMAN BIOGEOGRAPHY published by the Field Museum of Chicago. Students may obtain free copies of this series by writing to:-

Anthropology,  
Field Museum of Natural History,  
Roosevelt Rd. at Lake Shore Drive,  
Chicago,  
ILLINOIS 60605, U.S.A.

Monograph No. 3, Archaeology in North Taranaki is no longer available. Nos. 4 and 5 are still in print and can be ordered through the Treasurer.

The Editor is pleased to advise that a qualified cartographer is offering her services to students and others who may wish to have expert draughting. Contact:-

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