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NOTES AND NEWS

People

John Terrell of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, and Peter White of the University of Sydney, are this year teaching at the Anthropology Department, University of Auckland. For John, it is a return to New Zealand, - he was teaching at the Auckland department in the late 1960s. Doug Sutton, who reported on a summer's work in Labrador in the last issue, has since spent three months in Patagonia!

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Historic Places Trust address

Members of Association are asked to note that with their recent move to Antrim House, 63 Boulcott Street, Wellington, the address of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust is now -

New Zealand Historic Places Trust
Private Bag
Wellington.

There is no change in the phone numbers: 724-341 and 727-978.

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Summer activity in the Auckland region

Archaeological activity has greatly increased in the Auckland area this summer, thanks largely to the input of the Student Community Service Programme. Major digs have been conducted at Kawerau (directed by Ian Lawlor), Fort Galatea, Murupara (Wynne Spring-Rice), the Sunde site, Motutapu Island (Reg Nichol), and Port Jackson (Diane Foley and Susan Bulmer).

Site surveying, mapping and other 'public archaeology' projects in the region have included: upgrading records of Waiheke Island sites; mapping previously recorded sites on Motutapu Island; improving site records for the Manukau City area; upgrading records of stone structures in Ambury Park, south-west Mangere; updating Brown's Island site records; surveying sites in the Kaipara area; upgrading records of all sites registered in the Auckland City Council district planning scheme; and the preparation of maps of areas under application for mining on the Coromandel Peninsula.

Emphasis has been on the improvement of old or inadequate records. Some attempt has been made to reconstruct the lay-out of now destroyed

sites, such as Three Kings, mainly by the use of early aerial photographs. Records of early historic sites in the Auckland region, especially in Rodney County and Waitemata City, have been upgraded with the assistance of Jack Diamond.

"Prehistoric Rock Art"

It is to be regretted that Longman Paul have raised the retail price of Monograph 12, Prehistoric Rock Art, from \$7.95 to \$9.95. This means that the special offer to members, as set out in the last Newsletter, must be raised from \$6.50 to \$7.95 plus postage (50 cents). Copies will be available in May and can be collected at the Christchurch conference bookstall.

Recent publications

In the latest issue of the Records of the Auckland Institute and Museum (Volume 17, 1980) are three articles which might be of interest to members of the Association.

- Nigel Prickett, Maori fortifications of the Omata and Oakura districts, Taranaki (pp.1-48).
D.R. Simmons, Some dendroglyph styles in the Chatham Islands (pp.49-63).
Joanna Boileau, The artefact assemblage from the Opito beach midden, N40/3, Coromandel Peninsula (pp.65-95).

Copies of the article on Taranaki pa are available from the author, c/- Auckland Museum, Private Bag, Auckland, at \$3.10.

Other recent articles of interest to New Zealand archaeologists include:

- Atholl Anderson, The archaeology of Raoul Island (Kermadecs) and its place in the settlement history of Polynesia, Archaeology and Physical Anthropology in Oceania, 15:131-141 (1980).
Douglas G. Sutton, A culture history of the Chatham Islands, Jnl Polyn. Soc., 89:67-93 (1980).

Atholl Anderson's article is a full discussion of the results of the Raoul Island expedition of 1978, first reported in the Newsletter in 1979. In his article he gives the results of radiocarbon determination on material from the Low Flat site which suggest occupation at about 960 A.D. and 1360 A.D.

Australian Society for Historical Archaeology

Members of this Association may not be aware of the existence of a sister organisation, the Australian Society for Historical Archaeology. A.S.H.A. was founded in 1970. It produces a newsletter which contains much useful material on historical archaeology in Australia, along with occasional longer monograph publications. An ordinary membership subscription is \$5. The address is:

Australian Society for Historical Archaeology
Department of Archaeology
University of Sydney
New South Wales 2006
Australia

Photographic archives

At a recent Association council meeting there was some discussion of the situation regarding photographic archives of archaeological work in New Zealand. There was a suggestion that the Association itself might maintain an archive, but this was rejected, partly on the grounds that it would duplicate some very good archives already established. The Anthropology Department of the University of Auckland has a very full photographic coverage of excavations and other archaeological work done from the department since the early days. The Auckland Museum also has a useful archive.

Your editor was, however, asked to draw the attention of readers of 'Notes and News' to the value of photographic and other records of past archaeological work. If you are thinking of throwing them out, then throw them in the direction of a museum or library.

Bendigo Pottery

Association members interested in the historical period will like a recent publication on the Bendigo Pottery in Australia.

Paul A. Scholes, Bendigo Pottery, Lowden Publishing Co., Kilmore, 1979. 281 pp.

This is a superbly produced book, full of marvellous colour and black and white photographs of the factory and its products. The Bendigo Pottery was established in 1858 and many of its kitchenware and commercial products reached New Zealand.

Spectrum documentary

Members may have missed the radio 'Spectrum' documentary of 14 December 1980 on the subject of archaeology. The programme featured Michael Trotter, Steve O'Regan, Jim McKinlay, Bruce McFadgen and Atholl Anderson. Cassette tapes of the programme are available from the New Zealand Broadcasting Corporation for \$6.00.

Ancient mysteries

From remote Buffalo, New York state, U.S.A., comes a new publication with a New Zealand connection. Charles J. Cazeau and Stuart D. Scott, Exploring the Unknown: Great Mysteries Reexamined. Plenum Press, New York and London. The blurb includes a note on the authors: "Stuart D. Scott, Jr., Associate Professor of Anthropology at the State University of New York at Buffalo, has led countless archaeological expeditions to such remote areas as Samoa, Easter Island, and New Zealand .."

Erratum

In the last issue was a plan of Otatara pa, Hawkes Bay (p. 238, in A. Fox, Otatara pa: archaeology and Maori tradition in Hawkes Bay) which printed badly so that the extent of terracing was invisible. Enclosed with this issue is an improved map which members might like to slip into the appropriate place.
