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NOTES AND NEWS

Graham J. McCallum

Foss Leach writes,
"Graham McCallum was killed by an avalanche on Mount Ruapehu on July 11. Although he was never in the limelight of excavations and fieldwork discoveries, he was nevertheless a powerful and driving force for the advancement of New Zealand archaeology, and many friends and colleagues will be saddened by this tragic loss.

Graham was actively involved in the development of the revolutionary accelerator based radiocarbon dating at the time of his death, and it is fitting that the building which is to house the new installation is to be named after him. Over the past ten years he has always been willing to help archaeologists with their endless problems relating to identification of pottery, historic metal objects, obsidian tools and so on. Recently, he has been instrumental in the development of the Otago University Archaeometry Laboratory, which will be devoted to the scientific analysis of archaeological materials.

Advancements in the discipline of archaeology reflect in part a nagging dissatisfaction both with what is known, and with what can be known about prehistoric societies. Graham McCallum was knocking at the frontier of what can be learned in our subject, and this forward vision will be greatly missed. Those of us who were fortunate to work with him from time to time, will also miss his enthusiasm and friendship."

Stewart Island records

Lyn Williams, the Southland filekeeper, writes that the Stewart Island file has gone metric. "Sites in S185-191 will now be referred to by their metric equivalents. The metric maps have not yet been published, but then NZMS 1 maps haven't been either, so there's no problem!"

Back numbers anyone?

Manawatu Museum wants to buy Vols 2, 3, 4, 5(2), 6, 7, 8, 9(1), in order to complete a set of the NZAA Newsletter. Anyone willing to sell any of the above mentioned issues please contact: David J. Butts, Assistant Director/Anthropologist, Manawatu Museum, P O Box 1867, Palmerston North.

Trust Archaeology Committee

The Archaeology Committee of the Historic Places Trust has recently been reorganised as part of the reconstitution of the Trust following the passing of the Historic Places Act 1980.

The Committee now comprises eight members, four from the Trust Board and four appointed members. From the Board come,

Dr Neil Begg (Board chairman)
Mrs E. Manuel (nominee of the New Zealand Maori Council)
Mr Doug Mitchell (Lands and Survey Department)
Nigel Prickett (Archaeological Association nominee
and Committee chairman)

Nominated members are:

Atholl Anderson (Dunedin)
Geoff Irwin (Auckland)
Mary Jeal (Hawkes Bay)
Michael Trotter (Christchurch)

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Auckland University centenary

The University of Auckland will celebrate its centenary in May 1983. The year as a whole will be marked as a centennial year, but many events will take place during the 'focus' weekend 6-9 May 1983. Some will be formal, like the Honorary Degrees ceremony, others less so. Highlights for past students will be the reunions planned by departments and faculties and also by halls of residence. Those seeking further information should write to the Registrar.

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Auckland Association of Consulting Archaeologists

Louise Furey writes,

"In early August a meeting was held of professional archaeologists and students interested in setting up an association to look after the interests of people employed in archaeology by Historic Places Trust and other bodies. Response to the meeting was favourable. It was agreed to form an association primarily for the Auckland region. This decision was based on logistical problems of communication and organisation with areas outside Auckland.

The aims of the association are to be loosely styled on those of the Association of Consulting Archaeologists in Australia where archaeologists

have a professional responsibility to complete a project to a satisfactory standard and a responsibility to colleagues in terms of interaction of information.

While still being very informal, the association wishes to discuss standards of work and report production; pay scales for professional work; contracting in public archaeology and the setting up of a Register of people interested in doing archaeological work. This register would include curriculum vitae on each individual and information of a standardised form on skills in fieldwork and particular interests which would be available to relevant people setting up fieldwork programmes.

Further meetings are planned to discuss more fully the points raised here. Anyone interested in receiving more information on the association can contact Ian Lawlor or Louise Furey (in the interim period before a committee is set up), c/- Anthropology Department, University of Auckland, Private Bag, Auckland.

Recently published

Published in the New Zealand Journal of Botany (Vol. 19, pp.105-110) is "A map of the Pre-European vegetation of lower Northland, New Zealand" compiled by James Beever of Auckland. The map is based on information from some hundreds of early surveyers' plans. The finished product is a marvellous resource for archaeologists interested in the area and one which I hope will before too long be made available for other regions as well.
