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Enclosed with this issue is your subscription notice. It helps the Treasurer enormously if subscriptions are paid promptly - and of course it ensures that you will keep getting the Newsletter and will be kept in touch with what is going on in New Zealand archaeology.

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Constitution

Following a resolution of the 1981 Annual General Meeting, a copy of the Association's Constitution is enclosed with this issue and sent out to all members. I hope it does not result in an increase in the number of 'bush-lawyers' at the 1982 A.G.M. at New Plymouth!

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A new book on New Zealand archaeology

Also enclosed with this issue is a leaflet inviting you to purchase at a special rate available only to members, the forthcoming book The First Thousand Years: Regional Perspectives in New Zealand Archaeology, edited by Nigel Prickett. This volume is to be published by The Dunmore Press of Palmerston North as Monograph 13 of the New Zealand Archaeological Association. Publication price will be \$27.95. Publication is expected in May.

The First Thousand Years will total approximately 190 pages. In ten chapters different authors examine the archaeology of different regions in New Zealand. The contents are as follows:

- Janet Davidson, Northland, pp. 11-27.
- Janet Davidson, Auckland, pp. 27-48.
- Garry Law, Coromandel Peninsula and Great Barrier Island, pp. 49-61.
- Aileen Fox, Hawke's Bay, pp. 62-82.
- Michael Trotter, Canterbury and Marlborough, pp. 83-102.
- Atholl Anderson, West Coast, South Island, pp. 103-111.
- Atholl Anderson, North and Central Otago, pp. 112-128.
- Jill Hamel, South Otago, pp. 129-140.
- Peter Coutts, Fiordland, pp. 141-159.
- Doug Sutton, The Chatham Islands, pp. 160-178.

The book is heavily illustrated and is directed to the student and interested amateur. In each chapter an attempt has been made to summarise current archaeological knowledge of the particular region and to discuss future directions which research might take. The book commemorates the 25th anniversary of your Association.

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Max Stevenson

It is with sadness that I report the death of Max Stevenson in a motor accident in Auckland on 21 January 1982. Max was an Auckland student who had had a considerable involvement in archaeology in recent years. He worked in North Auckland with Richard Cassels and for two seasons in Taranaki on my pa mapping programme. As well he undertook work with Kelvin Day and Roger Fyfe in north Taranaki, while based at Taranaki Museum in his home town of New Plymouth.

Max was a hard worker and was always cheerful company. In particular I remember he was keen on the horses and he would enliven lunch time in the field by tales of his adventures at the nation's totalisator windows. His enthusiasm for gambling could even extend to his betting on the outcome of bulls fighting in nearby paddocks. In his second season with us, Max announced sadly that he had bought a share in a trotter which was eating so much hard feed, at such expense, that there was no money left for a bet.

I am sure all who knew him will join me in extending sympathy to Max's family.

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Recent publications

I have mentioned Tane, The Journal of the Auckland University Field Club before. Volume 26 (1980) has just arrived on my desk and as usual it has some archaeological articles as well as much useful descriptive material in the natural sciences. Of archaeological interest are:

Wynne Spring-Rice, Fanal Island (Motukino) archaeological survey and historical account (pp. 99-105).
 Bruce W. Hayward and A.E. Wright, Archaeological sites on small islands in the eastern Bay of Islands, Northland (pp. 151-159).
 Bruce W. Hayward, Archaeological sites on Motuihe Island, Auckland (pp. 235-242).

The last issue of the Records of the Auckland Institute and Museum (Vol.18, 1981) has several articles of archaeological interest.

- D.R. Simmons, Stability and change in the material culture of Queen Charlotte Sound in the 18th century (pp. 1-61).
 Wendy J. Harsant, Excavations at Oue Pa, N43/35, South Auckland (pp. 63-93).
 Ian W.G. Smith, Mammalian fauna from an Archaic site on Motutapu Island, New Zealand (pp. 95-105).
 Ian W.G. Smith, Prehistoric mammalian fauna from the Coromandel Peninsula (pp. 107-125).

A useful paper putting together a lot of information on moas has just been published in the Records of the Canterbury Museum (Vol. 9, No.6, 1981).

C.J. Burrows, Beverley McCulloch and Michael M. Trotter, The diet of moas based on gizzard contents samples from Pyramid Valley, North Canterbury and Scaifes Lagoon, Lake Wanaka, Otago (pp. 309-336).

Also published recently is a popular publication on the 1980 excavations at Takahanga, Kaikoura. It is by Beverley McCulloch and Michael Trotter, is titled simply "Takahanga 1980", and is published by the Canterbury Museum (29 pp.).

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People

Doug Sutton returned from Vancouver at the beginning of March to take up a position as lecturer in archaeology at the Anthropology Department, University of Auckland. The position was vacated by Richard Cassels who was with the department some ten years. Also at the Auckland department this term is Ross Cordy, an American archaeologist who has worked in Micronesia. Ross takes up a temporary position which results from Roger Green's absence on leave. David Butts has now left the Manawatu Museum; on 22 March he took up his new post as Curator at Hawke's Bay Museum in Napier.

Ex-Auckland student Mike Rowland is now in Australia. In reply to your editor he writes:

"I was tutor in Anthropology at Queensland University from 1978 to August 1981 where I was also enrolled as a Ph.D. student.

I am working on the Keppel Islands off Rockhampton for my Ph.D., interested mainly in the application of island biogeographical theory as it applies to exploitation of small island environments. The results so far have been good with one midden providing a sequence dating 4000 B.P. to present. Evidence suggests that people on the islands were somewhat different linguistically, culturally and physically to people on the adjacent mainland. Whether it is due to 'isolation' or 'island adaptation' is proving more difficult to resolve. I am also concerned with the broad question of the role of marine foods and the place of marine specialists in prehistory.

In October, 1981 I joined the Archaeology Branch of the Department of Aboriginal and Islanders Advancement as Field and Research Archaeologist. A rather challenging position with some broad guidelines but with plenty of scope for a variety of interests. In November, 1981 I spent a month on some of the Torres Strait Islands in company with a Ph.D. student from London who was investigating sea-level changes.

For 1982 I am planning fieldwork on the Percy Islands and the Whitsunday Islands to broaden the scope of my Ph.D. research. Also at Cowley Beach south of Innisfail where there is a complex coastal dune sequence dating back into the Pleistocene. I also hope to visit our Rangers throughout Queensland to get a better idea of the range of environments and sites. The Archaeology Branch is presently moving into a newly renovated building where I have an office and wet and dry laboratory facilities.

From a New Zealand perspective archaeology in Queensland is very much in a developmental stage. Queensland is behind New Zealand in site recording and filing, in site management and environmental survey assessments. Research wise huge areas of Queensland are virgin territory for the intrepid archaeologist (much can be explained by the 'tyranny of distance', compare Queensland's 1.72 million km² with New Zealand's .2 million km²)."

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