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NOTES AND NEWSNapier Conference 1983

The 1983 Conference is our biennial week long conference. It is to be held in the Century Theatre, Napier, which is part of the Hawke's Bay Art Gallery and Museum complex. Conference dates are Thursday 12 May - Monday 16 May inclusive. Organisers are Mary Jeal and David Butts.

Session themes suggested to date are:  
 Historical archaeology  
 Archaeological science  
 Archaeological resource management  
 Pre and proto - historic gardening in the Pacific  
 Artefact studies  
 Unpublished excavations 1955-1980

Please send other suggestions to the Conference organisers. Papers not relating to the above themes will be welcomed with open arms.

A field trip is to be included in the programme. Travel concessions will be arranged. Details to be given in a later notice.

You are advised to arrange accommodation early.

Please advise David Butts as soon as possible if you wish to give a paper. Do not leave it until the last minute.

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 Napier

One example of accommodation costs for each type of accommodation is provided. Costs will vary from one to another. You are advised to confirm costs when booking your accommodation. Special prices may apply because the conference is during the May school holiday period. This is a good reason for booking early. All accommodation listed is in Napier city, within walking distance of the conference venue.

Kennedy Road Motor Camp, Storkey St. Cabin: \$18 per night (2 adults + \$6 for each extra adult - cabins have five beds).  
 Motel units: one room twin beds \$35 for two adults; two room, double bed and two singles \$41 for two adults plus \$9 each extra.

Fountain Court Motel, 211 Hastings St. Two adults - \$40 per night. Four adults - \$56 per night.  
 City Close Motel, P O Box 850, Napier.  
 Victoria Motel, 76 Marine Parade, Napier.  
 Criterion Hotel, Emerson St. Single room \$20-\$28, double room \$35, twin room \$18-\$35.  
 Central Hotel, P O Box 59, Napier.  
 Beach House, guest house, 36 Marine Parade. Bed and breakfast \$12.50.  
 Blue Water Guest House, 111 Marine Parade.  
 Spa Private Hotel, 10 Marine Parade. Bed and breakfast \$15, dinner, bed and breakfast \$19.  
 Pine Haven Private Hotel, 42 Marine Parade.  
 Other accommodation can be found through the Automobile Association or travel agencies.

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#### Alan Pullar

Ian Lawlor writes:

"Dr Alan Pullar died in Rotorua on September 29. Members of the Archaeological Association will remember Alan for his pioneering survey and excavation work on documented sites, especially at Whakatane, in the Bay of Plenty. In the early 1960s, with Doric Mabon and Ken Moore, a number of pa (Kaputerangi and Tauanui) and a cave (Muriwai) were investigated, and later reported in the Historical Review (Whakatane and District Historical Society).

Alan graduated from Otago University in 1936. He worked on the gold dredges for a period, travelled overseas visiting Australia and Malaya, and served in the Second World War. In 1945 he joined the D.S.I.R. Soil Bureau in Otago, working in the South Canterbury-Otago region. In 1949 he moved to Gisborne where his interests focused upon the volcanic tephra. This interest developed further when Alan moved to Whakatane in 1960, and Rotorua in 1971. In 1975 he was awarded a doctorate from Otago University and two years later retired from the Rotorua office of the Soil Bureau. He is survived by his wife and two children.

As a soil scientist, Alan's main interest lay with the identification and mapping of ash showers in the central North Island. He recognised that one ash (Kaharoa) was of special interest to the archaeologist because it could be used as a marker bed (or horizon) to help identify the age of prehistoric occupation in the Bay of Plenty.

Since 1959, with Jack Golson's excavation at Matapara (Paengaroa, Rotorua), Alan has assisted, not only with the identification of Tephra deposits within stratigraphic sections, but also with the analysis of soils and interpreting their relationship to site environment and occupation history. Alan was involved with excavations at Kauri Point (Tauranga, 1961-66), Thornton (Whakatanu, 1961-64), Kohika (Matata, 1975-76) and more recently at Maruka (Kawerau, 1981).

In 1978 Alan wrote to the Newsletter to discuss the "demise of the amateur archaeologist" and changes that had occurred within New Zealand archaeology in the 1960s and 70s. He was concerned that we are entering an era of planners with their impersonal data-banks, whose main forte is to retrieve stored information quickly. He also warns that Quaternary field research may come to a sad end as we will have no time left after running errands for the planners. As a fieldworker and an amateur archaeologist Alan Pullar made a great contribution, especially in the Bay of Plenty region. His concern for amateur archaeology and for continuing fieldwork should make us reflect today."

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#### Recent publications

Beverley McCulloch has recently had published an introduction to the moa and its extinction. It is the first of a planned series of popular publications published by Canterbury Museum with the assistance of the Canterbury Branch of the Royal Society of New Zealand. It is obtainable from the Canterbury Museum for \$4.00.

Beverley McCulloch, No Moa. Christchurch, Canterbury Museum, 1982. 31 pp.

Clay pipes are something I just happen to be interested in, so I was delighted to see Keith Rusden's Clay Pipes: Their History and Varieties found in New Zealand. The little book is concerned mostly with decorative bowls, many of which are illustrated by excellent line drawings. I was particularly interested in those with an Australian connection such as the "Squatters Budgaree" (p.20) and the Emu and Kangaroo bowls (p.21), all of which I know from military sites through stem fragments only. The book is available from the author, 32 Rowan Rd, Epsom 3, Auckland. The price includes postage.

K.G. Rusden, Clay Pipes: Their History and Varieties found in New Zealand. (Auckland), published by the author, 1982. 23 pp. \$4.00.

The Geological Society of New Zealand publishes a field guide series which already has a number of interesting titles (including Bruce Hayward's Ancient Undersea Volcanoes: a guide to the geological formations at Muriwai, west Auckland, and B.F. Houghton's Geysersland: a guide to the volcanoes and geothermal areas of Rotorua). The latest concerns the Auckland region, and must be of interest to Auckland archaeologists.

Peter Ballance and Ian Smith, Walks Through Auckland's Geological Past: a guide to the geological formations of Rangitoto, Motutapu, and Motuihe Islands. Geological Society of New Zealand Guide Book No. 5, 1982. 24 pp. \$2.95.

The conservation of historic places takes a big step forward with publication by the Historic Places Trust of a manual, "Vegetation Management on Archaeological Sites." There is much excellent information for land managers on the nature of archaeological remains and how vegetation on sites can be managed to preserve these. Case studies of particular sites look at present plant cover and give recommendations for future vegetation management. It is a pity that the photos have come out murky in the printing. Copies may be obtained from the Trust.

G. Hamel and K. Jones, Vegetation Management on Archaeological Sites. Wellington, New Zealand Historic Places Trust, 1982. 28 pp.

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Congratulations to Michael Trotter on his appointment as Director of Canterbury Museum.

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