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NOTES AND NEWSPeople

Long time Bay of Plenty filekeeper, Ken Moore has recently resigned and we believe is off on an extended trip overseas. Ken has for more than twenty years looked after one of the largest filing districts in the country with in excess of 2600 sites now recorded. We wish him well, - and thank him for his great work on the part of the Association and archaeology in general. Council has appointed Bob Regnault of Rotorua to take over the task of Bay of Plenty filekeeper. Other filekeeping changes are in the East Coast district where John Allum is replaced by Warner Haldane, and in Canterbury where Beverley McCulloch succeeds Sally Burrage.

Members of the Association will be delighted to know that Aidan and Jill Challis are back in New Zealand after three years spent in England. They are now living at Waimate North near Kaikohe, where Aidan is Historic Places Trust curator of the Waimate Mission.

Foss Leach, Janet Davidson and Penny are now in Oxford, England, where Foss is spending his sabbatical year from Otago University. Janet has recently completed the manuscript for her book on New Zealand archaeology. It is now with the publisher.

The XV Pacific Science Congress, held in Dunedin 1-11 February, proved a marvellous opportunity to renew old friendships and make new ones. Amongst expatriate archaeologists were Rosemary Buchan, Graeme Ward, Les Groube and Jean Kennedy.

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Publications

In the most recent Tane (Volume 28, 1982) are two archaeological articles.

Bruce Haywood, Prehistoric archaeological sites on Little Barrier Island, New Zealand (pp. 67-78).

Bruce Hayward, Peter Matthews and Phillip Moore, Archaeological sites on Rakitu (Arid) Island, north-eastern New Zealand (pp. 175-186).

Atholl Anderson continues to produce articles on the southern South Island at a great rate. Recently published are (amongst others):

Atholl Anderson, A fourteenth century fishing camp at Purakanui Inlet, Otago. Journal of the Royal Society of New Zealand, 11:201-221 (1981).

Atholl Anderson, Habitat preferences of moa in central Otago, A.D. 1000-1500 according to palaeobotanical and archaeological evidence. Journal of the Royal Society of New Zealand, 12:321-336 (1982).

In the latest Records of the Auckland Institute and Museum (Volume 19, 1982) there are three articles of archaeological interest.

Nigel Prickett, Maori fortifications of the Tataraimaka district, Taranaki (pp. 1-52).

Aileen Fox and Roger Green, Excavations at Maioro, N51/5, South Auckland, 1965-66 (pp. 53-80).

Trevor Hosking and Anne Leahy, Investigations at rock shelter N93/5 Waihora Bay, Taupo, New Zealand (pp. 81-99).

Monograph 4 of the Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society (1982) may be of some interest to members. It is entitled "The Archaeology of Rural Dorset: Past, Present and Future" and carries the authors' names, L.M. Groube, well known to many New Zealand archaeologists, and M.C.B. Bowden, apparently unknown even to the senior author.

A recent article by Bruce McFadgen gives us a salutary consideration of the accuracy (or lack of it) of radiocarbon dating of New Zealand archaeological sites.

Bruce McFadgen, Dating New Zealand archaeology by radiocarbon. New Zealand Journal of Science, 25:379-392 (1982).

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### The Australian Journal of Historical Archaeology

Yet another new archaeological journal has appeared on the scene. The first issue of The Australian Journal of Historical Archaeology was due to be published in January 1983 (though as I write this I have not yet seen it). I cannot tell you how often it will appear or how much it will cost as these were not given on the publicity I received. I can say, however, that it is to be edited by Graham Connah, of the Department of Prehistory and Archaeology, University of New England, Armidale, and that enquiries can be made to:

The Australian Society for Historical Archaeology,  
 Box 220 Holme Building  
 University of Sydney  
 N.S.W. 2006  
 Australia.

The contents of Volume 1 are as follows:

J.M. Birmingham and D.N. Jeans, The Swiss Family Robinson and the archaeology of colonisations.

Graham Connah, Stamp-collecting or increasing understanding?: the dilemma of historical archaeology.

Jane P. Wesson, A first bibliography of historical archaeology in Australia.

Edward Higginbotham, The excavation of a brick barrel-drain at Parramatta, N.S.W.

Michael Pearson, The technology of whaling in Australian waters in the 19th century.

Peter J.F. Coutts, Towards the development of colonial archaeology in New Zealand: Part 1.

Luke Godwin, The life and death of a flourmill: McCrossin's Mill, Uralla.

Kate Holmes, Excavations at Arltunga, Northern Territory.

R. Ian Jack, Review of: K.H. Kennedy et al. Totley: a study of the silver mines at One Mile, Ravenswood District, Department of History, James Cook University, Townsville, 1981.

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#### Antiquities from outlying islands

The National Museum, in conjunction with the Lands and Survey Department, is to establish a register of artefacts of European origin relating to New Zealand's outlying islands. This will be set up under the control of Michael Fitzgerald, Curator of History and Technology at the museum (Private Bag, Wellington, ph. 859-609).

While the Museum is keen to assemble a collection of material, it is the record of items in private hands which it is more anxious to develop.

Outlying islands such as Raoul in the Kermadecs, and the Campbell and Auckland Islands south of New Zealand, have had a considerable human history since the early years of last century. Whalers and sealers, shipwrecks, farming ventures, Second World War coast watchers and early scientific expeditions have all left archaeo-

logical remains. Much of the more portable material has been collected and taken away by more recent visitors. National Museum is to be congratulated for taking this initiative to bring together what has been recovered.

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### Subscriptions

Members will have received their subscription notices and will have noticed the rise. Subscriptions have not been put up for the past three years and the Association has had to draw deeply on reserves in the past year. The new subscriptions are still low compared with many other societies of a similar nature.

New members	\$15.00
Joint membership	\$18.00
Students	\$10.00
Pensioners	\$10.00
New Zealand Institutions	\$32.00
Overseas members	\$18.00
Overseas subscribers	\$20.00

The Association's continuing problem is its low membership. Total members and subscribers have remained steady for some years at about 500. If we had twice as many members we would be able to hold subscriptions down and offer more to members.

All that is needed is for every member of the Association to enrol one new member. To make this easier a copy of our membership pamphlet is enclosed with this issue of the Newsletter. Please note that the current subscription is omitted on the Membership Application Form and will need to be filled in from the above list as applicable.

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### Carved Maori Bone Chests

In co-operation with the Auckland Institute and Museum the Association has arranged a special offer of a new work by Aileen Fox: Carved Maori Bone Chests: a commentary and a catalogue. 100 pp., figures, 71 plates, to be published as Bulletin 13 in the Museum series.

The book is due to be published in May this year and it is hoped to have it available at the Napier conference. The price is not known as the Newsletter goes to the printer but it is hoped to have it by the time of the mail-out.

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Offshore Islands Symposium

Archaeologists who are going to Napier for the Association conference will be interested to know that the archaeological papers in the Offshore Islands Symposium (10-12 May in Auckland) are all scheduled for the first day (Tuesday 10 May). A field trip to Tiri Island is to be held on the Wednesday.

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New Zealand Journal of Archaeology

The Association's Journal (Volume 4, 1982) has recently come out. The contents are as follows:

- Roger Green, Models for the Lapita cultural complex: an evaluation of some current proposals (pp. 7-19).
- Neville Ritchie, The prehistoric role of the Cromwell Gorge (pp. 21-43).
- Atholl Anderson, A review of economic patterns during the Archaic Phase in southern New Zealand (pp. 45-75).
- Foss Leach and Bryan Manly, Minimum Mahalanobis Distance Function and lithic source characterisation by multi-element analysis (pp. 77-109).
- Nigel Prickett, An archaeologist's guide to the Maori dwelling (pp. 111-147).
- Helen Leach, Cooking without pots: aspects of prehistoric and traditional Polynesian cooking (pp. 149-156).
- Colin Burrows, On New Zealand climate within the last 1000 years (pp 157-165).
- Yosihiko Sinoto, A preliminary report on a hafted adze and some adze handles from archaeological excavations at Huahine Island, French Polynesia (pp. 169-177).
- Rod Wallace, Woods used in one-piece and composite adze hafts (pp. 179-184).

Copies of the Journal are available at \$14.00 from:

The Business Manager  
 New Zealand Journal of Archaeology  
 C/- Anthropology Department  
 University of Otago  
 P O Box 56  
 Dunedin.

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