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NOTES AND NEWSPeople

Lyn Williams has recently moved from the Southland Museum to a new job as archaeologist at Canterbury Museum. Taking over Lyn's job at Southland is Karl Gillies who has trained as an archaeologist at Otago University.

Foss Leach and Janet Davidson are recently returned from a year in the antipodes. Janet's book, "Prehistory of New Zealand" is expected to be out in the middle of this year, and is being published by Longman Paul.

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Recently published

In the latest Records of the Auckland Institute and Museum (1983, Vol. 20) are a number of articles of archaeological interest.

Nigel Prickett, Maori fortifications of the Okato district, Taranaki (pp. 1-39).

Nigel Prickett, An archaeological reconnaissance of the shore whaling industry on Kapiti Island, New Zealand (pp.41-63).

Aileen Fox and Richard Cassels, Excavations at Aotea, Waikato, 1972-75 (pp. 65-106).

R.C. Green, Radiocarbon dates for Maioro, N51/5, South Auckland, 1965-66 (pp. 107-114).

D.R. Simmons, A place of ritual on the western shores of Lake Taupo (pp.115-121).

D.R. Simmons and Te Riria, Whakapakoko rakau. Godsticks (pp. 123-145).

Phil Moore has recently added considerably to knowledge of Coromandel obsidian sources.

P.R. Moore, Geology and geochemistry of obsidian deposits in the Cooks Beach-Hahei area, Coromandel Peninsula: a contribution to archaeological sourcing studies. New Zealand Journal of Science, 26:523-533.

Of interest to some members will be Peter L. Horn, Sub-fossil avian deposits from Poukawa, Hawkes Bay, and the first record of *Oxyura australis* (Blue-billed Duck) from New Zealand. J.R.S.N.Z., 13:67-78.

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"The First Thousand Years"

The First Thousand Years, published by Dunmore Press as your Associations Monograph 13, is now out of print. Our Sales Manager, however, has managed to corner the last twenty of the publishers' stock, which are available at the price and postage set out on the back cover of this Newsletter, on a first come first served basis.

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ANZAAS - Canberra

Otago graduate Graeme Ward is Secretary-Convenor of Section 25A at this year's ANZAAS conference, to be held in Canberra, 14-18 May. He is very anxious to see lots of New Zealanders at the conference and points out that New Zealand is closer to Canberra than, for example, Perth.

There will be sessions at Canberra on historical archaeology, palaeobiology, prehistoric diet, isotopic studies, cultural resource management, and stone tool technology. Field trips are heading for the south coast of New South Wales and Lake Mungo and adjacent lakes of the far west of the same state.

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Georgia Lee

Georgia Lee is an artist and art historian. She is currently a graduate student in the Ph D. archaeology programme at the University of California, Los Angeles. She has spent fifteen years recording rock art in California before commencing the Easter Island project. She has numerous publications to her credit, and lectures widely.

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Cover colour

A number of people have commented that the 1983 colour of the Newsletter cover is pretty hard on the eyes. After some experimentation I can advise that it fades very rapidly on exposure to sunlight!

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The Association's first conference

In this issue is published a photograph of participants at the first annual conference of the New Zealand Archaeological Association in Auckland in 1956. Others have pointed out to me the late Pat Murdock (third left, front row), Bill Phillipps (fifth left, front row) and Vic Fisher (sixth left, front row). Ron Scarlett and Jack Golson are also there along with others of whom I would like to have other confirmation.

Can we between us put a name to everyone in the picture? Any information will be gratefully received by your editor. At some future date I will publish a key to the photograph with as many names as I get.

Thanks for the picture are due to Bob Murdock, of Hikutaia, whose father is in the picture.

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Anyone for Chile?

The University of Chile's Easter Island Center is organising an International Conference to be held on Easter Island, 6-12 September 1984. The purpose of this meeting is to gather together all researchers presently working in East Polynesia, to exchange information and coordinate future research policies for the area. Suggestions for Congress Symposia and papers are welcome and should be addressed to:

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