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NOTES AND NEWSDistrict file-keepers

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Monograph 15

It is hoped that Monograph 15 will be on sale at the Association conference in Tauranga and available for postal orders from 1 June. This monograph, by Geoff Irwin, is entitled People Pa and Polity. It is available to members at an estimated price of \$13.00 plus post and packing. The monograph is based on his fieldwork at Poutu, north Kaipara.

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News from the regions: Otago

I am grateful to Atholl Anderson (Otago), Brenda Sewell (Auckland) and Mary Jeal (Hawkes Bay) for the following contributed news from the regions. I hope to get something from other regions in the not too distant future - and that this kind of thing can be published on a regular basis.

Atholl Anderson writes:

Summer excavations. Over the Christmas period the discovery of further remains of the extensive Warrington site (N.Z.A.A. Newsletter, 26(4) December 1983) in a drainlayer's ditch required a salvage operation organised by Graeme Mason. Four stratigraphically separate occupation layers were uncovered, each containing abundant midden. Artefacts were restricted to flake implements and a bird spear.

In January there was an excavation in a rockshelter site at Nenthorn, in the beautiful east Otago tussock-covered hill-country. The site was a small moa-hunting camp and its excavation was prompted by plans to upgrade public access to the remains of the Nenthorn goldmining complex (1880s) within which the rockshelter lies. Moa bone and bones from small birds and rats, a number of finely-made silcrete knives, probably fashioned at the nearby Nenthorn quarry (N.Z.A.A. Newsletter 4, 1961) were recovered. The excavation was organised by Lands and Survey archaeologists, Chris Jacomb and Sheridan Easdale.

There have been further excavations by Neville Ritchie and Stuart Bedford, of the Clutha Valley Development project, in Cromwell township (before the gold miners rip it all to pieces and the dam waters cover the mess) and in the Skippers District. Neville is also busy on his PhD thesis on the overseas Chinese in Central Otago, and is involved in organising an exhibition of Chinese material culture in Dunedin.

Other activities. Foss Leach and Janet Davidson have been busy over the summer writing up the report on their excavations in Taumako.

Atholl Anderson and Moira White have been working on the material from Lee Island (Lake Te Anau) and Atholl has also been searching for more information about Te Puoho's Raid (1836) for a booklet to be published on the 150th anniversary of the raid's conclusion at Tukurau, near Gore.

Wendy Harsant and Atholl Anderson spent part of December removing and cataloguing the contents of the Otakou marae museum. The museum has subsequently been refurbished as part of a major renovation and extension programme on the marae and it is hoped that there will be improved public access when it re-opens later this year.

Simon Holdaway, Rick McGovern-Wilson, Jill Hamel and Atholl Anderson have completed the first Register of Archaeological Sites in Otago. It comprises about 200 sites, mostly pre-European in age.

Donn Bayard has spent 5 months researching the affinities of New Zealand speech patterns and accents according to age and educational qualifications.

Brian Kooyman is in the last stages of his faunal analyses for his PhD thesis on moahunting and hopes to have it written by the middle of the year.

Barry Fankhauser, as well, is fairly close to completion of his PhD thesis on the utilisation of Cordyline.

Andrea Seelenfreund has finished her analytical analyses of obsidian from New Zealand sites and is now busy interpreting the results. She hopes to be finished her PhD by the end of the year.

Helen Leach and Atholl Anderson have been working on material from 1960s excavations at Huriawa pa (east Otago) and also checking the origins of the traditions concerning this site. There have also been some small salvage excavations at Huriawa by Chris Jacomb and Sheridan Easdale.

Rick McGovern-Wilson has been employed as an archaeologist checking sites and site records in Fiordland National Park over the summer. Kim Morrison, an archaeology graduate from Otago in 1972, who is on the Park staff, keeps a watchful eye on the Fiordland sites.

Michiko Intoh is busy working on the analysis of pottery which she excavated during 1983-1984 on Yap. This forms part of her PhD thesis.

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News from the regions: Auckland

Brenda Sewell writes:

The Anthropology Department of Auckland University appears to have a major extension at present at the Australian National University, Canberra. Roger Green, Harry Allen and Geoff Irwin are all there working on various research topics. Roger Green is involved with the major "Lapita Homeland Project" run by Jim Allen of A.N.U. and will be excavating in May in Watom - I hear Dimitri Anson is joining him. Harry Allen is going to do fieldwork in Indonesia at the end of March, while Geoff Irwin is taking his yacht to New Guinea with Moira White, Gordon Jackman, Andrew Crosbie and Debbie Foster as crew and archaeologists. Doug Sutton and his team have spent the summer working on the rim of the cone at Pouerua finding repeated occupations and rebuilding of defences. Geoff Irwin has just completed a paper to be published this year as Monograph 15 entitled "People, Pa and Polity" - see elsewhere in this volume for details. Simon Best's PhD thesis is completed and handed in and a little bird mentioned that his orals may be on 1 April - is this a significant date do you think?

Welcome is extended to two new archaeological members of staff in the Anthropology Departments at Auckland. Paul Cleghorn is a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow; he has recently completed his PhD on Polynesian Stone Adze and Maunakea Adze Quarry. John Craib will be lecturing: his speciality is Micronesian prehistory.

Forestry archaeologists have been busy in Northland. A four months contract has been organised for management, investigation and monitoring of archaeological sites located in the Waipoua River valley. Ian Lawlor and Annetta Moore are keeping a close watch on the sites which include pits, terraces and stone structures associated with villages or village complexes.

The Auckland regional archaeologist for the Historic Places Trust, Susan Bulmer, has been to the Indo-Pacific Pre-history Association Conference in Manila and to an archaeometry conference in Australia.

There have been two rescue excavations over the summer organised under the direction of the Historic Places Trust. The first was a three week test excavation at Crater Hill, Papatoetoe, South Auckland led by Brenda Sewell and Russell Foster. The second was a four weeks' excavation at Westfield led by Jan Coates, on a site now destroyed by industrial developers. This site lies on the other side of the Southern Motorway and about 100 m east of the Westfield site N42/941 which was excav-

ated under the direction of Louise Furey in 1981 (and reported in the Newsletter, 25:138-143) - thus both sites here were probably part of the same settlement.

Auckland Historic Places Trust work planned for the next few months includes surveys in East Tamaki, Whangaparoa and the Hunua Ranges and two excavations. The first of these - at Wiri Station Road, Wiri (to be quarried later this year) is an area of stone structures mapped in 1984 by David Veart and Russell Foster and described by Roger Green when he visited the site as very exciting. Excavation, led by Jan Coates and Viv Rickard, will be from 4 March to 26 April with open days on 30 March and 25 April (tentative dates).

As a result of the test excavations at Crater Hill it has recommended that further excavation be carried out prior to destruction of the site for motorway purposes. Excavation led by Brenda Sewell and Russell Foster will be from 29 April to 14 June (tentative dates) with open days on 18 May and 9 June. The directors of the above excavations will welcome any Association member who wishes to visit the sites. In addition if any member wishes to work on either site as a volunteer their help will be most appreciated. Prior arrangements must be made with directors. Anyone wishing to help at the Wiri Station site should contact Viv Rickard phone Auckland 540-314. Brenda Sewell Auckland 534-3839 is the contact person for the Crater Hill site.

University of Auckland Archaeological Society is off to a fine start this year with an interesting programme mapped out for the whole year - meetings are on the first Tuesday of the month in the Human Sciences Building at 7.30 pm. In addition there are monthly archaeological or historical field trips arranged. Auckland members of the Association are urged to join 'ArchSoc' for an annual fee of \$5. Write to Wendy Gibbs, c/- Anthropology Department, Auckland University, Private Bag, Auckland, for details and a copy of the programme.

News from the regions: Hawkes Bay

Mary Jeal, the Association's President, writes:

The Hawkes Bay Regional Branch of the N.Z. Archaeological Association was formed in September 1984. Twenty-two members have met once a month since. We are a diverse group with two trained archaeologists in our number. The rest of us vary in experience and expertise, but all are fascinated by archaeology.

Meetings have covered such topics as the archaeologist, his responsibility and place in the community, the role of the

N.Z.A.A. and the Historic Places Trust, aspects of the Maori view of archaeology. Museum collections have been viewed and discussed. Slides have been shown of sites, excavations and meeting houses. Artefacts in private collections have been examined. And we have talked

This year begins with a field trip to Old Ohiti pa and redoubt and further afield.

Our group is friendly and informal. We would like to see visitors to Hawkes Bay on the first Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. Phone Napier 438-675 to find what we are up to.

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New Zealand earthwork fortifications park seminar

The Historic Places Trust is drawing together a proposal for an 'earthworks park', similar in concept to the Otago Goldfields Park. The goal of the proposed park would be the management of a group of New Zealand defensive earthworks or pre-European Maori settlements, with a coherent policy on covenants with private landowners, well informed interpretation of a consistent standard, a suitable administrative structure with oversight of day-to-day management, and an overall publicity and promotion campaign.

The Bay of Plenty which falls into three Land Districts, is a central area renowned for its earthworks but with poor reserve holdings of them. In area and the size of its domestic and foreign tourist industry it is directly comparable to Central Otago. For these reasons the Bay of Plenty seems to be a logical place to concentrate effort, although consideration could be given to greater efforts in Taranaki, Auckland, or the Bay of Islands district.

The first step being taken is to call together interested parties and to gauge the support that can be gained. To this end, the Trust will be calling together a seminar on the concept to be held in the Bay of Plenty in July-August 1985. Among seminar participants it is hoped there will be representatives of Department of Lands and Survey, N.Z. Walkways Commission, Historic Places Trust, farming interests, Forest Service, Maori Trust Boards, local authorities, Tourist and Publicity Department, etc.

Specific invitations will be made to archaeologists to discuss the nature and distribution of New Zealand earthworks, and the state of knowledge from which worthwhile interpretations could be made. If any archaeologist is particularly interested

to attend or present a paper, please get in touch with:

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Sting-ray spines as bird spears

Reg Nichol, Anthropology Department, University of Auckland, is studying spear-points made from the sting-ray spines. If anyone knows of specimens, he would be grateful if they could write to him, giving details of location, where found, length, modifications if any, and where currently held.

Recent publications

Volume 6 (1984) of the New Zealand Journal of Archaeology is now out. Its contents are as follows:

Garry Law, Shell points of Maori two-piece fishhooks from northern New Zealand (pp. 5-21).

Wendy J. Harsant, Archaic storage pits at N44/97, Hahei, Coromandel Peninsula, New Zealand (pp 23-35).

C.G.C. Claridge, Pottery and the Pacific: the clay factor (pp. 37-46).

Brian Kooyman, Moa utilisation at Owens Ferry, Otago, New Zealand (pp. 47-57).

R.C. Green, Settlement pattern studies in Oceania: an introduction to a symposium (pp.59-69).

J.T. Parry, Air photo interpretation of fortified sites: ring-ditch fortifications in southern Viti Levu, Fiji (pp. 71-93).

Rosalind L. Hunter-Anderson, Recent observations on traditional Yapese settlement patterns (pp. 95-105).

W. Bruce Masse, David Snyder and George J. Gumerman, Prehistoric and historic settlement in the Palau islands, Micronesia (pp. 107-127).

J. Stephen Athens, Surface artefact distribution at the Nan Madol site: a preliminary assessment of spatial patterning (pp. 129-152).

As a follow-up to the very useful publication on radiocarbon dating for contributors (see Newsletter, 25:201, December 1984), the Institute of Nuclear Sciences has published:

D.R. Currie, The derivation of ^{14}C dating standards for fresh-water shell-fish Institute of Nuclear Sciences, D.S.I.R., Lower Hutt, 1984.

The important point of this paper is that Hyridella gives variable results in Cl_4 determination. "Before trying to date hydridella the waterway of origin should be established as well as the appropriate dating (oxalic acid) standard".

The material culture of early European settlement in Aotearoa is gaining increasing attention from archaeologists as archaeological interest extends to sites of the post-European period. But comprehensive and comparative work on classes of material is still comparatively rare. The first comprehensive regional study of bottles to come to my attention has recently been published, co-authored by a member of this Association.

Kelvin Day and Gary Hall, A Guide to Embossed Bottles from Taranaki. Taranaki Antique Bottle Club, (New Plymouth), 1984. 79 pp., numerous line drawings and photographs. \$10.95.

This very well prepared and printed booklet is concerned with the history of aerated water manufacturers, brewers and chemists in the Taranaki region, and illustrates the known range of bottles from the very many firms. It obviously has a particularly Taranaki appeal, but it should also interest people working in other districts as an example of what might be achieved. Sooner or later the material presented will start turning up in archaeological excavations.

Archaeology and ethnology articles in the most recent Auckland Museum Records are as follows:

Joan Lawrence and Nigel Prickett, Excavations at Pukearuhe (N99/49), north Taranaki, 1968 (pp. 1-32).

Okusitino Mahina, Observations on a Tongan nose-flute (fangufangu) (pp. 33-36).

Mick Pendergrast, Kites and windblown toys from Tikopia, a Polynesian outlier in the Solomon Islands (pp. 37-49).

D.R. Simmons, Maori dog-shape bowls (pp. 51-60).

D.R. Simmons, The significance of decoration in a Maori meeting house (pp. 61-67).

The Australian Society for Historical Archaeology publishes an excellent annual journal: The Australian Journal of Historical Archaeology. Volume 2 has just landed on my desk. It contains some articles of a theoretical bent and a great many more which deal with particular aspects of the Australian historical landscape. Book reviews include some of New Zealand interest.

The journal is very handsomely produced in A4 size, double column format on good quality paper with a colour cover of stiff card. The layout has a simplicity and elegance that pleases the eye and does justice to the contents. The editor, Graham Connah, is anxious for New Zealand material - so how about it you historical archaeologists! Your material will not have better treatment anywhere, and you can assist in developing a valuable specialised journal for the region. Send contributions to:

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The second most attractive archaeological journal produced in our region is Archaeology in Oceania. Again it is of A4 size although this time has a three column format. Size and format make it admirably flexible and attractive for archaeological publication. The October 1984 issue is mostly of Australian interest. An exception is: Christopher Stevenson, Leslie Shaw and Claudio Cristino, Obsidian procurement and consumption on Easter Island (pp. 120-124).

A major report in historic archaeology has just been published in Australia.

Peter Coutts, Captain Mills cottage, Port Fairy, Victoria.
Records of the Victorian Archaeological Survey, No 17. 415 pp., 65 plates, 89 figures, 37 tables. A\$15.00 plus postage.

Historical archaeology carried out in Australia is often of direct relevance to New Zealand. There is an historical

contemporaneity, similar economic endeavour, like society, and material culture based upon similar habits and needs. In the development of historical archaeology in this country we must pay close attention to work done over the Tasman.

This volume describes the results of historical, architectural and archaeological research on one of the oldest buildings in Victoria, first erected in 1843 at the coastal settlement of Port Fairy. Much material is illustrated including a large variety of ceramics, bottles, buttons and nails. One wonders if the detailed archaeological provenance which takes up so much space, and the repetitive description of the various bits and pieces, actually have anything to say about the site or its past. The weight of description threatens to bury historical archaeology. Nonetheless, it may for the moment be unavoidable: this volume, besides the history of the place, provides a valuable study of the material culture of this kind of site.

In the last Newsletter I drew attention to an issue of the New Zealand museums journal carrying some items of interest to archaeologists. The most recent issue of the now re-named Agmanz Journal is devoted to relationships between museums, Maori material held in them and present Maori communities (December 1984). A variety of opinions and ideas are expressed; the whole is a very thought-provoking discussion of just where we are at and where we might go from here. Museums, and archaeologists too, are at the knife edge of relationships between Maoridom and Pakehadom in this country: the Agmanz Journal looks at the challenge this presents.

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Association archives

Council has for some time felt the need to bring together and preserve archives of the Association. For years now valuable early records have been sent about the country as office-holders change. It has been decided that our archives should go to the Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, on deposit. People who hold papers and records of the Association which they no longer need are asked to send them to the library (Box 12349, Wellington).

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