



NEW ZEALAND  
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## ARCHAEOLOGY IN NEW ZEALAND



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## NOTES AND NEWS

### NEW MEMBERS

The Association would like to welcome the following new members and wishes them many happy years of archaeological endeavours:

Peter Adds, Eloise R Barter, Aaron Braden, Richard Cox, Moira Doherty, Megan Ellis, Karen Fraser, Jeremy Habberfield-Short, Dianne Harlow, Catherine Jordan, Kerrin Lithgow, Marian Nee, Ken Phillips, Department of Planning and Housing (Melbourne), Angela Wadsworth, Nicholas Twohill, Sheryl Watkin, Chris Whiting, Helen Widdicombe, Amanda Wilson.

### DONATIONS

Council would like to thank the following members for their donations to the Association in the first 3 months of the year:

D.M.E. Allen, Mrs D.J.A. Gray, Kiyoshi Maruyama (Japan), Yoshio Takahashi (Japan), B Waller, Chris Whiting.

### INZA

No quorum of INZA means that the AGM will be held: 5th Sept. 1995 at 4pm in the Schoolroom, Auckland Institute and Museum

### NEW ZEALAND ARCHAEOLOGICAL DATELIST: UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO RADIOCARBON DATABASE

The University of Waikato Radiocarbon Laboratory has recently brought on line all New Zealand radiocarbon dates measured in the laboratory between 1982 and 1992. The resource is available via the World Wide Web. The datelist may be found at the following URL address:

<http://www2.waikato.ac.nz/c14/Datelist.html>

The database is divided into the following regions: Northern (including Raoul Island, Northland, Auckland), Central North Island (Waikato, Coromandel, Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay), Wellington, Nelson/Marlborough, Canterbury/Westland and Otago/Southland. The information will be continually updated, but only radiocarbon dates from submitters who have given their consent are included.

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In addition, information regarding the Radiocarbon Laboratory may also be obtained, including an electronic sample submission form, information concerning sample size and prices and email addresses.

Further information can be obtained from:

Dr T. Higham,  
Radiocarbon Dating Laboratory,  
University of Waikato,  
Hamilton.  
(Email: THigham@waikato.ac.nz).

### MEDIA RELEASES

At Conference this year, concern was expressed at the increasing rate of destruction of sites and the lack of public awareness of New Zealand archaeology. It was decided to try to obtain more coverage by the news media. The following are a few suggestions which NZAA members could utilize:

- Write feature articles for the magazine sections of the metropolitan papers.
- Report newsworthy events or research of national interest.
- Send news of local interest to the smaller papers, where there is less competition for space.
- Descriptions of amusing incidents which happen on digs and during lab work could be submitted as fillers.

I will accept copy for the Auckland area and would welcome any other ideas which would further our cause. Please send them to :

Janet Romanes,  
46 Tohunga Crescent,  
Parnell,  
Auckland 1001. Ph.(09)3790782

### NEWS ABOUT NZ SCIENCE

Keep up to date with what happens in science and technology around New Zealand with the recently launched **Science Digest** - a summarised newsletter published monthly by The Royal Society of New Zealand.

The four-page Digest is packed with short, easy-to-read news items about science and technology. The Digest's key role is to communicate news from the national Society to branches, constituent societies, and individual members of

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the Royal Society, and to other organisations such as universities, polytechnics, research institutes, educational organisations and schools.

The Society has a growing and varied range of activities such as in science and technology education; science publishing (including seven science journals); specialised science committees, involvement in awards, fellowships, lecture tours etc; plus liaison with Government science agencies, universities, polytechs and industry. Single copies of *Science Digest* are distributed to each Royal Society branch, individual scientific societies and affiliated societies, as well as to each CIU, research association, and relevant university and polytechnic departments. Societies may care to insert the Digest with their newsletters or to reprint relevant items. **Science Digest** has been designed to be easily photocopied for further distribution. Up to 10 copies will be made available free of charge to branches and constituent and affiliated societies. Bulk supplies (over 10 copies) are available at cost to any organisation.

If you want a free copy of **Science Digest** mailed each month to your address, become a member of the Royal Society. The individual membership fee is \$40 a year which goes to support the many aspects of the Society's work.

News from constituent societies, and branches can be sent to the Communication Editor, The Royal Society of New Zealand, Box 598 Wellington, Fax (04) 473-1841 or Email: [science.digest@rsnz.govt.nz](mailto:science.digest@rsnz.govt.nz)

### ARCHAEOLOGY IN THE NORTH

***Archaeology in the North: Proceedings of the 1993 Australian Archaeological Association Conference***, edited by Marjorie Sullivan, Sally Brockwell and Ann Webb. This recently published volume deals with a number of topics including the pioneer work of the eminent Australian archaeologist, Fred McCarthy, and the ongoing debate about middens, mounds and megapodes, to which Cambridge University Archaeology Professor Geoff Bailley, a leading expert in the field, makes a highly significant contribution in his paper 'The Weipa shell mounds: natural or cultural?'

***Archaeology in the North*** costs A\$30 (postage and packing extra) and can be ordered from the North Australian Research Unit, Publications, PO Box 41321 Casuarina NT 0811, Australia