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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:

John Ancombe, Matthew Conway, Stephen Fyfe, Kate Innes, Catherine Lambert, Kimi Pepa, Viv Rickard.

### MBE for Ron Scarlett

Readers will be delighted to hear that life member of the Association, Ron Scarlett, was recently awarded an MBE, for services to science. Ron's involvement with the Association dates to the first conference, held at Auckland in 1956, at which time he became a founding member. He was also the first Editor of this publication, then called the *New Zealand Archaeological Association Newsletter*, and co-ordinated its production up until June 1961.

Ron made Canterbury Museum his professional home. His association with that museum began in the late 1940s with voluntary work on the avian collections and assistance with Roger Duff's moa excavations at Pyramid Valley. He was appointed to the staff of the museum in 1950, first as Recorder of Collections and later as Osteologist. Much of the results of his osteological research appear in works by other scientists, for whom he did an enormous amount of bone identification over the years. In 1972, his book, *Bones for the New Zealand Archaeologist*, was published and a festschrift in his honour, *Birds of a Feather*, appeared in 1979.

Ron described and named several extinct birds during his time at the museum, including a hawk, an owlet nightjar, a small rail, a pelican and a Pliocene penguin. Ron retired in 1981 but has held a Research Associate position at the museum since then.

Congratulations, Ron, for a well-deserved award.

### OBITUARIES

Dr James Robertson of Te Awamutu died just after New Year, aged 99. He was a long serving member of the Association who was very active in the local area, and who had a particular interest in co-ordinating archaeological evidence with oral history.

Ron Jacomb of Picton died in December. This is Chris Jacomb's father, who had been a long serving member of the Association. Another long serving member of the Association, Mr B E Dickson, also died recently in Nelson.

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### 1996 NZAA CONFERENCE WHAKATANE

Members will all have received details about this year's Conference when they got their subscription notice. Planning is well advanced and the organisers are confident that it will be a very successful event.

Get your accommodation organised sooner rather than later and remember that if you are booking one of the four motels at West End, Ohope, mention you are attending the NZAA Conference and you'll receive a 20% discount.

**Date:** 9-14 April 1996

**Venue:** Whakatane: Memorial Hall, Short St

**Organisers:** Lynda Bowers, PO Box 549, Rotorua. Ph: (07) 332 2088  
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**Papers:** Papers, 10-20 minutes in length, are invited on any subject relevant to New Zealand or Pacific archaeology. Following the success of the 'Work in Progress' session at last year's conference, we intend to repeat it, so we invite short papers of 5-10 minutes for that session. Please get in early with your offers of papers so that you don't miss out.

Please provide a brief description of your paper, including the length of delivery, as soon as possible so that topics can be organised into logical groupings.

#### **Tentative Programme:**

- Tuesday, 9 April: Formal welcome at Wairaka Marae, Whakatane 3pm, followed by registration and happy hour(s).
- Wednesday, 10 April: 9 am papers start, running all day.  
Evening - drinks at the Whakatane Museum, followed by Public Lecture.
- Thursday, 11 April: All day fieldtrip, departing Whakatane 9 am.
- Friday, 12 April: Papers in the morning, afternoon session on archaeological site protection and the results/options arising from the Commissioner for the Environment's review of the HPT.  
Evening - wine and cheese cruise on the Ohiwa Harbour (tbc).
- Saturday, 13 April: Papers in the morning, workshop style fieldtrips in the afternoon. AGM in late afternoon  
Conference dinner - proposed hangi and fire-walking at the marae.
- Sunday, 14 April: Papers all morning, Conference concludes at 2 pm.

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**Optional Fieldtrip:** We will run an optional fieldtrip on Monday (15 April) to Moutohora (Whale Island). There are **limited places available** for this trip and they will be available on a 'first come' basis. Kim Tatton is taking names, pay at registration.

**General Notes:** Conference is timed to run after the Easter break so people will need to start thinking about accommodation relatively early. Offers of papers need to start coming in over summer so the programme can be planned. Members should start thinking about accommodation options very soon as this area is very popular around Easter, and while most visitors will be leaving on the Easter Tuesday there is likely to be quite a number still around.

**Important note:** The organisers would prefer participants to arrive in time for the formal welcome by Ngati Awa at 3pm at the Wairaka Marae on Tuesday, 9th April. Registration will follow.

### 1997 AUSTRALIAN WOMEN IN ARCHAEOLOGY CONFERENCE

This will be held in Cairns. The proposed dates are: 3-6 July 1997  
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### AUSTRALASIAN ARCHAEOLOGY: RETROSPECTIVES FOR THE NEW MILLENNIUM: CALL FOR PAPERS

The Sixth Australasian Archaeometry Conference will be held at the Australian Museum, Sydney from 10-13 February 1997. As this will be the last official meeting on Australasian archaeometry this millennium, the Conference will present an overview of the current status of archaeometry, major achievements, recent advances, and applications. For this purpose, archaeometry is defined in the broadest context and contributions are sought from as wide a field as possible: suggested subject areas include Chronology, Technology, Characterisation, Climate and Environment, Biomedicine, Forgeries, Rock Art, etc.

At this early stage of planning, the organising committee invites contributions in the form of major reviews of techniques and applications as well as suggestions for paper and poster session on significant thematic issues that

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place importance on interdisciplinary studies.

Preliminary Themes:

1. Human colonisation of Australasia and Oceania.
2. Extinction: its causes and timing.
3. Natural resources, production, trade and exchange in a worldwide perspective.

Academic sessions will be held at The Australian Museum and there will be a one day visit to the AMS and other facilities at ANSTO as well as a BBQ and business meeting to consider the organisation of the archaeometry community in Australasia, national facilities, etc. As with previous conferences distinguished overseas visitors will present public lectures in association with the conference.

To receive the Second circular and registration materials, please send your name and address to:

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Sixth Australasian Archaeometry Conference  
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Send ideas for sessions, review papers, or paper abstracts to the Academic program chairmen:

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### CALL FOR PAPERS

After being inundated with articles last year, I find that I have no papers for publication in the June issue of *Archaeology in New Zealand*. I would appreciate your papers relevant to New Zealand and Pacific archaeology as well as unsolicited book reviews, reports of your fieldwork and other related archaeological activities.

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*The GO GLOBAL restaurant in Whakatane has recently been taken over by Jan Worrall - a member of NZAA. Jan wishes this year's conference every success and would like to offer a FREE glass of wine, juice or beer with every dinner served to members of the Archaeological Association during the conference in April. GO GLOBAL offers excellent food and service. Open Tuesday- Friday, 11.30 am - 2pm for lunch, and Tuesday- Sunday for dinner from 5pm.*