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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:

Dr. Janet Wilmhurst, Darla Sharp (USA).

### SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder from the treasurer the many subscriptions are outstanding. If you wish to continue receiving this publication please pay your subscription.

### WRITER/RESEARCHER: ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESEARCH MANAGEMENT

The Council of the New Zealand Archaeological Association wishes to rewrite and update its publication *New Zealand Archaeology: A Site Recording Handbook* in light of new resource management and historic places management. We seek a person with a background in archaeological resource management, substantial field experience, and a good understanding of the Resource Management Act 1991, The Historic Places Act 1993, and the Antiquities Act 1995. This is a short term approx. 6 month fulltime position.

For further information, please write to the Secretary of the New Zealand Archaeological Association, P O Box 6337, Dunedin North. Applications for the position close on 31 October 1996, and should be forwarded to the Secretary marked "Handbook Researcher".

### WEB SITE FOR NZAA

Tom Higham has organised a web site to advertise the NZAA. Information on journals and monographs, abstracts of theses and dissertations, lists of papers published in *Archaeology in New Zealand* and the *New Zealand Journal of Archaeology* may be included. As a first off he has given information on pa, dating, excavation etc. derived from Matt Schmidt's MA thesis. The WWW is an excellent place for this type of article, involving large amounts of space and ample opportunity for colour and pictures. Tom welcomes suggestions and ideas. He can be contacted at:

THigham@waikato.ac.nz.

The URL is at:

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

**SHAG RIVER MOUTH: THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF AN EARLY SOUTHERN MAORI VILLAGE, EDITED BY ATHOLL ANDERSON, BRIAN ALLINGHAM AND IAN SMITH.**

NZAA has obtained some copies of the above book published by ANU this year. The book has numerous artefact illustrations and descriptions of excavations. Cost is \$56 including postage.

Please send orders to:

Louise Furey, Publications NZAA,  
Auckland Museum, PB 92018, Auckland.  
First in.....

**CAA 97**

**COMPUTER APPLICATIONS & QUANTITATIVE METHODS IN ARCHAEOLOGY**

25th Anniversary Conference  
The University of Birmingham  
10th-13th of April, 1997

First Call for Papers

Since CAA was founded 25 years ago the conference has been transformed from a small meeting of enthusiasts to a large international conference. At the same time computing has become a global phenomenon. On the 25th anniversary of CAA, the conference will look critically at archaeological computing: where it's been and where it's going. Are computers archaeological tools or are they transforming archaeology? If you have a view on this subject, if you are developing computer applications, using computers in novel ways or in an interesting project, please come to CAA 97 and present your work.

Suggested Themes

- 1) 25 Years of CAA
  - Part I) CAA - the first 25 years
  - Part II) CAA - where next?
- 2) Virtually there? - VRML and WWW-based applications
- 3) Exploring human cognition
- 4) Understanding landscapes
- 5) Remote Sensing applications in Archaeology
  - Part I) Ground based remote sensing
  - Part II) Air and satellite-based remote sensing
- 6) Getting the best fit? - the use of statistics in archaeology
- 7) Just managing? - recent work on archaeological databases?

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- 8) Helping the objects speak - material culture applications
- 9) Archaeological data services
- 10) Spreading the word - multimedia, museums and education
- 11) Poster Session
- 12) Demonstrations

Individual speakers are invited to submit papers or posters on the suggested themes or on any other computing/quantification topic. Please contact the organisers by the end of October 1996.

If you feel that you want to organise a session/demonstration yourself, please contact the organisers direct.

Student participation is particularly welcome and registered students who speak at the conference will qualify for a reduced conference fee. Participants from eastern Europe may contribute a paper "in absentia". These papers will be distributed to delegates.

**DO REMEMBER** if you want to apply for national conference grants - do it NOW! Waiting for the second conference call may make you miss any deadlines.

Is CAA never quite what you want? then GET INVOLVED

There is now a CAA97 Discussion list. To subscribe send an e-mail to: [mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk](mailto:mailbase@mailbase.ac.uk) Send the command  
join CAA97 firstname(s) lastname

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### **OBITUARY**

Les Lockerbie

Les Lockerbie died in Dunedin on May 21, aged 84. He was born in Clinton, and became interested in Maori archaeology and material culture when still a student at Balclutha High School, carrying out his first excavations by the Tahakopa River during school holidays. In his early years he also worked with David Teviotdale and other Otago collectors, but was soon to move on from their limited interests and destructive techniques.

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By the mid-1930s he was earning a living as a school teacher. At the same time he continued to visit and excavate early coastal middens in the Catlins district. His first publication, "Excavations at Kings Rock, Otago, with a discussion of the fish-hook barb as an ancient feature of Polynesian culture", appeared in the *Journal of the Polynesian Society* in 1940.

The Kings Rock article reported a stratigraphical excavation at a time when many New Zealand 'archaeologists' were far from convinced of its value. In the first part of this century emphasis on the recovery and study of artefacts encouraged the belief that in New Zealand, as Roger Duff wrote as late as 1949, "Stratification virtually does not exist". Lockerbie showed that this was not so, and he carefully described his methods in terms which will be very familiar to students of today.

Dave Simmons who was a colleague in the Otago Museum in the 1960s states that Lockerbie's pioneering methods were developed out of his own observation, with guidance from Dr Skinner and his general reading in archaeology. This was 20 years before the arrival of English trained university men in the 1950s who were to revolutionise the teaching of archaeology in this country.

In 1947 Les was appointed to the staff of the Otago Museum as an education officer. There he continued his archaeological work, in 1959 publishing "From Moa-Hunter to Classic Maori in southern New Zealand" in the Skinner festschrift *Anthropology in the South Seas*. In it he reported on excavations carried out at Pounaweia, Papatowai, Hawksburn, Murdering Beach, Cannibal Bay and False Island, and brought together the results of his pioneer work in both stratigraphical excavation and the application of radiocarbon dating.

After retirement in 1976 Les had a gold claim up the Cardrona where he enjoyed the lure of gold and an outdoor life. Sometimes he was in Auckland for Polynesian Society council meetings. At lunch in the museum coffee lounge I enjoyed his sense of humour, and tales of the Cardrona which he loved. He also maintained strong links with the DSIR radiocarbon dating laboratory, where he had a particular interest in the work being carried out in establishing New Zealand standards.

Les was very much an Otago man in his life and archaeological interests. He never did write up all his work as he had hoped. He was nonetheless an important pioneer in New Zealand archaeology.

Nigel Prickett

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**SIZE OF CENTRAL FILE as of 31 March 1996**

On 31 March 1996 the Central File held a total of 49,144 records. This is an increase of 1012 on last year's figure of 48,132. This represents an increase of about 2.1%

Regional totals are as follows:

| <b>Region</b>      | <b>1995</b>  | <b>1996</b>  | <b>Change</b> |
|--------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Northland          | 8726         | 8750         | +24           |
| Auckland           | 7463         | 7702         | +239          |
| Coromandel         | 4469         | 4508         | +39           |
| Waikato            | 2789         | 3048         | +259          |
| Bay of Plenty      | 6486         | 6508         | +22           |
| Taupo              | 312          | 415          | +103          |
| East Coast         | 2579         | 2639         | +60           |
| Taranaki           | 1438         | 1482         | +44           |
| Inland Patea       | 292          | 292          |               |
| Hawkes Bay         | 1574         | 1574         |               |
| Wanganui           | 636          | 637          | +1            |
| Wellington         | 946          | 969          | +23           |
| <br>               |              |              |               |
| Nelson             | 1385         | 1482         | +97           |
| Marlborough        | 472          | 472          |               |
| Canterbury         | 1166         | 1166         |               |
| West Coast         | 853          | 853          |               |
| Otago              | 2346         | 2417         | +71           |
| Central Otago      | 1977         | 1992         | +15           |
| Southland          | 1414         | 1416         | +2            |
| Outlying Islands   | <u>809</u>   | <u>822</u>   | <u>+13</u>    |
|                    | <u>48132</u> | <u>49144</u> | <u>1012</u>   |
| <br>               |              |              |               |
| Summary:           |              |              |               |
| North Island files | 37710        | 38524        | +814          |
| South Island files | 9613         | 9798         | +185          |
| Outlying Islands   | <u>809</u>   | <u>822</u>   | <u>+13</u>    |
|                    | <u>48132</u> | <u>49144</u> | <u>1012</u>   |

A. Walton  
31 March 1996

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### **NZAA COUNCIL MEETING, 13 JULY, 1996**

In the Officer's Report a considerable number of File Keeping issues dominated discussions. Of particular importance is the planning for a definite November date for the File Keeper's Conference.

The major items of General Business were:

- progress report on consultation over the Memorandum of understanding with Kai Tahu.
- Plan of action for following up on the Parliamentary Commissioner for the Environment's report on Heritage Management in New Zealand.
- The possibility of placing an abbreviated copy of CINZAS on the Web site organized by Tom Higham.
- Discussions about the option of affiliation with the AACA for New Zealand field/contract archaeologists.
- Conference 1997. It was decided to investigate the possibility of holding next year's conference in Gisborne.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 5 October.

Moiria White, Secretary