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## NOTES AND NEWS

### THE NEWSLETTER TURNS 40

To mark the 40th anniversary of *Archaeology in New Zealand*, formerly the *New Zealand Archaeological Association Newsletter*, we bring you a new look, up-dated Volume 40. Roger Green reminisces about the early days of the Newsletter in 'Ron's baby now forty', this issue.

### CALL FOR PAPERS

I am light on papers for the next issue of *Archaeology in New Zealand*. Your contributions are welcome on all aspects of New Zealand and Pacific archaeological research, recent fieldwork, new publications, and any other news of interest to NZAA members. Please check the 'Notes for contributors' section at the back of this publication. If you are submitting articles which include tables I would prefer that you format them on an *AINZ* formatted disk, as converting them can be a nightmare! Formatted disks will be sent to you on request. I will be overseas from mid April - mid May so would appreciate contributions at an early date for the June edition.

### COASTAL DEFENCE HERITAGE

National Workshop - Wellington  
12-13 April

New Zealand has a rich 'colonial' history of coastal defences against sea attack, dating from the 1870's through to the early 1960's. Over time, most of the historic places associated with these defences have been stripped of ordnance and become derelict or even demolished. It is important that the

most important historic places are identified, conserved, and interpreted, as is now happening at North Head, Wrights Hill, Ripapa Island and Tairoa Head. Experience at these places shows a strong public interest. It also shows that costs will be high because of structural problems in the corrosive coastal environment. Clear priorities for conservation need to be debated and set.

Historic Places Trust and the Department of Conservation are jointly hosting a national workshop to bring together those interested in coastal defences heritage. The Trust hopes to increase its understanding of this heritage and to register key historic places. The Department hopes to set clear conservation priorities for the heritage in its care. It is also hoped that community interest and participation in this conservation can be increased. The workshop will feature four major presentations, followed by discussion sessions. A Saturday night program and field trip are being investigated.

<b>Venue:</b>	Historic Places Trust, 59 Boulcott St, Wellington
<b>Time:</b>	9.00 am 12 April - 5.00 pm 13 April
<b>Program:</b>	Day 1 - Coastal Defences History Overview Day 2 - Identifying Key Surviving Heritage
<b>Presenters:</b>	Ian McGibbon - Historic Significance John Mitchell - Russian Scare Defences Peter Corbett - WW2 Defences Ron Hooton - Invasion Defences
<b>Cost:\$25</b>	To cover administration costs, morning & afternoon teas. All other costs including lunches are not included.
<b>Bookings:</b>	By cheque to: Department of Conservation, PO Box 10420, Wellington. Provide your name and address.

## PHOTOGRAPHS WANTED

Do you have documented photographs of New Zealand and Pacific excavations of a 'people nature' that you would be willing to donate to the University of Auckland, Anthropology Department, Photograph Archive? We have some wonderful photographs of people at Sarah's Gully (1956-57), Motutapu (1958-59) and other sites but would like to add to the collection. We can copy photos and send back the originals. Please send material to the editor or to Dorothy Brown, Anthropology Department, University of Auckland.

## ROCK ART PUBLICATIONS

The following is published as one volume.

*Management of Rock Art Imagery*. Edited by Graeme K. Ward and Lucina Ward. Proceedings of Symposium H - Management of Rock Imagery.

*Preservation of Rock Art*. Edited by Andrew Thorne and Jacques Brunet. Proceedings of Symposium G - Preservation of Rock Art. 2nd International Congress of Australian Rock Art Research Association, Cairns 1992. Melbourne, Australian Rock Research Association. 1995. (Occasional AURA Publication, 9). Available from AURA, PO Box 216 Caulfield South, Victoria 3162, Australia.

## NEWS FROM THE NZAA COUNCIL

The new NZAA pamphlets, glossy and with photographs, are currently at the printers. A contract to update the Site Recording Handbook has been awarded although discussion about the exact form and tone is still on-going - for example a number of ideas have been recently raised including the need for more technical papers, such as faunal identification and legislation. NZAA are considering participating in a joint Earth Sciences Conference perhaps next year. NZAA is working with several district councils on archaeological issues. For example, Gisborne District Council is funding a pilot scheme to update the files in the district. We are considering parameters and guidelines for this and future work.

The need for a professional body to address ethics and professional standards is again to the fore. The latest stage is the development of a questionnaire that will be sent out to a variety of archaeologists asking what kind of body is needed and would they join it. This will hopefully address some of the debate about the form of such an organisation.

NZAA was finally able to hold a Filekeepers conference (long overdue) with the help of funding from DoC. Two days in November were spent in Wellington thrashing through a number of issues such as sensitive files, relationships with iwi, legislative environment, physical housing of the file, risk management in a litigious environment, private property rights and buildings as archaeological sites. An update was given on the Parliamentary Commissioner of the Environments report -there has been a hiatus as the election but Historic Places Trust has had an internal and external review. The next stage is the development of a national strategy for cultural heritage

which is being driven by Internal Affairs. NZAA needs to look at participating in the development of a strong archaeological strategy to incorporate into this. Although the conference will be reported on more fully in the future several crucial matters were discussed which NZAA as a whole needs to consider:

- what should the future primary purpose of the file to be : RMA function v. research function
- do we want to part of site protection or be a research group? Do we agree with the direction TLAs are taking?
- we need to improve relationships with property owners; iwi; TLAs etc. but how?

Hopefully some of these issues will be discussed at the Gisborne Conference. Also at the conference *The Groube Gumboot Award for Outstanding Archaeological Achievement* will be awarded for the first time. This will be presented each year to an individual or group who have contributed, either during the preceding year or at any other time, to the practice or development of archaeology in NZ. We are also looking at the establishment of other forms of recognition.

There is still a need for monographs. If you have any offers or ideas call Nigel Prickett, the editor, at the Auckland Museum.

NZAA is also still working on publicity issues. We have been successful in getting archaeological issues onto Mana News and various papers (for example the Auckland Stonefields), however, we need to try and target more of the country. If you know of anything happening in your region that is newsworthy or have any contacts with the local media please let Amanda Young know 09 623 6265 / 025 510 630. Hopefully with the development of a new 'telephone tree' system based on the successful Forest and Bird method we will be able to develop good networks and achieve some effective lobbying.

Amanda Young