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NOTES AND NEWS

New Members

Andrew van der Laan, Michelle Burke, Keay Burridge, Rory Grant, Angela Middleton, Nicola Molloy, Judith Robins, David Veart, Katherine Szabo.

Deceased, Dr John Moore

Donations

G.L. Baker, S. Macready and R. Clough, R. H. Griffin, C. Merrony, I.J. Morrison, John Tollemache.

Russian Seminar

Fareastern State University, Vladivostok and the Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography, Novosibirsk are searching for the interest of specialists in Pacific Archaeology and Prehistory to take part in a 7-10 day seminar in the field in the Maritime Region, Russian Far East, summer 2000. The Seminar will include evening slide presentations, joint excavations of the Fina Pleistocene sites and several excursions on the archaeological and historical sites of the region. Professionals in obsidian studies, lithic technology, early migrations and maritime adaptation are invited to the discussion.

For expressions of interest please contact:

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World Archaeological Congress Bulletin

Just a quick message to let you know I am now the editor of the *World Archaeological Congress Bulletin*. I am an Australasian/Indo-Pacific

archaeologist with 20 years' experience in Australia and Papua New Guinea. I am on the Executive Committee of the Indo-Pacific Prehistory Association until 2006 and was President of the Australian Archaeological Association for 3 years. Since 1993 I have worked in a university research, teaching and indigenous student support unit run by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people. Have a look at our website (URL below).

We plan to roll the old WAC Newsletter and WAC Bulletin into one. Members will receive two issues per year, starting either in June or perhaps Aug-Sep 1999. The publishing interval is yet to be finalized, but is likely to settle on March-April and Aug-Sep rather than the present June and December.

If you have any news, views or data you wish to have considered for publication, drop me a line. The Bulletin will remain unrefereed for the foreseeable future, but conventional editorial standards will apply.

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ForST update

Ancient DNA studies continue of archaeological remains of *Rattus exulans* and are now being extended to studies of early historic pig introduction to New Zealand and prehistoric pig distributions in the Pacific. Research on Amino Acid Racemisation (AAR) is underway. The current focus is an investigation of the applicability of the technique as an archaeological dating method in New Zealand, and as a method for assessing the suitability of bone for other forms of analysis.

Lisa Matisoo-Smith, University of Auckland

NZAA Council Meeting, 29th March 1999

Issues discussed included:

1. Ratification of appointments
2. Progress report on the new Site Recording Handbook (to come out as part of our monograph series)

3. Progress report on the Site Recording Scheme Upgrade Project -hope to hold interviews for the position of Project Manager early May.
4. Notification that Royal Society Fellowship nominations closed 21 May, 1999.
5. Approval of money to purchase a new computer and software to be owned by N.Z.A.A. for the use of the *Archaeology in New Zealand* editor.
6. Need a location for the 2000 Conference.

Moira White, Secretary

Annual General Meeting of the NZAA

The Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Archaeological Association was held at the University of Auckland on Tuesday 30 March, 1999.

Election of Council was as follows:

President	Rick McGovern-Wilson
Vice-President	Kath Prickett
Treasurer	Lynda Bowers
Secretary	Moira White
Council	Ian Barber Sue Bulmer Tony Walton Sarah Ross

Under General Business the following issues were discussed:

1. The tabled motion "That the Annual General Meeting supports Council's initiative in developing a framework of codes of ethics and standards for the practice of professional archaeology in New Zealand - this framework to consist of three parts: codes of ethics, charters, and best practice guidelines." was voted on and, after discussion, passed unanimously.
2. Kevin Jones spoke about the World Heritage list and read out the eight sites/areas put forward by ICOMOS as a tentative list for the government to consider and forward to UNICEF.
3. Simon Holdaway proposed that we consider holding a joint Conference with the Australian Archaeological Association within the next few years.

President's Report for the 1998-99 year

The past year has continued to be a very busy one for the NZAA Council, with a number of issues continuing to be addressed and worked on from the previous year.

The Historic Heritage Review took up quite a bit of time during the second half of 1998. In late May, Chris Jacomb appeared before the Ministerial Advisory Council on the Association's behalf (we were one of only two groups invited to make a verbal presentation) to argue our points of view. We followed this up with a number of letters between the Association and the Minister expressing our concerns over a number of issues, especially to do with scientific investigations and the control of illegal activities, as these were in danger of falling through the cracks in the push to take historic heritage management, and archaeological sites in particular, into the Resource Management Act. We continue to be involved and recently I was asked to comment on the draft Cabinet paper which contained the proposed RMA amendments.

On 31 March 1999, the Central File held a total of 52,442 records. This is an increase of 815 on last year's figure of 51,607. The rewriting of the Handbook is nearly completed. The text is finished and it is currently being formatted ready to be sent to Nigel Prickett for publication.

During the course of the year Tony Walton was instrumental in establishing a Professional Interests Network (PIN) which aimed to canvas and represent the views of professional archaeologists. Communication is primarily via email and more than 60 people are now on the network. PIN has been particularly helpful in the formulating of a set of professional ethics and standards. These have now been adopted by NZAA Council, promoted through *Archaeology in NZ*, and we will be seeking the support of the AGM in establishing them as a benchmark for archaeological standards in NZ.

Council will now move to establish best practice guidelines based on these ethics and standards. We will also complete the guidelines for forestry companies which have now been kicking around for about 15 months.

The Site Recording Scheme project is finally up and running. NZAA has received around \$65,000 in funding from Lotteries Environment and Heritage towards the project. This will allow us to appoint a Project Manager for the first year and begin to undertake the field checking of sites and updating the data contained on the site record forms. It is certainly a relief to me that we have reached this stage, as I have been working away quietly on this project for some 18 months now.

Sue Bulmer has been undertaking some stirring work on behalf of the

Association in the greater Auckland area. She has continued to work on ensuring some form of protection of the stonefields in the Manukau area and we were all thrilled to hear that Manukau CC, conjunction with ARC and DOC, had purchased the Otuaataua stonefields earlier this year which guaranteed their permanent protection. Sue also met with the Auckland Conservation Board to discuss World Heritage status for the Auckland volcanic cones.

With the proposed funding cuts and changes announced for the Historic Places Trust, it is interesting to see that the Minister of Conservation feels that as much as \$1.8m of the Trust's funding for the 2000-01 financial year should be contestable amongst all heritage agencies. Perhaps there is scope there for NZAA to put its hand up for some funds to manage some aspect of our national cultural heritage. This could be something Council could explore over the coming year.

Finally, I want to express my thanks to our extremely hard working Secretary, Moira White, and Treasurer, Lynda Bowers for all the work they have done over the past year. To my fellow Council members I also express my gratitude for all the work and projects they have been involved in.

Rick McGovern-Wilson, President

Treasurer's Report to the AGM - 1998 financial year

The 1998 financial year was another positive one for the Association with an overall increase in accumulated funds. The comments which follow should be read in conjunction with the annual accounts which have been posted to all members.

The General Account realised a small deficit of \$531.34. The 1998 income from local subscriptions was \$700 less than 1997, this reflects the high number of outstanding subscriptions for the 1998 year rather than a significant drop in membership. Subscription income is obviously the mainstay of the associations general account and outstanding subscriptions represent a significant financial drain on the associations finances.

The 1998 Conference was subsidised in an amount of \$276.00, which is consistent with 1997. Most other areas of expenditure in the general account are also consistent with 1997. Increased stationary expenses in 1998 were the result of purchase of two years stock.

The general account is still holding revenue in advance for the production of the handbook. The auditor has noted that this money must be spend during 1999, both to fulfil lotteries board requirements and to prevent taxation penalties.

The Publication Account realised an increase in its net surplus for the second year. Publication sales were strong throughout the year. The Journal Account realised a significant increase in its net surplus to \$10,845, being a combination of journal sales and a publication subsidy.

The overall financial position of the Association has remained sound during 1998, although there are two points of concern. The first is that there is still inconsistency between file districts in terms of charging for file searches and the issue of the association's charging policy needs to be resolved and implemented by all file keepers to aid financial management of this aspect of the association's business. Secondly, the auditor has noted that as a non-profit organisation the association can not continue to realise a surplus of accumulated funds without attracting taxation, therefore it is important that lotteries or grant funds are spent within the financial year in which they are uplifted or within the limit of the grant period. I look forward to continuing in the role as Treasurer for the Association, and offer my apologies for my absence, yet again, from the AGM and Conference.

Lynda Bowers, Treasurer

Editor's Report

Archaeology in New Zealand, the newsletter of the NZAA, is in good heart and continues to be an avenue for the publication of shorter papers and keeps our members informed of archaeological activities throughout New Zealand and the Pacific. There has been a steady supply of high quality papers over the past year. My thanks to all these contributors and also to Joan Maingay, Kath Prickett, Rick McGovern-Wilson, Owen Wilkes, Pam Bain, Tony Walton, Michael Trotter, Beverley McCulloch, Richard Walter, Ian Barber and Ian Smith for their continued contributions to the Notes and News and Fieldwork sections. My thanks also to Geraint Rees-Jones of the Anthropology Department, University of Auckland, for his help with computer-related problems. I look forward to your continued support in the future.

Joan Lawrence, Editor

SIZE OF CENTRAL FILE as of March 1999

On 31 March 1999, the Central file held a total of 52,442 records. This is an increase of 815 on last year's figure of 51,607. This represents an increase of about 1.6%.

Regional totals are as follows:

Region	1998	1999	Change
Northland	9377	9673	+ 296
Auckland	8150	8360	+ 210
Coromandel	3929	3997	+ 68
Waikato	3232	3249	+ 17
Bay of Plenty	7770	7788	+ 18
Taupo	411	411	
East Coast	2698	2709	+ 11
Taranaki	1533	1533	
Inland Patea	294	294	
Hawkes Bay	1709	1760	+ 51
Wanganui	801	802	+ 1
Wellington	990	1012	+ 22
Nelson	1485	1523	+ 38
Marlborough	472	527	+ 55
Canterbury	1166	1173	+ 7
West Coast	853	853	
Otago	2451	2451	
Central Otago	2022	2030	+ 8
Southland	1442	1445	+ 3
Outlying Islands	822	832	+ 10
	51607	52422	+ 815
Summary			
North Island Files	40894	41588	+ 694
South Island Files	9891	10002	+ 111
Outlying Islands	822	832	+ 10
	51607	52422	+ 815

The three largest files hold 25,821 records or 49% of the total. The three smallest files hold 1232 records or 2% of the total.

UPDATED RECORDS HANDLED BY CENTRAL FILE

in the year ending 31 March 1999

292 record updates were forwarded to the Central File in 1998-9. This represents a rate of revision of existing records of about 1 in 174 per annum. Comparable figures for 1994-5 (*Archaeology in New Zealand* 38 (2): 91, 1995) indicated an annual revision rate of 1 in 138.

Northland	33	Nelson	11
Auckland	83	Marlborough	1
Coromandel	32	Canterbury	1
Waikato	25	Otago	1
Bay of Plenty	55	Southland	1
East Coast	1	Outlying Islands	2
Taranaki	2		
Wellington	49		
Subtotal	280	Subtotal	17

A. Walton
 Central Filekeeper
 31 March 1999