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NOTES AND NEWS

New Members

Emma Brooks, Matt Felgate, Eri Gonda, Sherry Reynolds.

Donation: Anne Leahy.

New NZAA Website

<http://nzarchaeology.org>

alternatively,

<http://www.nzarchaeology.org>

will do the same thing!

New Zealand Archaeological Association Annual Conference – 2001

The 2001 Conference will be held in **Akaroa** (Banks Peninsula, Canterbury) from **Wednesday 30 May to Sunday 3 June 2001**.

The Conference will be centred on the Akaroa Village Inn, which provides accommodation, catering and the conference venue. The conference venue is the former Akaroa Boating Club, an historic building jutting out over the harbour next to the Akaroa wharf.

The Akaroa Village Inn offers a range of accommodation - from \$40 to \$72.50 a night, per person, on a twinshare basis. Additional people in a unit cost from \$15 per night. As Akaroa is geared to tourism, there are many other accommodation options, ranging from the local pub, cabins and campsites, backpackers and motels, to luxury bed and breakfast establishments - all within walking distance of the venue. There is a shuttle service once a day from Christchurch (\$25 return).

Proposed conference schedule:

Tues 29 May	Shuttle available from Christchurch airport to meet the last flight.
Wed 30 May	Fieldtrip; a cruise on the 'Canterbury Cat' to look at some of the natural and human history around Akaroa Harbour. Shuttle available to meet the last flight, Christchurch airport. Evening – Wine and cheese and registration.
Thurs 31 May	Workshops
Fri 1 June	Papers and AGM
Sat 2 June	Fieldtrip – walking tour of the local historic precinct in the morning. Papers – afternoon Conference dinner
Sun 3 June	Fieldtrip – returning to Akaroa in time to meet shuttle for last flight from Christchurch (or possibly return to Christchurch by fieldtrip bus).

Conference registration is expected to be about \$100, with the possibility of a cheaper student registration fee. There will be a mailout of conference details in the New Year. For further information in the meantime contact:

Kath Prickett, Auckland War Memorial Museum, Private Bag 92018, Auckland.
phone (09) 309 0443, e-mail: kprickett@akmuseum.org.nz

Call for Papers: NZAA Conference, Akaroa, 31 May – 2 June 2001

Proposals for papers on any aspect of archaeology in New Zealand are welcome. Papers on Pacific archaeology, world archaeology or archaeological theory or method that may be of interest or relevance to the New Zealand archaeological community are also welcome. Proposals for sessions on particular topics or for poster presentations may be submitted as well.

Paper titles and abstracts of no more than 200 words should be submitted on or before 2 April 2001 to:

Mary O'Keefe, 56 View Road, Melrose, Wellington

Ph. (04) 934-3837, Fax (04) 934-3836

Email: mary.okeefe@paradise.net.nz

Wherever possible, please submit abstracts in electronic form, preferably within the body of an email message. For a session proposal, please also nominate a willing session chair.

- There will be a cash prize awarded for the best student paper!

Australasian Archaeometry Conference 2001

Australasian Connections and New Directions

February 5-9th 2001, University of Auckland, Auckland, New Zealand

The Australasian Archaeometry conference meets every four years. Next year for the first time the conference will be held outside Australia. In 1997 this conference was attended by several hundred scholars with involvement in the fields of Archaeology, Anthropology, Geography, Conservation, Museology, Material Science and Applied Nuclear Science (e.g. dating, materials analysis etc). Some topics covered at past conferences included advances in dating (^{14}C , TL, OSL, OHD), bone chemistry, technological and provenance studies, prospection, environmental impact and geoarchaeology.

The conference is organized by a Local Organizing Committee which extends invitations to a broad range of researchers working in the Australasian region and beyond. The main host for 2001 will be the Centre for Archaeological Research and Department of Anthropology at the University of Auckland in collaboration with a number of other New Zealand research centres and academic institutions.

The theme session for this Symposium will be Issues and Developments in Australasian Chronology: New Directions for the New Millennium.

Sessions

1. Chronometry

Part 1: Radiocarbon Dating

Convenor : Tom Higham (Waikato University, Radiocarbon Lab)

Part 2: Other Dating Methods

Convenor : Martin Jones (University of Auckland, CAR)

Part 3: Modelling chronometric data

Convenor : Geoff Nicholls (University of Auckland, CAR)

2. Sourcing/Characterisation

Convenor: Marshal Weisler (University of Auckland, Anthropology)

3. Residue/Useware

Convenor: Peter Sheppard (University of Auckland, Anthropology)

4. Palaeoenvironment

Convenor: Mark Horrocks (University of Auckland, CAR)

5. Diet/bone-chemistry/DNA

Convenor: Lisa Matisoo-Smith (University of Auckland, Anthropology)

6. Prospection/Conservation

Convenor: David Nobes (University of Canterbury, Geology)

7. Theme: Dating of SE Asia and Oceania including Australia.

Convenor: Peter Sheppard/Harry Allen (University of Auckland, Anthropology)

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Registration and Abstract Submission

Online registration and downloadable registration forms will be made available on the Archaeometry Conference Web site. In order to register interest in attending this conference and to be included in the mailing list please fill in this form. Registration cost is \$NZ150, and is payable by cheque (made out to Archaeometry 2001), international money order or credit card through the online registration form.

Proceedings

The conference proceedings will be published as an edited Monograph in the Research Papers in Anthropology and Linguistics series ISBN0-9583686-0-0. It is intended that this will appear soon after the conference. Accordingly we request that all papers (both oral and poster) are accompanied by a completed paper for submission in the Proceedings.

Venue and Accommodation

The Conference will be held at The Conference Centre, 22 Symond St, University of Auckland.

Accommodation bookings and inquiries can be made through Paul Collins at travel.co.nz, 52 Emily Place, P.O. Box 4141, AUCKLAND. Tel : (649) 3588 213, Fax : (649) 3588 217, Mobile 021 621 050

Email : paulc@travel.co.nz Or alternatively at Tourism Auckland

Timetable

4 days Feb 5-8, Field Excursion on the final day.

Updating of Pa Excavation and Radiocarbon Dating Databases

The Pa Excavation and Radiocarbon Dating Databases located on the NZAA Webpage at "<http://c14.sci.waikato.ac.nz/nzaa/publications.htm>" are currently being updated. If readers have any information on Pa sites they know have been excavated or radiocarbon dated since 1997, then please let me know.

The type of information required for the excavated Pa database is:
NZAA site No.; Pa Name in Maori and English or the location of the Pa; Class of Pa Excavated (if possible) based on Groube's (1970) and Fox's (1976b) 'classes'; Year or Years the Pa was Excavated; Published or Unpublished References/Pers comms to the excavation of the site.

The type of information required for the radiocarbon dated Pa database is:
NZAA site No.; Pa Name in Maori & English or the location of the Pa; Class of Pa Radiocarbon Dated (if possible) based on Groube's (1970) and Fox's (1976b)'classes'; Year or Years the Pa was Radiocarbon Dated; Whether the pa was excavated or not; Sample Types Dated and Number of Dates on each sample type; Published or Unpublished References/Pers comms to the dating of the site.

This information may be e-mailed to: matthew.schmidt@edexcel.org.uk.

The NZAA Site Recording Scheme Upgrade Project

Over the last three months effort has been concentrated on securing funding sources to enable the Upgrade Project to continue. As work has progressed, the scale of the undertaking the Association is attempting has becoming increasingly obvious. The financial input required in order to achieve our goal of updating the records for 52,000 archaeological sites is daunting for an organisation of our small size. We have recently lodged two applications for funding. The first to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council's Environmental Enhancement Fund to enable us to begin the task of revisiting approximately 7000 sites in the Bay of Plenty. The second to Lotteries Environment and Heritage to secure core funding for the project to continue into the 2001-2002 year, this includes funding for the expanding Access database which is being established as a result of fieldwork.

On the fieldwork front Mary O'Keeffe and Katherine Watson spent a few very pleasant days in mid-September revisiting 40 sites in the Timaru and Mackenzie districts. Timaru District Council and Canterbury Regional Council funded this

work. The main type of recorded sites in both districts were ovens, recorded in the 1960s and 1970s. The majority of sites in Mackenzie district were recorded prior to the Pukaki-Tekapo hydroelectric schemes and, as lake levels have been raised twice since recording, a number of these sites have been inundated. Many of the coastal ovens recorded in Timaru district have been extensively ploughed and effectively destroyed. There is a need for strategic and systematic archaeological surveys in both districts, particularly to record the large number of historic period sites.

In the Canterbury region we have Hurunui, Christchurch, Selwyn and Waimate districts left to complete. Updated site data has been returned to Waimakariri, Banks Peninsula and Ashburton districts. The project has been highly successful in the Canterbury region, with all nine district councils, and the regional council, providing a combination of financial and logistical support.

Fieldwork in Gisborne district, between Tolaga Bay and Potikirua, will commence within the next month to six weeks, as we have been successful in securing further funding from Gisborne District Council. At the same time we will continue work with Opotiki District Council to extend the project through the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

My most recent effort has been concentrated on presenting the Upgrade Project to district councillors for Western Bay of Plenty and Tauranga districts. We need to secure their support and financial assistance for the project so that, if we are successful in our funding bid to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council, we will be ready to commence Bay of Plenty fieldwork early in 2001.

I would like to acknowledge, and thank, the members of the Association who are continuing to provide updated records to their regional files as they visit previously recorded sites. This on-going work is invaluable as it substantially reduces the number of sites that we need to include within the Upgrade Project fieldwork. A good example of this is Tauranga district. There are 799 recorded sites, but due to the high level of recent update work undertaken, which has resulted in records being returned to the file, only about 35% of the recorded sites need to be included in the Upgrade Project.

If members are completing update work on a voluntary basis, keep in mind that we may be able to assist with costs such as petrol, photocopying and camera film. Please contact me if you want to know more.

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Project Manager
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Report of NZAA Council Meeting, 18th November

At the 18 November meeting of the Council of the New Zealand Archaeological Association, following discussion of the Treasurers Report, the following motions were agreed:

That the New Zealand Archaeological Association banking and taxation arrangements be consolidated. Certain operational areas, including NZJA and the Monograph series will continue to be treated as separate operational entities subject to Council approval of annual plans and budget projections.

That the New Zealand Archaeological Association will not establish a competitive annual bidding round.

General Business included the following matters:

Site Recording Upgrade Project Report

Last 3 monthly Reports tabled by the Project Manager. Canterbury fieldwork was completed. Sites between Tolaga Bay and the northern district boundary remained to check in Gisborne. Funding an ongoing issue but application for funding to the Bay of Plenty Regional Council and the Lotteries Board were in train. The project will need to be suspended if these are unsuccessful.

Publications Working Party

Terms of reference to include publications management (resource issues, production costs and marketing); AINZ; reporting mechanisms; succession issues and job descriptions; public relations and marketing

Editorships

The meeting endorsed the appointment of Dorothy Brown and Simon Holdaway as editors of the Monograph series.

Filekeeping issues

The meeting authorised a sub-committee of the Auckland members (Kath Prickett, Sue Bulmer and Sarah Ross) to make the final decision about the physical location of the Auckland file. Concern was expressed about filekeepers acting as consultants without clearly differentiating this work from their NZAA

duties. Following discussion of this and a number of other issues in various filekeeping districts it was decided that a clear set of guidelines need to be circulated again with a request for written agreement with them. If funding can be sourced, it was felt another Filekeepers' Conference would be helpful. Filekeeping issues will now be added to the agenda of the Best Practice sub-committee

2001 Conference

Dates for the 2001 Conference have been decided: Wednesday, 30 May – Sunday, 3 June. Details to be placed in AINZ.

Report from Best Practice Sub-committee

Lynda and Ian to prepare the Association's Directory of Archaeologists available for contract work, ready for distribution and for placement on the website. Tony was invited to join the sub-committee, which will work towards an AGM presentation.

Royal Society

Council decided to retain Chris Jacomb as its Royal Society nominee.

Correspondence with MPs

Our reply to a letter from the Associate Minister of Culture and Heritage about NZAA's relationship to the heritage sector was discussed. Funding for the Upgrade project and ongoing support for the SRS needs to be raised. It was decided to ask if representatives of the Association could meet her in Auckland to discuss matters.

Stonefields

It was decided that we would write to the developer expressing concern about the possibility of any quarrying and to write to the HPT identifying ourselves as an affected party and asking to be kept informed and involved in discussions of alternatives.

D'Urville Island

Kath attended the Resource Consent Hearing on our behalf. The prospective developer has appealed the original decision. Both Marlborough District Council and NZAA have declined the option of mediation so the appeal will be heard in the Environment Court.