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NOTES AND NEWS

New members

Nancy Beavan-Athfield, James Chetwin, Carla Purdue, Yolanda Vogel, Joanna Wylie, Jenny Spark, Jacinta Beckwith, Simon Duff, Helen Gilmore, William O'Bryne, Colleen Stuart, Wendy Turvey, Te Awhina Arahanga, Mark Otto and Joan Maingay.

Donations

D. M. E. Allen, S. Macready and R. Clough, I. J. Morrison, P. Fletcher, D.Gray, P. Bristow and R. Green.

Call for Papers

Copy is coming in rather slowly at present. The editor would appreciate papers on all aspects of New Zealand and Pacific archaeology.

ICAZ Conference in New Zealand

The Fish Remains Working Group of the International Council for Archaeozoology (ICAZ) will hold its next conference at Paihia in the Bay of Islands, 8-15 October 2001. The first 5 days will be formal papers, followed by a three-day field trip ending in Auckland.

Anyone interested, please contact Foss.Leach@xtra.co.nz or Fax (+64-4) 381-7369.

The Web page is:

<http://www.cs.otago.ac.nz/research/foss/ICAZ/icaз.htm>

Fulbright Scholar Program

The Fulbright Scholar Program is offering 78 lecturing/research awards in Anthropology and Archaeology for the 2002-2003 academic year. Awards for both faculty and professionals range from two months to an academic year. A new short-term grants program, the Fulbright Senior Specialists Program, offers

two-to-six week grants. While foreign language skills are needed in some countries, most Fulbright lecturing assignments are in English.

Application deadlines for 2002-2003 awards are:

- May 1, 2001 for Fulbright Distinguished Chair awards in Europe, Canada and Russia.
- August 1, 2001 for Fulbright traditional lecturing and research grants worldwide.
- Rolling deadline for Fulbright Senior Specialists Program

For information, visit our Web site at www.cies.org <<http://www.cies.org>>.

Or contact:

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First Announcement 18th International Radiocarbon Conference

Dear Colleagues:

I have the pleasure of posting the first announcement for the 18th International Radiocarbon Conference, which will be held at Wellington, NZ, in September of 2003. The Conference has not been held in the Southern Hemisphere since 1971, and the Australasian archaeological community is especially encouraged to attend.

Suggestions for special sessions or workshops focusing on Southern Hemisphere or Southeast Asian archaeology would be most welcome. Please bookmark the site for the 18th International Radiocarbon Conference given below, and/or register for notification of updates to the page as registration, accommodation, schedule and program updates are added.

www.14Conference2003.co.nz

Nancy Beavan-Athfield

Rafter Radiocarbon Laboratory

Institute of Geological and Nuclear Sciences

Lower Hutt, New Zealand:

The Fifth World Archaeological Congress

Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, USA. June 21-26, 2003.

First announcement. Themes include:

Community Archaeologies

Consequences of Environmental Change

Archaeology for Social Justice

Indigenous Arrivals and First Peoples
Keeping the Trust: Conservation & Data Management
Public Archaeology
Archaeology of Recent Time
The Politics of Representation: Iconography and Design
Social Identities in the Past: Gender, Age, Ethnicity, Class
Material Matters: Effective Technologies, Then and Now
Archaeology in Practice
Archaeology and Cultural Diversity
Maritime Archaeology

Call for Symposium Proposals

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Jack Diamond Obituary

The last issue of *Archaeology in New Zealand* published a warm tribute to the late Jack Diamond who was one of the pioneers of prehistoric and historic archaeology in New Zealand. Unfortunately the name of the author of the obituary, Jack's long time friend, co-researcher and co-author, Bruce Hayward, was inadvertently omitted from the end of the obituary.

Appointment at Oxford University for Tom Higham

For the last 10 years, Tom Higham has been an important part of the Waikato Radiocarbon Dating Laboratory and the New Zealand archaeological scene, often being the first port of call for archaeologists with dating questions. Recently, Tom has left our shores for England, where he has been appointed Senior Archaeologist at the Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit, Oxford University. During his years at Waikato he was responsible for the implementation of the Waikato accelerator mass spectrometry (AMS) facility, and the development of the award winning web pages; Radiocarbon WEB-info (www.c14dating.com), which was designed to provide specific information on the radiocarbon method. Tom has contributed to research into the colonisation and settlement of New Zealand, the reliability of different radiocarbon sample types including shell and moa eggshell, and is part of an international team of scientists from Belfast and Waikato developing a Southern Hemisphere calibration curve. His expertise has been instrumental in the dating of many

archaeological sites such as Shag River Mouth, Wairau Bar and Nong Nor in Thailand.

As Senior Archaeologist at Oxford, Tom is responsible for the flow of archaeological samples through the facility, and liaising and collaborating with submitters. He is secretary to the NERC Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Dating Service advisory panel which provides radiocarbon determinations to UK archaeological submitters on a contestable basis. The Oxford Radiocarbon Accelerator Unit is at the forefront of radiocarbon dating research, particularly in improving chemical pretreatment processes on bone, and increasing the accuracy of radiocarbon determinations. The Oxford unit has been responsible for the dating of such important artifacts and sites as the "Iceman" from the Ötztal Alps, the Shroud of Turin, Pompeii, Tintagel and Stonehenge. Tom continues to be involved in collaborative research with the Waikato Radiocarbon Dating Laboratory investigating the reliability of *Rattus exulans* bone, the influence of diet on human bone determinations from the Pacific, and the date of moa extinction. Tom can be contacted in Oxford at: thomas.higham@archaeology-research.oxford.ac.uk.

Fiona Petchey has been appointed as Deputy Directory at the Waikato Radiocarbon Dating Laboratory and now manages the AMS and pretreatment laboratories, as well being responsible for sample submissions. Fiona has been employed by Waikato since 1995, and completed a PhD in 1998 on dating archaeological fish bone from New Zealand. Radiocarbon inquiries of an archaeological nature can be directed to her at fpetchey@waikato.ac.nz.

Dorothy Brown Leaves Auckland University Anthropology Department

Dorothy is leaving her position (through redundancy) after 23 years as librarian in the Piddington Room of the Anthropology Department at The University of Auckland. She will be sadly missed as her knowledge of the archaeological literature and her editing skills have been a lynch pin in the department both for students and staff. Her future plans include co-editing the NZAA Monograph Series, continuing with her position as Assistant Editor of the *Journal of the Polynesian Society* and in a freelance research and editing capacity. Her contact address is: ngarradj@hotmail.com

NZAA Council

At the 24 March meeting of the Council of the New Zealand Archaeological Association, General Business included the following matters:

Site Protection issues

Following discussion of issues relating to Tahanga and sites on D'Urville Island, it was decided that there should be a point of contact for people raising specific site protection concerns. Tony Walton has volunteered to take on that role in the first instance. He can be contacted by e-mail at: twalton@doc.govt.nz

Publications

The Publications Working party were scheduled to meet on Sunday 25 March. Janet Davidson, Foss Leach and Karen Greig had kindly travelled up from Wellington to make a full representation possible.

Website/Directory of Archaeologists

The site was clearly being accessed quite a bit but not always with serious intent. Only a small percentage of those enquiring about membership actually joined the Association. There was discussion on an efficient way to deal with enquiries about fieldwork opportunities. The Directory of Archaeologists is to be completed by the end of April. The server has now moved from the University of Waikato but the address remains the same.

Filekeeping

The meeting approved the appointment of Jan Worrall as the new Bay of Plenty filekeeper. Jan's address is P.O. Box 767, Whakatane and her telephone number is (07) 312 4252.

Conference

It was agreed that Conference 2002 would be held in the week following Easter. Further, that a Conference 2002 committee be identified immediately after the 2001 AGM.

Online access for Trust

It was agreed to allow NZHPT on-line access to the computer index of N.Z.A.A site records, in accordance with to our agreement covering the site record files.

Subscription rates

It was moved that a motion go to the AGM to raise subscription rates in all subscription category.

The summary of the 18 November 2000 meeting incorrectly stated that Upgrade Project Canterbury fieldwork had been completed. This should have said that it was suspended until 2001.

The NZAA Site Recording Scheme Upgrade Project

In March Lotteries Environment and Heritage Committee considered NZAA's application for core funding for the Upgrade Project to continue beyond April 2001. Lotteries have granted part of the funding sought. The grant covers the project manager's contract for one year, and makes a contribution toward the cost of data entry and Iwi participation in the project.

Fieldwork is continuing within Opotiki district, in the eastern Bay of Plenty. John Coster recently completed two weeks work concentrating on Carter Holt Harvey Forests in the district. The forests are on Maori owned land and were established in the late 1970s. The work was partially funded by Carter Holt Harvey. Most of the sites had not been visited since they were recorded, and a number suffered extensive damage at the time of forest establishment.

During April Ken Phillips and Mary O'Keeffe began the immense task of tackling the upgrade of the Bay of Plenty file. They will initially be working with existing records, survey reports and aerial photography to assess sites that do not require field visits. The plan is to approach the district from west to east – so the first work will be taking place in the Waihi/Athenree area, then progress around Tauranga Harbour retracing the steps of the survey of Tauranga undertaken by Bruce McFadgen and assistants for the NZ Historic Places Trust during the early 1980s. Work in the Bay of Plenty region is expected to continue through to approximately June 2003.

Jan Worrall, who began work in February on a part-time basis assisting with the process of editing upgraded site records, had also recently taken on the role of Bay of Plenty filekeeper. Jan can be contacted by e-mail at jworrall@wave.co.nz.

Work on the East Coast file has been concentrated on the process of returning data to Gisborne District Council; this includes providing recommendations regarding sites that can be removed from their district plan. Te Runanga o Ngati Porou recently granted consent for NZAA to begin upgrade work in their rohe, subject to a meeting to discuss protocols for data access and to determine who will accompany the archaeologists as Iwi representatives during fieldwork.

In the Canterbury region Mary O'Keeffe has completed some preliminary assessment work for Christchurch City Council, and it is anticipated that the fieldwork will be completed during June.

The project manager recently went to Whangarei for a brief visit to begin discussions with Stan Bartlett - the Northland filekeeper - about moving the Upgrade Project on to the Northland file within the next year. A paper based review of the file will take place in July 2001 in order to provide indicative figures and a costing for the work.

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

Lynda Bowers
Project Manager
Telephone tollfree 0508 272 423

Historic Places Trust News

The Trust's Archaeology Group continues to struggle with the increasing demand on their services. By the end of May approximately 170 applications for archaeological authorities had been received. This is well up already on the total of 117 for the previous financial year. The staff archaeologists have been involved with a pilot project, funded by MfE's Sustainable Management Fund, to deliver heritage advice to TLAs. This has revealed that the two primary areas in which Councils need the Trust's assistance are archaeology and Maori heritage. Long-term this will almost definitely result in an increase in referrals from TLAs to the Trust, especially now that the Local Government and Environment Select Committee report on the RMA Amendment Bill recommends transferring historic heritage from s7 to s6 (i.e. a matter of "national importance").

At Easter Trust staff attended the National Antique Bottle and Collectables Show in Christchurch. The Adam Archer prosecution has raised the awareness of the bottle digging community about the role of the Trust in heritage protection, and it was considered important to build on this. Trust staff put up a display about historic archaeology and also participated in a question and answer session. There was a lot of concern initially expressed by the bottle community in having the Trust present, but by the end of the Show most people were prepared to come over and at least discuss the issues! The Trust's archaeologists are currently working with the national bottle collectors organisation to develop protocols by which bottle collectors can operate legally within the framework of the Historic Places Act. It is somewhat disappointing therefore that we have had several reports recently of bottlers flagrantly ignoring

the law and continuing to openly dig for bottles. One case, where the police were involved, will definitely result in a prosecution being taken.

The Trust has also just released the second pamphlet in the Archaeological Site series entitled "Applying for an Archaeological Authority". This sets down in plain English what the requirements are, the process that is undertaken in making a decision, and the timeframes involved. Copies can be obtained from your local Trust office or Council. Next in this series will be more educative style pamphlets describing various types of archaeological site and their importance.

Rick McGovern-Wilson