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NOTES AND NEWS

New Members

Ian Lawlor, Delwyn Edmunds, Martin Jones.

New Zealand Archaeological Association Annual Conference 2002

The 2002 Conference will be held in Russell, Bay of Islands, Northland from the **24 – 29 April 2002**.

The Conference venue will be the Russell Town Hall in the centre of the historic Russell township. As Russell is part of the Bay of Islands tourist enclave, there is a wide variety of accommodation options ranging from the cheap - two camping grounds with cabins and campsites – to luxury hotels and bed and breakfast establishments, with backpackers and motels in between. Paihia, only a short ferry ride away, also has a host of options.

Russell is three and a half hours by car from Auckland via the Opuia Car Ferry, 30 minutes by air from Kerikeri. If enough people choose to fly direct to Kerikeri a shuttle service to Russell could be arranged provided there were advanced bookings. The drive from Kerikeri to Russell is about 30 minutes. The final car ferry to Russell leaves at 10 pm and runs every 20 minutes. The last foot ferry from Paihia leaves at 10 .30 pm.

Proposed conference schedule:

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| Wed 24 April | Fieldtrip to Ruapekapeka
Evening Wine and Cheese |
| Thurs 25 April | Registration
Papers
Afternoon Fieldtrip – walking tour of Russell historic places. |

Fri. 26 April	Papers Afternoon field trip Evening free
Sat. 27 April	Papers Afternoon - 3.30 AGM Evening – Conference Dinner
Sun 28 April	Fieldtrip to Cape Brett

There will be a mailout of conference details early in the New Year. Updated information will also be available on the NZAA Web Site: www.nzarchaeology.org. For further information in the meantime contact: Kath Prickett, Auckland War Memorial Museum, Private Bag 92018, Auckland. Ph. (09) 306 7070 ex 856 or (09) 309 0443 ex 856.

Call for Papers : NZAA Conference, Russell, Bay of Islands 24-28 April 2002

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

A cash prize of \$150, sponsored by the Wellington Archaeological Society, will be awarded for the best student paper.

Paper titles and abstracts of no more than 200 words should be submitted on or before 1 March 2002 to:

Mary O'Keeffe
56 View Road,
Melrose
Wellington
Ph. (04) 934-3837
Fax (04) 934-3836
Email: mary.okeeffe@paradise.net.nz

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

Maritime Archaeology: a Practical Course in Maritime Archaeology

The Maritime Archaeological Association of New Zealand (MAANZ) is pleased to announce we are hosting an introductory course in Maritime Archaeology. The course is run by the Australasian Institute for Maritime Archaeology (AIMA), and the Nautical Archaeology Society (NAS-UK).

Maritime Archaeology is the study of past human involvement with the sea. Sites can be found both on land as well as underwater and include other structures besides shipwrecks.

Who is the course for?

Anyone with an interest in Maritime Archaeology:

- Divers and non-divers
- Family researchers
- Historians
- Ship enthusiasts
- Conservators
- Photographers

You do not need to be a diver to attend this course!

What will the course cover?

You will be introduced to a number of skill areas :

- Materials conservation
- Search and survey techniques
- Position fixing and site recording
- Remote sensing technology
- Legislation and its relevance

When and where will the course be held?

- We will run two courses over the weekends of 23-24 February and 2-3 March 2002. Each course takes a full weekend, running 9am-5pm both days.
- The same course will be repeated on the second weekend – participants can choose which weekend to attend.
- The course includes classroom-style lectures and discussions with audiovisual material, and **land-based** practical sessions (you don't have to be able to dive to do the practicals). The course will be taught by Dr Mark Staniforth, a senior lecturer in Maritime Archaeology at Flinders University, Adelaide, and Cosmos Coroneos, a self-employed

heritage consultant and maritime archaeologist based in Sydney.

- The course will be held in the Education room of the Museum of Wellington City and Sea, Queens Wharf, Wellington.
- The course will cost \$150, which cover tuition, course materials, morning and afternoon tea for both days, and a certificate of completion

Wellington arrangements:

You will be responsible for your own transport and accommodation.

The Museum of Wellington City and Sea is centrally located Wellington at Queens Wharf on the waterfront.

Further information?

Contact Mary O'Keefe on (04) 934-3837, fax on (04) 934-3836, or at mary.okeeffe@paradise.net.nz

Or visit MAANZ's website at www.maanz.wellington.net.nz/. Application forms are available on the web.

The course will give you the knowledge and skills to help you unlock the past. What greater adventure can there be?

Visiting Archaeologist

Historical archaeologist Dr. Adrian Praetzellis will be in New Zealand on sabbatical leave from January through March 2002. Originally from the UK, Adrian has been teaching archaeology and cultural resources management to undergraduates and MA students at Sonoma State University (California, USA) for ten years. His archaeological specialties include cultural resources management, the California Gold Rush and 19th century material culture, as well as urban archaeology and the excavation of stratigraphically complex sites. Recently, Adrian has been trying to develop ways of teaching basic archaeological theory to non-specialist (i.e., barely interested) undergraduates. The result of his efforts is *DEATH BY THEORY* (AltaMira Press, 2000), a cartoon-illustrated textbook that poses as a gothic/comic mystery novel.

Among Adrian's most recent excavations has been a huge, late 19th century refuse midden associated with a Chinese household. The deposit accumulated in a dry river bed over a period of about 20 years and contained a vast array of Chinese ceramics, glass, faunal remains, and unique household treasures. Owing to fiscal problems.... the property developer has been slow to pay their bills! the analysis is sluggish; however, soon the team will begin both to analyze the

materials and to work with the descendant ethnic Chinese community on interpreting the collection.

If all goes well, Adrian will be based in Dunedin for easy access to the historic landscapes of the Otago goldfields (thanks to Nev Ritchie for the suggestion). Visiting active excavations would be a real treat and Adrian would be happy to give lectures/seminars on historical archaeology, etc. at times when he is not tramping the hills. Adrian would be particularly interested in meeting with New Zealand archaeologists to exchange ideas and experiences on the role of indigenous peoples in heritage management, having recently taught a series of courses to Native American tribes on archaeology/cultural resources in the legal context. Although the goal of the classes was to prepare the tribal government to take over the management of their own heritage resources, conveying technical information was only part of the aim. In large measure, these classes were an attempt to foster amicable relations between two groups (Indians and archaeologists) who have little trust and less friendship.

You can email Adrian at adrian.praetzelis@sonoma.edu

Obituary

Dr Terence Barrow 1923-2001

Ethnologist Terry Barrow died at Honolulu on 31 August 2001. Born in Wellington in 30 January 1923, he travelled widely as a radio operator in the merchant navy, including the war years. He joined the staff of the Dominion Museum in 1948 and remained there until 1966. During this time he took up doctorate studies at the University of Cambridge, where he graduated in 1958, and collated information about New Zealand artefacts in Europe. During his career he maintained an interest in archaeology, and was involved in local archaeological work, notably excavations at Pararaki in 1958-9 and Foxton in 1963-4. He encouraged, and was very supportive of, students of archaeology, including several who later went on to make successful careers in the field. He moved to B.P. Bishop Museum in Honolulu in 1966. He wrote a series of books including *Art and Life in Polynesia*, *Maori Wood Sculpture*, and *Decorative Arts of the New Zealand Maori*.

NZAA Workshops Report

Discussions held at Onuku Marae, Banks Peninsula, Wednesday 30 May 2001

Topic 1: Standards and ethics

Keynote: Rick McGovern-Wilson

Soapboxes: Dianne Harlow, consultant
 Karen Grieg, regional archaeologist, HPT
 Te Kenehi Teira, Kaihautu Maori, HPT

Ethics & Standards

- include professional obligations and treaty relationships
- S.17 of HPA requires standards, but no methods. HPT has statutory responsibility, must set standards for work etc.
- HPT will work with NZAA to set standards; NZAA also upholding standards
- Resource management amendment bill – historic heritage moves to s.6 matters of national importance – this status will require higher standards
- Communities of interest – relationship between RMA & HPA processes. RMA about reconciling values of communities of interests. HPA authority process different to plan process. But HPT can look at multiple issues. Rigour of HPS process can be tested more than plan process. Work needed to sit behind, to inform standards.
- Responsibility of consent authority to give weight & reconciliation – not archaeological responsibility
- Free market – NZAA cannot govern who enters field. S.17 allows downstream regulation
- Other professionals have registers or enforcement process – act of parliament.
- Professional standards & archaeological register:
 - Lack of general awareness in public
 - Move to point where is so desirable to be register, opportunities limited if not on
 - Iwi etc choose people on register – becomes self regulating
 - Key to this is public education

Tangata Whenua rights and relationships

- Issue of iwi vetoing archaeological work
- Archaeologists as iwi advocates
- Issues for iwi – intellectual & cultural property rights, sharing world view, TOW
- Need dialogue between iwi/archaeologists/agencies

Professional relationships

- Archaeologists relating to each other

- Need for education and advocacy, lack of understanding in wider community about need for/role of archaeology
- Confusion between role of filekeepers and consultants; confusion between HPA process and resource consent process
- Key issue is raising profile of profession – standards, monitor professionals etc

Issue of “Iwi archaeologists”

- Seen as archaeologists representing iwi interests, iwi prefer certain person other than s.17 appointed person. May be conflict between archaeologists & iwi approved person
- HPT should set standard for archaeologists, impartial. HPT has role in conflict resolution
- Multiple values – iwi, archaeological, landscape
- Archaeologists seen as Europeans collecting European information for European use – need for cultural safety. Information gathered may be new to iwi, want right to decide where info goes. Problem with melding of site info and oral history
- “iwi archaeologists” can be positive thing
- problem arising from legislation – poorly defined. Trust gives no guidance as to how to handle. Ambiguity of roles
- two professional relationships for archaeologists – with developer and with iwi. Iwi relationship brings responsibility. Need to develop trust
- Archaeologists are giving professional advice like any other professionals. Archaeologists will always have inbuilt context – need for professional standards to cover all situations/contexts. Need for separation of professional role & judgements, and relationship with iwi

Rebirth of institute of archaeologists?

- Institutes funds currently within NZAA
- Would cover S.17 matters, RM assessments etc
- Would be in developers interests to use institute member – could see whole project through
- Cannot rely on HPT to act as sheriff
- Officially promulgated standards can be as effective as statutory guidelines
- HPT can develop guidelines of practice for all communities of interest. Would need to be strategic, but could be far reaching in effect
- NZAA could develop statements of competency

- Problem with degree of community consensus needed for statutory guidelines
- Professional arm of NZAA – not all members working as professionals.

Issues facing professionals:

- Professional isolation
- “grey literature” - info not getting into professional, public arena
- reports should go to HPT, NZAA filekeepers & central file, both universities, relevant research institutions. HPT could require public deposit of work & could construct database
- report may be “owned by client – they won’t release, non disclosure for professional competition
- Reports where nothing found just as important

Summary points:

Isolation

- Enhance professional networks.
- NZAA create professional network co-ordinator

Standards for professionals

- Need for good practice guidelines
- Could be joint NZAA/HPT

Iwi relationships

- Obligation for professional archaeologists to advise clients, need for iwi to get own archaeological advice

Disputes over standards

- Need for better ways to resolve

What information is public?

- Need for standards
- Issue addressed when ethics developed
- Archaeology has ethical duty to put info in public domain, responsibility to ensure info gets out
- HPT could develop database of info received, and could have public repository responsibility
- Revive institute, under NZAA umbrella
- Opportunity for professional development.

The NZAA Site Recording Scheme Upgrade Project

The focus of project work over the last two months has been preparation for the start of fieldwork in the Bay of Plenty. Ken Phillips and Mary O’Keeffe have

been progressively working through the task of identifying sites that can be safely excluded from field visits, as well as identifying the first three blocks of fieldwork to be undertaken. These have been identified as two areas in the upper Tauranga Harbour and the area covered by Tauranga District Council (the central city, suburban and Papamoa areas). The project manager has been working with District and Regional Council staff to arrange the process of media contact; tangata whenua consultation and gaining landowner consent for property access. Provided that all goes to plan, fieldwork will start in the Tauranga District Council area in early December.

Project fieldwork in the Opotiki district is now close to completion. The upgraded data is being progressively returned to the district council staff, who are arranging for its distribution to landowners and tangata whenua. The final fieldwork should be completed during December.

Kim Tatton has recently completed the paper based review of the Northland file in preparation for the upgrade of the file. It has been possible to exclude about 4,000 sites from fieldwork, largely due to there being nearly 3,000 recorded sites on land administered by the Department of Conservation. The department will assess these sites separately. There are still just over 6,000 sites that will need to be included in upgrade project fieldwork. The task of seeking funds for this work has been started, but it will probably be a difficult undertaking given that the majority of sites needing assessment are in the Far North district. Whangarei District Council has already indicated that it is supportive of the project, so hopefully fieldwork will be able to start in that area during the second half of 2002.

A funding application has been prepared for Lotteries Environment & Heritage Committee, seeking core funds to support the upgrade project during 2002/2003. This application will be lodged with Lotteries in early November. Rick McGovern-Wilson, with assistance of staff from the Ministry of Culture and Heritage, is lobbying the Ministry for the Environment and the Ministry of Research, Science and Technology, seeking central government funding for the upgrade project. It is possible that, in order to obtain funding from MoRST, a change of departmental policy will be required so that the NZAA file qualifies for support from the Public Good Science Fund. At the same time, NZAA is also seeking increased support from the Department of Conservation for the maintenance of the Site Recording Scheme.

Lynda Bowers, Project Manager

News from the Historic Places Trust

The statutory workload faced by the Trust's archaeologists continues to grow steadily. The sharp increase in authority applications that we experienced last financial year is holding and we are on track to receive a similar number this year (ca. 190). Currently Stu Bedford in Auckland is handling around 50% of the applications - a reflection of the population size in Auckland/Northland and the ongoing urban development, and density of recorded archaeological sites. To assist with this workload we have recently taken on Bev Parslow to help on a part-time basis. In the Central Region Karen Greig has been on an extended leave/honeymoon holiday in Europe since the end of August, and we have had Elizabeth Pishief in as Acting Regional Archaeologist for that time. Karen arrives back in early December. Meanwhile Chris Jacomb is working at updating information held on registered archaeological sites in his role as part of the Trust's programme to update information held on all registered sites, and to go on-line with the Register on 1 February 2002.

Rick McG-W and Chris Jacomb recently attended the annual Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology Conference in Canberra where Chris gave a paper on his work at French Farm (which was visited as part of the NZAA Akaroa Conference), and Rick participated. Rick was re-elected to the ASHA Committee for another year, along with Neville Ritchie who is currently the President. Next year's conference will be in Townsville and is planned as joint conference with the maritime archaeologists (AIMA) and AAA.

Prior to attending the ASHA Conference Rick spent a week in Melbourne working with his counterparts at Heritage Victoria. This provided an opportunity to examine their procedures, in particular: they operate a similar system to our authorities; they were keen to hear more about our prosecutions and enforcement procedures; and a chance to discuss the conservation bond concept and how we might apply it here in NZ.

Trust staff have two field projects in plan for December. Stu Bedford is doing preliminary investigations at the beginning of the month at Pohue Pa, Kaeo, as a means of assisting Te Runanga o Whaingaroa with their proposals for interpretation and possible reconstruction of parts of the site. This may lead to further, and more extensive, investigations at the site in February 2002. Meanwhile, at the other end of the country, a couple of weekends before Christmas, Chris Jacomb (along with family, Trust staff and other volunteers) is excavating what is left of a possible Archaic site at Watson's Beach. The site is being gradually eroded by the elements and this project is intended to recover

information before it is irretrievably lost. (See article about Watson's Beach - this issue).

On the Court front - since the last Newsletter we have had the sentencing hearing for the Waikanae prosecution (the unauthorised damage to an urupa). Payne Sewell (the consultants for the developers) received a \$20,000 fine and Higgins Contractors received a \$15,000 fine, with 75% of the fines to be paid to the Trust. Both parties have since appealed both their conviction (wrong in fact and in law) and their sentence (manifestly excessive) so we will now troop off to the High Court. Trust staff are heavily involved in the Environment Court appeal over the proposed Western Link Road at Waikanae, which passes through the registered Takamore wahi tapu area for part of its route.

Finally, at long last the Trust is starting to develop policy to guide the direction of its archaeological programme. In this financial year Rick is working on policies for burials and human remains in general, and 19th century buildings as archaeological sites, and is developing / formalising the standard operating procedures for archaeological authorities and prosecutions.

Rick McGovern-Wilson