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## NOTES AND NEWS

### **New Members**

Patrick Harsveldt, Dan and Alison Witter, Steff Green and John Denny, Raewyn Harris

### **Thank you**

A big thank you to all of you who responded to my call for papers in the last issue of AINZ. The journal cannot succeed without you, so please, keep up the good work. Back in the days the editor usually had copy in hand one issue ahead, now it is a struggle to fill each issue. I hope now to be inundated with your work for the March issue, which, coming so soon after the Christmas break, is usually the slowest to be filled.

### **The NZAA Site Recording Scheme Upgrade Project**

Following on from a meeting convened by the Ministry of Culture and Heritage in Wellington in early August, there has been some progress on the Upgrade Project funding front. The NZ Historic Places Trust has submitted a funding bid to the Crown on behalf of NZAA. The bid includes funding to support the national project administration, the Upgrade Project database, and iwi participation in the Upgrade Project. The bid is for a three year program to complete the project. If it is successful the funding will be available from July 2004. The funds would be administered by the NZ Historic Places Trust and NZAA would need to develop a project reporting system to the Trust, but the Upgrade Project would still remain an NZAA initiative. While we await the outcome of the funding bid, project work is on-going but we will not be initiating any new fieldwork until the outcome is known.

Bay of Plenty fieldwork has continued in the Western Bay of Plenty and Rotorua districts over the last few months. Work in Western Bay of Plenty is due to be completed by the end of June 2004.

The Ministry for the Environment's Sustainable Management Fund is currently considering a project outline application made by NZAA to fund the Upgrade Project in the Northland region. That outcome of the initial application will be known in December 2003.

Fieldwork in Tasman District has been completed and a district report has been prepared by Karen Greig. Karen is also completing a first stage (paper-based) review of the records in Marlborough district, which will be finished by the end of 2003.

The paper-based reviews of the records for New Plymouth and Stratford districts in Taranaki will also be completed by the end of 2003. South Taranaki district has now also confirmed that they want to undertake the first stage of the Upgrade Project, and this will happen early in 2004.

Jill Hamel is due to complete her first stage review of the records within Dunedin City by the end of 2003. Central Otago District Council has now indicated that they are interested in participating in the Upgrade Project, so hopefully it will be possible to expand the project into that district in 2004.

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### **Marsden Medal award to Roger Green**

The Association nominated Roger for the Marsden Medal award of the New Zealand Association of Scientists and is delighted to learn it has been successful..

The Marsden Medal is awarded for a lifetime of outstanding service to the cause or profession of science in New Zealand through all or some of following activities: advocacy for science, promotion of the role of science in society, leadership in science, and nurturing of young scientists. It was of course not hard to make a case that Roger had contributed to all these activities.

Archaeologists were well represented at the Auckland awards dinner in November organised by the Royal Society of New Zealand when the award was presented.

The brief CV for Roger we provided with the nomination follows.

#### *Curriculum Vitae*

Roger was born in Ridgewood New Jersey in 1932. He later moved to Albuquerque with his family.

His early tertiary training was at the University of New Mexico where he had commenced an introductory course in archaeology before leaving high school.

At that university he later took undergraduate courses in anthropology, air science, history, linguistics, geology and evolution. His first degree was a BS in geology and his second in anthropology.

He commenced an anthropology masters degree at New Mexico but left it to commence a post-graduate degree at Harvard. Here he came under the influence of Douglas Oliver who steered his research interests to Oceania.

Roger won a Fulbright Fellowship which brought him to this part of the world for the first time. He was based at Auckland University in the period 1958–59, with excavations in New Zealand followed by fieldwork in Mo‘orea and Mangareva in French Polynesia, undertaking the first archaeology by excavation on those islands.

In 1961 he returned to Auckland as a lecturer in archaeology and recommenced research in New Zealand, which was to culminate in his “Prehistoric Sequence of the Auckland Province”, which became his Harvard doctoral dissertation. He



*A rare sighting of archaeologists in suits, on the occasion of the Marsden Medal presentation to Roger Green. Left to right: Peter Sheppard, Roger, Harry Allen, Geoff Irwin and Rick McGovern-Wilson.*

supervised the first post graduate students in archaeology in New Zealand in this period.

More fundamental was a major research programme carried out in Western Samoa, setting the basis for the understanding of the archaeology of that nation. Many people contributed to that programme under his leadership.

He was also Dean of the School of Arts in this period.

He left Auckland in 1967, joining the staff of the Bishop Museum in Hawai‘i. He taught at the University of Hawai‘i and carried out contract archaeology for the Museum on sites threatened with destruction, principally at Makaha.

In 1970 he was awarded the first Cook Fellowship and returned to New Zealand to a base at Auckland Museum. From there he undertook a major piece of research in the Solomon Islands seeking to expand the knowledge of the Lapita settlement of the Central Pacific that is believed to be ancestral to all Polynesian cultures. This project involved a number of co-workers and proceeded over several years.

In 1973 he was appointed to a personal chair in archaeology at the University of Auckland where he stayed until retirement, being appointed Professor Emeritus on that event. During this second period at the University he continued to take a research interest in New Zealand archaeology and undertook one further project in the Pacific, in the Bismarck Archipelago.

Roger is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand (1975), and a member of the United States National Academy of Science (1984–Anthropology).

He has been awarded the first Royal Society of New Zealand Cook Fellowship and has received that society’s Hector Medal. He has served on the Board of FRST and on the Council of the Royal Society of New Zealand.

He has been President of the New Zealand Archaeological Association and a long term editor in respect of anthropological papers in the *Records of the Auckland Institute and Museum*. Roger was on the Board of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust for many years.

*Garry Law*

### **Book Notice**

Those wishing to get a copy of Fred Johns' *Strike a Light* (as reviewed in the Sept 2003 AINZ) can contact Fred direct, at 101 Riversdale Drive, New Plymouth, phone (06) 758-8961.

### **New Zealand Journal of Archaeology 23**

The New Zealand Journal of Archaeology, volume 23, is now available. The price, including p & p, is \$35.00 for New Zealand and \$NZD50.00 for overseas subscribers. Non subscribers can apply to: The Business Manager, PO Box 14-359 Kilbirnie, Wellington. The contents are:

Kevin Jones, Mary Jeal and Nick Jeal. Field archaeology of the Mahia Peninsula (Nukutaurua mai Tawhiti), Northern Hawke's Bay, New Zealand

Foss Leach, Carol Quinn, John Morrison and Graeme Lyon. The use of multiple isotope signatures in reconstructing prehistoric human diet from archaeological bone from the Pacific and New Zealand.

Kevin Jones. Field archaeology and settlement distribution in the Waiapu River Valley, East Coast.

Helen Leach and Carla Purdue. Identifying fern-root beaters: documentary and statistical aids to recognition.

Roger Fyfe. A wooden trumpet, *pukaea*, from Te Mata Hapuku Pa, Canterbury, New Zealand.

Mike Burtenshaw, Graham Harris, Janet Davidson and Foss Leach. Experimental growing of Pre-European cultivars of kumara (sweet potato, *Ipomoea batatas* [L.] Lam.) at the southern margins of Maori horticulture.

Mark Horrocks, Simon Best and Mairie Byrami. Analysis of sediments and plant remains from the find-spot of a cache of Polynesian gardening tools at Ruakaka, Northern New Zealand.

## **Call for Papers—NZAA 50th Anniversary Conference**

1–5 December 2004

New Plymouth, Taranaki New Zealand

Proposed sessions: Origins; Culture change; Trade, exchange and economics; Linguistics; Settlement patterns; European contact; Historic archaeology; Development of Archaeology in NZ; Future directions

Keynote Speaker: Professor Brian Fagan, University of California Santa Barbara  
Venue: Alexandra Room, TSB Showplace, New Plymouth

Further information to be announced on the web site, and in the next issue of AINZ. For any queries contact Cathryn Barr, Conference Coordinator at: [cbarr@doc.govt.nz](mailto:cbarr@doc.govt.nz)

Stuart Bedford is papers coordinator for this conference. He wants to start hearing from people who are planning to turn up to the Conference and give papers as soon as possible. There has already been a very positive response from a whole host of people both across New Zealand and overseas regarding attendance. If you want to give a paper, let's hear about it as soon as possible, otherwise you will miss out! A more detailed list of sessions, speakers and topics is planned early in the new year.  
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### *Memorabilia wall*

Anyone who has memorabilia relating to the history of the NZAA that they might like to loan for exhibition during the conference is asked to get in touch with the conference organisers. These items might include posters, brochures, T-shirts, photos, in fact anything at all. Please be assured that all items will be well looked after and returned at the end of the conference.

## **Conference announcement and call for papers Global Perspectives on the Archaeology of Islands**

Auckland, New Zealand, 8–11 December, 2004

An International Conference to be held at the University of Auckland, New Zealand, from the 8th to the 11th of December 2004, jointly hosted by the Department of Anthropology, University of Auckland and the Institute of Archaeology, University College London.

*First Call for Papers and Expressions of Interest*

Island cultures have long been recognized as possessing distinctive trajectories and characteristics that distinguish them from non-insular societies, although the definition of insularity may be open to debate. A recent spate of publications dealing with island prehistory in a range of global contexts has served to highlight the importance of islands for archaeologists, biogeographers, linguists, biological anthropologists, etc. interested in cultural evolution, human ecology and environmental change, language and cultural landscapes, yet few studies approach island archaeology from a global, comparative perspective. The objective of this conference is to bring together active researchers engaged in studying the prehistory of islands and island groups throughout the world, to share approaches, perspectives, the results of recent research, to define common ground and to further research into the archaeology of the world's islands.

Anticipated major themes include: island landscapes, human ecology and environmental change, island languages and archaeology, maritime trade and exchange, seafaring, colonisation, theories of insularity, and population movements. Additional or alternative themes will be defined in response to received abstracts.

Participants able to offer a paper are encouraged to send an abstract to:  
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**Queens Redoubt excavations—call for volunteers**

Excavations will be carried out at Queen's Redoubt, Pokeno, South Auckland, from Monday 5 April to Saturday 17 April 2004, directed by Warren Gumbley for the Queen's Redoubt Trust (Easter weekend falls in the middle of this period.) Any volunteers for all or part of the two week dig are asked to contact Warren at (07) 856 4877, or (025) 712 165, or Nigel Prickett at (09) 306 7054 (work) or (09) 480 5201 (home).

### **Excavations at Oashore—call for volunteers**

A programme of archaeological and historical research into New Zealand shore whaling is to start in January 2004. The project is funded by the Marsden Fund of the Royal Society of New Zealand and undertaken by the Anthropology Department, University of Otago, and the Auckland War Memorial Museum.

Whaling was the chief economic activity in New Zealand in the 1830s and early 1840s. In some districts shore whalers were the first, or only, European community before the influx of settlers after 1840. They were among the first to undergo the process of adapting the social patterns and material inventory brought from their homelands to the physical and cultural settings of New Zealand. They were also influential in shaping Maori–Pakeha relations since whalers of necessity developed close relations with local communities, many of whom became participants in the industry.

Two whaling station sites will be excavated, including house sites, rubbish dumps and tryworks areas. The first will be at Oashore, the westernmost bay on the south side of Banks Peninsula, where the archaeology includes remains of a stone-built hut, other stone chimneys and walls, a pit, levelled areas and the damaged tryworks. The station was founded in 1840 by the Weller brothers from Otago.

We will be working at Oashore for four weeks, from Monday 19 January to Sunday 15 February 2004. We need volunteers to work on the excavation. People who come are asked to please give us at least a week. Longer would be appreciated. There is good accommodation with two four-bunk rooms, and another room with five beds. There is space for camping should you wish. There is plenty of hot water and several showers. We plan to employ a cook so that volunteers can concentrate on the excavation.

If you would like to volunteer, or would like more information, please contact one of the Project coordinators, below, with your preferred dates:

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