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NOTES AND NEWS

New Members

Shar Briden, Fiona Bulfin, Will Coop, Amy Findlater, Marcus Headifen, Duncan Ives, Bev Parslow-Osborne, Heather Wilson, Stephen Wood

Donations

W.R. Ambrose, Moira Jackson, Colin Merrony. Received with thanks.

Annual General Meeting

The 2004 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Archaeological Association was held at Antrim House, Boulcott Street, Wellington on Saturday 22 May. Fifteen members of the Association attended.

Election of Council was as follows:

President	Lynda Walter
Vice-President	Rick McGovern-Wilson
Treasurer	Karen Greig
Secretary	Moira White
Council	Cathy Barr
	Ian Barber
	Pam Bain
	Rod Clough

Garry Law becomes Immediate Past President.

Garry Law thanked Kath Prickett as outgoing Past President for her long service to the Association and then handed the meeting over to the new President.

Moved (L. Walter/R. Clough) that the meeting be adjourned until Saturday 4 December in New Plymouth. Carried.

The meeting finished at approximately 1.30 pm.

NZAA President's Report

A sad event in the year was the death of Ian Keyes, the long serving Wellington filekeeper. Lynda has referred further to him in her filekeeping co-ordinators report.

A broad range of activities has engaged the Association:

Council made two nominations for heritage area registration under the Historic Places Act and supported a third nomination from a Trust regional committee

Council decided to reconstitute the Groube Fieldwork award as a certificate rather than continue with the shield with the gumboots. The latter are perished and the former award has become malodorous as a result.

The closure and sale of part of the collections of the Wagener Museum exercised Council for a period. Fortunately the result was that the Mt Camel material was not included in the sale and is staying in a smaller “son of” museum. The episode illustrated the weak economic base of private museums, the confusion they can create in local communities over their public purpose – or rather lack of it. It also demonstrated that such institutions can have poor records of the origins of the material they hold. Some important other far north material was still sold. Auckland Museum secured some of the more important items by purchase.

The Mt Wellington round the mountain link, formerly part of the Auckland southeast expressway route has been dropped. It is an important archaeological site because of it being a rare non-cone remnant. Council lobbied on this.

Governance changes to the HPT Trust Board were floated during the year. NZAA made a submission on this. The outcome to date of a general governance Bill for crown entities bore slight relation to the original matters under debate.

The change to Resource Management Act, elevating the status of historic heritage was an important event during the year. It will take time for the consequences of this to work through resource management practice but there should be in the end a substantial change with local government engaging more broadly in heritage management. The change came in by way of a supplementary order paper with an ill-considered section on heritage landscapes which did not survive Parliament. This was unfortunate as greater protection for landscapes would be welcome. It was a lost opportunity. The failure of that part points strongly to the need to consult on such matters and get support organised.

The review of the Antiquities Act which commenced over a year ago has not progressed to any legislative proposal. The Council will continue to watch this matter.

With the site recording scheme upgrade project proceeding, Council has turned its attention to how the records are stored and accessed. A move to greater use of electronic systems is overdue. HPT, DOC and the NZAA all have needs in this direction. A joint working party has been established to see if a single system can meet the needs of all three organisations.

The Council was pleased to be invited to participate in a liaison group for World Heritage Site nomination. New Zealand has a low number of sites overall and is notably low in cultural sites compared with other countries. We think the next nomination should be a cultural site. The nomination process seems to us to be overly bureaucratic and it appears to be making slow progress.

Council corresponded with the Royal Society over its support of a Stonehenge style observatory in the Wairarapa. The supposed former use of Stonehenge and the Maori astronomy claimed in the publicity for this venture were error ridden. NZAA noted it expected that as the archaeological member body of the Society it would be consulted over something like this. The publicity material appearing for this venture shows no signs of improving. The Royal Society lowered itself in the Association's eyes over this venture.

Roger Green being awarded the Association of Scientists Marsden Medal was a highlight of the year. He was nominated by the Association and many of his friends turned out for the award dinner in Auckland, a memorable occasion.

Council received an unprofessional behaviour complaint during the year, and found it had no procedures for dealing with this. Some procedures were being developed when the complaint was withdrawn. The Council will continue work on these for future reserve. Being an interest group rather than a professional body makes issues such as these difficult for the Association to deal with adequately.

The e-news subscription list continues to grow. I have referred to this further in the web-masters report. The 'sites to visit' part of the website has stalled after the initial growth. It is a popular part of the website for the parts of the country covered - still only northern North Island for any degree of coverage.

The historic heritage performance of the Department of Conservation continues to be disappointing. There is persistent non-replacement of heritage staff who retire or leave. The promised input to the site record upgrade project for sites on DOC land has not occurred. Conservation Week in 2003 was supposed to have an historic heritage theme but many DOC offices seemed incapable of delivering on that.

At the top, statements from the Director General at events during that week, of all times, said quite directly that natural heritage was more important than cultural heritage. The Association would like to be able discuss its concerns at senior levels in the Department. Requests to meet the Minister and the Director have not been successful. We were surveyed during the year on our views of the department's historic heritage performance. We scored the department poorly.

The department has some great individual projects taking place at the moment, including North Head and Ruapekapeka. It can do well. It could do much better.

The greater engagement of the Historic Places Trust with archaeology has been a welcome trend during the year.

I would like to thank all the officers of NZAA and the council members for their work during the year. NZAA is lucky in the support it enjoys from them.

It was a great privilege to have had a second pair of years as President of the Association. I am sure Lynda Walter will be an energetic successor.

Garry Law

Report of Publications Manager

Activity in the publications division has been slow. This is probably due to the fact that there was no new monograph published this year. Most of the book orders are coming from book suppliers, or book agencies, or through the NZAA web page. Thanks to Garry Law for keeping the web page running.

The accounts for Archaeology in New Zealand are now being paid through the Publications Account. The treasurer provides 40% of members fees from the general account, and the publications account subsidises the difference between money received and the actual printing and postage costs. This arrangement was set into place to alleviate seasonal cashflow problems in the general account.

The publications account continues to have a healthy cash reserve. However there are two publications coming out this year to celebrate the 50th anniversary. One is an expanded version of the final issue of Archaeology in New Zealand for the year, and the other is a monograph by contributing authors on the state of archaeology in New Zealand. These publications will reduce the cash reserves, but a grant has been obtained from the Green Foundation to subsidise the monograph. It is hoped that this monograph will generate sales for several years to come.

The future of the monograph series (and the viability of Archaeology in New Zealand) is dependant on receiving suitable manuscripts for publication. We continue to lurch from year to year, hoping to be able to publish a new monograph to meet demand. It would be easier for Simon and myself if we were able to plan ahead for at least 12 months. I believe we continue to produce a good quality publication series which fills a niche in professional archaeological publishing.

Louise Furey

NZAA Site Recording Scheme File Coordinators Annual Report

There has been a considerable amount of activity within the Site Recording Scheme over the past year.

The year was marred by the death of Ian Keyes in February 2004. Ian was the filekeeper for the Wellington district for nearly 40 years, and one of the original band of dedicated NZAA members who helped to establish and organise the early running of the Site Recording Scheme.

Several new filekeepers have been enlisted during the year, all in North Island files, and their willingness to devote their time and effort to supporting the continuation of the Site Recording Scheme is greatly appreciated.

There has been a noticeable recent trend for files to move into the regional offices of the Historic Places Trust. The Canterbury, Wellington, Bay of Plenty and Auckland files are now all housed in Trust offices. The Trust is displaying considerable support for the Site Recording Scheme, and in this is partially compensating for the diminishing role of the Department of Conservation in regional historic heritage management. The Wanganui and Inland Patea files also moved location during the year, into the Wanganui Museum. This means that fourteen of the twenty district files are currently housed in institutions.

During the year two newsletters were produced for the filekeepers. An email contact group has also been set up, so that filekeepers can easily communicate with each other as a group if there are relevant issues that need discussion. There are now only two filekeepers without email contact.

A workshop for filekeepers was held in Wellington in November 2003, thanks to sponsorship provided by the Department of Conservation. A series of workshop sessions discussed topics ranging from the future direction of the scheme to the pressures experienced by filekeepers coping with the increasing demand for information. A written proceedings volume has been produced as a resource for filekeepers as a result of the workshop.

The Central Filekeeper, Tony Walton, has advised that as at 31 March 2004 the Central file held a total of 56,444 records. This is an increase of 986 on last years figure and represents an increase of about 1.8%.

Lynda Walter

New Zealand Journal of Archaeology Editor's Report

Volume 23 finally appeared towards the end of 2003. At 210 pages it was our largest volume to date and had to be priced accordingly.

Volume 24 is about to go to the printer. It has 8 papers and totals 156 pages, about the normal size. Volume 25 is now being copy edited and we hope to have it out towards the end of the year.

This will go a considerable way towards getting the publication back up to date. However, it will be necessary to produce two issues in 2005 if that aim is to be achieved. At the moment this looks pretty unlikely, as the rate of submission of papers has dropped again.

After the predominantly New Zealand content of Volumes 23, Volumes 24 and 25 will both be dominated by Pacific papers, with a smaller New Zealand content. This is a continuing worry. The wider content attracts overseas (particularly overseas institutional) subscriptions, but does not appeal so much to what should be our core subscription base of amateur and professional readers in New Zealand.

It is disappointing that relatively few papers are coming forward from the large amount of mitigation work taking place in New Zealand. There are three such papers in Volumes 24 and 25, all of considerable interest. But there should be more. With university-based archaeologists under strong pressure to publish in higher profile overseas journals, our journal should be a vehicle for results of public archaeology would otherwise appear only in grey literature, and also for papers deriving from student theses.

As usual, I should like to thank the referees, those who have acted as assistant editors, the typesetters, the business managers, and those who continue to support the Journal in the most important way of all – by contributing papers.

Janet Davidson.

Archaeology in New Zealand Editor's Report

Since taking over the reins of *AINZ* from Joan Lawrence for Volume 46 progress has been mixed. Two of last year's issues were particularly thin, and it is only with the March issue of this year that I feel that sufficient material has been submitted to make a reasonable publication. Fortunately there seems to be enough material now coming in, or at least promised, to see us through the June and September issues so long as the Association's members also continue to submit.

The final issue for this year will be the 50th Jubilee issue. Contributions were invited from senior members of the NZAA community. At the time of writing 29 contributors had submitted short articles on a wide variety of aspects of their involvement with NZAA since its inception. More articles are promised, and I would hope to get another 15 by the June 30th deadline. Numerous historic photographs have also been supplied. All in all I feel this will be a tremendously interesting, useful and above all entertaining volume. Because of its size and our desire to have the best possible output we hope to have it printed rather than photocopied. A application is currently before Lottery Environment and Heritage for assistance with this. I am extremely grateful to Nigel and Kath Prickett and Stuart Bedford for their enthusiastic help, as well as to all the contributors.

AINZ is now assembled using Adobe PageMaker 6.5 and supplied to the printer in electronic (PDF) format. This means that there is always a fully formatted electronic version available. Two implications of this are that backup

CDs have been given to the NZAA President and *AINZ* business manager for safekeeping, and that it is now possible to supply copies of papers electronically. Author's, for instance, are supplied with PDF copies of their papers in lieu of 'off prints.' There is no intention of converting *AINZ* to a web-based journal, but the outgoing President and I have briefly discussed making back issues available on the Association's web site for download. Although it is only a suggestion at present, my preference would be to have a moving wall with issues only mounted when they are two years old. The first such issue would be the March 2003 issue, due in March 2005. I would welcome any feedback from Council or members on this before that time.

Matthew Campbell

Size of central file as of 31 March 2004

On 31 March 2004 the Central File held a total of 56,444 records. This is an increase of 986 on last year's figure of 55,458. This represents an increase of about 1.8%.

Regional totals are as follows:

Region	2003	2004	Change
Northland	10490	10686	+ 196
Auckland	8811	8953	+ 142
Coromandel	4253	4320	+ 67
Waikato	3427	3657	+ 230
Bay of Plenty	8061	8195	+ 134
Taupo	455	457	+ 2
East Coast	2876	2903	+ 27
Taranaki	1571	1582	+ 11
Inland Patea	297	304	+ 7
Hawkes Bay	1940	1999	+ 59
Wanganui	887	890	+ 3
Wellington	1077	1082	+ 5
Nelson	1587	1609	+ 22
Marlborough	543	585	+ 42
Canterbury	1346	1288	- 58
West Coast	908	908	
Otago	2521	2615	+ 94
Central Otago	2110	2113	+ 3
Southland	1467	1467	
Outlying Islands	831	831	
	55458	56444	+ 986

Summary

North Island Files	44145	45028	+ 883
South Island Files	10482	10585	+ 103
Outlying Islands	831	831	
	55458	56444	+ 986

The largest percentage increases were in Marlborough (7.7%) and Waikato (6.7%). Figures for Canterbury and Otago include a boundary adjustment. The three largest files continue to hold 49% of the records. Pa sites (excluding gunfighter pa) comprise 12% of all recorded sites (n = 6880). Historic archaeological sites make up about 16% of all recorded sites.

A. Walton, Central Filekeeper

NZAA Site Recording Project

On May 27 2004 the Prime Minister Helen Clark announced additional funding of \$30 million for the heritage sector over the next three years. This package includes a total of \$529,000 granted to NZAA in order to facilitate the completion of the Upgrade Project. The government funding is targeted at national project administration, database management and Iwi participation. Fieldwork funding will continue to be provided by participating district and regional councils.

The funding is the result of a great deal of hard work and lobbying carried out by and on behalf of NZAA by a small number of people. Particular thanks are due to Aidan Challis for providing the solution that enabled NZAA to bid for central government funding via the Historic Places Trust. We also owe a debt of thanks to the Associate Arts, Culture and Heritage Minister Judith Tizard, who has been exceptionally supportive of both NZAA and the Upgrade Project.

I also want to thank Garry Law, Rick McGovern-Wilson and Karen Greig for their commitment and support for the Upgrade Project and their help with the preparation and presentation of the funding bid.

Lynda Walter

Project Manager

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New Zealand Archaeological Association 50th Anniversary Conference

The Archaeology of New Zealand and the Pacific: from 3000BP to the present.

The New Zealand Archaeological Association (NZAA) is celebrating its 50th anniversary in New Plymouth from Monday the 29th of November to Sunday

the 5th of December 2004. The dates are now fixed and the general timetable will be as follows:

Monday 29 Nov – pre-Conference fieldtrip from Auckland plus evening opening event.

Tuesday 30 Nov – Full day of papers. Keynote address from Dr Brian Fagan. Public lecture in the evening.

Wednesday 1 Dec – Full day of papers. Historic film evening and social gathering.

Thursday 2 Dec – Full day of papers. Evening event to be advised.

Friday 3 Dec – All day fieldtrip. Evening event to be advised.

Saturday 4 Dec – Papers till 3pm then AGM and close of conference.

Conference Dinner.

Sunday 5 Dec – Half-day fieldtrip.

A conference registration form will be available from early July 2004 at the conference page on the NZAA web site (<http://www.nzarchaeology.org>). In addition a hard copy of the registration form will be posted to all members as an insert in the September edition of AINZ. Early bird registration rates will apply until six weeks prior to Conference. It will also be possible to register at Conference, but a higher rate will apply. It is also expected that a list of attendees and papers will be posted on the web site by July 2004.

New Plymouth offers a diverse range of accommodation at reasonable prices. There is a link to an accommodation guide from the NZAA Conference web page, or readers can access it directly at <http://www.newplymouthnz.com/events/accommodation.asp>.

As already outlined, due to high demand NZAA requires notification as soon as possible if you are planning to present a paper. Stuart Bedford and Louise Furey are papers coordinators for the Conference sbedford@historic.org.nz

NZAA is also encouraging the production of posters for this years conference.

The proposed paper sessions are:

Origins	Culture change
Trade, exchange and economics	Linguistics
Settlement patterns	European Contact
Historical Archaeology	Physical Anthropology
Development of archaeology in New Zealand	
Future directions	Cultural Resource Management

Conference announcement and call for papers

*3rd National Archaeology Students' Conference 2004 September 28–30
Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia.*

The Flinders University NASC committee invite students of archaeology and related disciplines to participate in the National Archaeology Students' Conference to be held on campus from September 28–30.

The aim of NASC is to provide a non-threatening, supportive forum for students to present papers or posters, exchange ideas, gain experience and establish contacts from other universities.

The NASC theme "Explorations, Investigations and New Directions" focuses on acknowledging the accomplishments of the past and seeking new ways of interpreting and using archaeology in the future. The 2004 NASC theme is intentionally broad to encompass all aspects of archaeology and is not restrictive – presentation topics are open providing there is a clear link to archaeology.

Abstracts are required by Friday 30th July 2004

Call for papers and registration forms are available from our website:

http://www.flinders.edu.au/archaeology/nasc/nasc_main.htm

Enquiries to Publicity Officer LeanneGTaylor@hotmail.com

Abstracts to nascconference@hotmail.com

Conference Announcement

Dialogues Across Cultures Conference

On November 11-14 2004 the Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies at Monash University will host a major international symposium "Dialogues Across Cultures" focusing on cultural diversity and difference within a community and their relationship to indigenous culture and identity. The main objective is to foster and encourage discussion about the relationship between various cultural identities and groups, and their place with the community and nation, with special emphasis on the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous persons, groups and cultures. The symposium will draw together a broad range of prominent local, national and international scholars, cultural practitioners and community figures interested in cultural diversity, Indigenous and human rights, politics, education and development, history and literature, music, art and film. Speakers:

Gayatri Chakravorty Spivak		Ghassan Hage (to be confirmed)
Martin Nakata	Paul Patton	Sneja Gunew
Patrick Wolfe	Dipesh Chakrabarty	Lynette Russell
Jonathan Friedman	Marcia Langton	Rob Jahnke
Mick Dodson	Arohia Durie	Nikos Papastergiadis

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Final call for papers

Global Perspectives on the Archaeology of Islands

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.

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.

For those of you who wish to give a paper and have yet to submit an abstract, please note, the final deadline is June 30th.

We are now requesting that people formally register. The costs for the conference are as follows:

Registration by 1 September: NZ\$200 (including lunches and conference dinner).

Students/unsalaried NZ\$75 with lunches and dinner, or NZ\$50 without dinner.

Registration fees after 1 September is NZ\$75 more, \$50 for students.

Day registrations are available.

To register, please download the registration form from our web site:

<http://www.arts.auckland.ac.nz/ant/islands/index.htm>

We are planning a field trip to the Hauraki Gulf Islands just outside Auckland Harbour on the Friday, 10th December. The itinerary and cost will be dependent on how many people want to come. Please indicate your interest by ticking the appropriate box on the registration form.

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