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NOTES AND NEWS

New Members

Gillian Deane, Christopher Dodson, Stephanie Ford, Doreen Goodall, Leah Johnston, Yann-Pierre Montelle, Srey Muth, Garrick Payne, Meredith Robertshaw, Opus International Consultants Ltd

Donations (received with thanks)

Matt Felgate, Rachel Darmody, Emma Brooks

Conference announcement

NZAA Conference, 17–21 May 2006, Waihi Beach. Venue to be advised.

The theme for the 52nd annual conference will be: Archaeological Site Management and Interpretation.

Waihi Beach is located in the Western Bay of Plenty at the southern tip of the Coromandel Peninsula. It is approximately 1 hour's drive from either Tauranga or Hamilton Airport. There is a range of accommodation available at the beach, including a motor camp, bed and breakfast establishments, and two local motels. There are numerous holiday homes available for rent at reasonable off-season rates: check out www.nzholidayhomes.co.nz.

For papers inquiries please contact the papers coordinator: Cathryn Barr at Cathryn.barr@opus.co.nz or phone (06) 833 5121.

For general conference inquiries please contact the conference organiser: Meri Low at meri.low@clear.net.nz or phone (07)544 4048.

Conference Announcement

National Heritage Conference, 3–6 October 2005, Napier and Hastings

Head to the sunny Hawke's Bay in early October and join us for the National Heritage Conference proudly presented by the New Zealand Historic Places Trust to coincide with its 50th anniversary year.

A national level forum to address Our Heritage Future and discuss New Zealand's key heritage issues in an interesting, stimulating and inspiring way! Join us for thought-provoking keynote addresses, interactive workshops with lively debate and on fun, educational field trips to explore real heritage places and how they are being kept alive in the community.

A variety of important heritage-related topics will be expertly covered by top-quality international and national speakers, including Sir Neil Cossons from English Heritage, Tom Perrigo from The National Trust of Australia (W.A.), Environment Court Judge Shonagh Kenderdine and devoted heritage advocate Dame Kate Harcourt.

This conference is for: architects, archaeologists, engineers, consultants, planners, conservators, heritage owners and developers, historians, heritage tourism operators and anyone else involved in New Zealand's heritage management and protection.

Don't miss the celebratory gala dinner and awards ceremony; relax and unwind after two intensive days of learning, debate and discussion. Join optional pre- and post-conference tours and enjoy the enchantment of the Hawke's Bay region. Find out more and register online now at www.heritageconference.co.nz

Conference announcement

*2005 World Archaeological Congress: Indigenous Inter-Congress
8–12 November 2005, Waipapa Marae, University of Auckland*

The World Archaeological Congress (WAC), established in 1985, is the only fully international and representative organisation of practising archaeologists committed to an inclusive, multi-vocal interpretation of the human past. The mission of the World Archaeological Congress is to:

- promote professional training for disadvantaged nations and communities;
- broaden public education, involving national and international communities in archaeological research;
- empower indigenous groups, minorities and the poor by providing information about their pasts; and
- contribute to the conservation of archaeological sites threatened by looting, urban growth, tourism, development or war.

Each international meeting of WAC situates archaeological practice in the modern social, political and economic world. It brings scholars from low-income countries and indigenous groups together with Euro-American scholars to discuss research and scientific techniques as well as stewardship and preservation of heritage sites, and, indeed, the global future of the human past. World Archaeological Congresses and Inter-Congresses therefore play a critical role in archaeological discourse by helping rescue the past from domination by a colonialist legacy and by providing a forum for far-reaching perspectives on global processes of change.

The 2005 WAC Inter-Congress is titled *The Use and Abuse of Archaeology for Indigenous Peoples*. It is expected that 200 people will attend, some of whom will be indigenous archaeologists and heritage workers from North and South America, Africa, India, Australia and the Pacific. A number of noted archaeologists will be participating in this congress, including Colin Renfrew, Ian Hodder, Margaret Conkey, Joan Gero and Larry Zimmerman.

This will be the most significant archaeological conference to come to New Zealand. It has the dual benefits of drawing in Maori and Pacific Island students and heritage workers, who may call on the experiences of other indigenous scholars and Euro-American academics, as well as providing a forum for the whole archaeological community (university, museum or heritage based) to come together and discuss a number of important topics. It will also be an exciting conference with many different events planned and an innovative programme: we urge you all to attend.

The sessions, fees and other details are listed on the web site <http://www.worldarchaeologicalcongress.org>. Alternatively contact: Des Kahotea (Co-Convenor, dkahotea@ihug.co.nz), Stephanie Anne Ford (Academic Program Chair, stephanie_ford_wac@hotmail.com), or Caroline Phillips (Co-Convenor, phillips@orcon.net.nz).

NZAA council

At the 13 August 2005 meeting of the New Zealand Archaeological Association Council, General Business included the following matters:

1. Upgrade Project

See separate report.

2. NZAA/DoC/HPT working party

The NZAA representatives have met and drafted an interim agreement (to work alongside the tripartite agreement) for discussion at the next whole group meeting.

3. Conference 2006

A list of three possible venues was presented: Raglan, Waihi Beach, and Cambridge. The first two both offered a number of positive points but a provisional choice of Waihi Beach was made.

We envisage a four-day conference but need to check Easter 2006, school holidays and semester breaks before setting a date.

4. Conference 2005

Costs exceeded income by \$1000 but various people associated with its organisation have reported a lot of positive feedback

5. Te Kura a Maia

Recent visitors to this iconic site have reported distress at the amount of damage and lack of evident management. NZAA Council will send a letter to the Western Bay of Plenty District Council discussing management issues relating to heritage values.

6. Website

It was decided to increase resources for consultants on the NZAA website by including such material as templates for management plans, a health and safety policy, and a draft contract.

7. Upgrade Project Steering Group

Moved (Law/Walter) that Rachel Darmody be appointed to the Upgrade Project Steering Group. Agreed

8. Meeting with Dave Jane

It was agreed that Lynda ask Dave Jane if we could have another meeting to discuss a number of issues, including access to the Central File for the Upgrade Project, and the Kaingaroa rock art site.

9. Mary Jeal

The meeting formally acknowledged the death of Mary Jeal, an honorary and long-term member, and ex-President of the Association. Her huge contribution to archaeology in New Zealand, including a passion for site protection and commitment to working with tangata whenua was noted.

The NZAA Site Recording Scheme Upgrade Project

Over the last three months we have achieved our target of getting the Upgrade Project underway in every region of the country.

In the Northland region, Matt Felgate is about to commence the stage 1 (paper-based) review of records in the Far North and Kaipara districts. The review will be completed in June 2006, and will identify which sites require field visits in each of those districts. Fieldwork in Whangarei district is due to commence within the next six weeks.

The stage 1 review for the Auckland region is underway, and is due for completion in December 2005. Fieldwork in Waitakere city, Franklin and

Rodney districts will commence early in 2006.

John Coster begins work as the primary contractor for the Upgrade Project in the Waikato region in September. Fieldwork has recently been completed in the South Waikato district and is due to get underway in Hauraki district in November. The stage 1 review for the remaining districts in the region has commenced. Most of the district councils in the region have now confirmed funding contributions for project fieldwork, with the notable, and disappointing, exception of Thames-Coromandel District Council. The council recently declined an NZAA submission to their annual plan, stating that the district council does not agree that it has any responsibility to fund such work. Thames-Coromandel District Council has the dubious distinction of joining a small group of nine local authorities that have declined to participate in the Upgrade Project.

The Upgrade Project in the Bay of Plenty has finally got down to the last 1000 records to be assessed. We have recently commenced a web based service trial with the Bay of Plenty local authorities to return upgraded data. This trial will operate for the remainder of 2005 as we progressively load the upgraded data for the region.

In the Hawkes Bay region the stage 1 review is underway for Napier City Council and Hastings District Council areas. Fieldwork in those districts is scheduled for early 2006.

In the Taranaki region fieldwork in Stratford and New Plymouth districts has been completed, and the final report for Stratford district is available. Letters asking for property access have been sent to landowners in the South Taranaki district and we expect to commence fieldwork in that district during September/October.

In the Manawatu-Wanganui, region fieldwork has been completed in Manawatu district and the final report is available. Iwi/hapu consultation is continuing in the Wanganui district, with fieldwork scheduled to begin later in the year. Ruapehu, Rangitikei, Horowhenua and Tararua districts are all currently considering project plans and we have commenced the stage 1 review in those districts.

Work in the Wellington region is on-going with all the local authorities in the region participating. Fieldwork will start in Porirua City in October and will be progressively undertaken throughout the region over the next year.

In Marlborough consultation with iwi is progressing well, and the first fieldwork is scheduled for November 2005. In Buller district fieldwork is due to start in early September. Westland District Council has recently declined to participate in the Upgrade Project.

In the Otago region the stage 1 review has been commenced in Clutha district and fieldwork should be underway in that district in 2006. We have heard

a rumour that the Otago Regional Council has decided to make some funding available for Upgrade Project fieldwork in the region, but there has been no formal confirmation to date.

A project plan agreement is about to be signed for work in the Southland region, and the stage 1 review will commence in September, hopefully leading on to fieldwork in early 2006.

If you would like to know more about what is happening with the Upgrade Project in your region or district, please contact me.

Lynda Walter

Project Manager

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New Zealand Journal of Archaeology editor's report, June 2005

As foreshadowed in my 2004 report, we were able to publish two issues last year. Volume 24 had eight papers and totalled 156 pages. Volume 25, which appeared at the end of the year, contained seven papers and totalled 157 pages.

We intend to publish two issues again this year. Copy editing and typesetting of Volume 26 is well in hand and it should be published in August. Some papers are already in the system for Volume 27, due to appear in December, but there is still an opportunity for prompt publication of papers submitted in the next few months. The Journal will then be up to date, and will revert to its proper schedule of annual publication in 2006.

There is never room for complacency about the rate of submission of papers. More is always better, and helps ensure prompt publication and good quality. I feel strongly that the Journal should be publishing more papers that report some of the work being done in New Zealand under the Historic Places legislation. We have had several excellent papers in recent years, but I know that other important work remains buried in unpublished reports of very limited circulation. Although a lot of mitigation archaeology does not produce results worthy of submission to a refereed journal, some of it certainly does. I know it is hard to sit down and produce a scholarly paper once contractual obligations have been met and final payments made. But there is little point in doing mitigation archaeology unless its results are adequately disseminated to the archaeological and eventually wider communities. It is a pity that HPT cannot award some kind of bonus to contractors producing a refereed paper or papers at the conclusion of a major piece of fieldwork carried out under the Act.

Circulation remains a worry. As I have said before, our subscribers are, on the whole, an aging population. The Journal will not survive unless the younger generation support it by subscribing (and by submitting papers).

Once again, I thank the referees, 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, June 2005

Excellent material continues to come in for publication covering a wide range of topics. The June issue for this year will have papers on Lapita pottery, freshwater mussels, waka, sites on the DoC estate and an update on the New Zealand archaeological workforce. I particularly urge our members to use AINZ to publish the results of small scale mitigation excavations that might otherwise be as good as lost in the grey literature. Alongside the Notes and News/Fieldwork sections of AINZ, I see this as the journal's most important function. I believe that if we don't put the results of our work in the public arena we will find it increasingly hard to justify our existence in the hard-nosed world of commerce and politics. What we do is both interesting and relevant to the New Zealand public, but only if they know about it. AINZ is a vital forum for this.

The final issue of AINZ for last year, Volume 47 Number 4, was the 50th Jubilee issue *Digging into History*. The response to the finished product was very positive and indicates that not only was it very worthwhile to record our history in this fashion, but also that the volume will be a useful resource for future generations of archaeologists.

Matthew Campbell