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NOTES AND NEWS

New Members

Charlotte Blick, CFG Heritage Ltd, Simon Duff, Mfanwy Eaves, Jaden Harris, Raylene Reihana-Ruka, Mere Roberts, Dave Robson, Ben Shaw, Jean Spinks, Anthony Tipene, Lloyd Walker

NZAA Council

At the 28 October meeting of the New Zealand Archaeological Association Council the following matters were discussed under General Business:

1. 2007 conference

Lynda Walter reported that all was going well. The venue, the Heritage Hotel Hanmer, had been booked. Dates had been altered to 6–10 June 2007 because the venue was not available for the dates originally suggested.

In his role as Papers Coordinator Richard Walter reported that he had been offered a number of papers already. A formal call for papers would follow in the next week or so.

2. Submissions update/review

Pam Bain summarised the Association's general position with regard to this process. Given that we undertook this work on a voluntary basis we had to choose strategically to which of them we would respond. Our preference was to work at a regional level, so that the impact of suggestions could filter down. Key types were Regional Policy Statements and Regional Coastal Plans. In addition we targeted councils that had not been supportive of the Upgrade Project, which raised our profile, as well as interest and expectations.

Cathy Barr read a list of the submissions made by NZAA since June 2006. Currently Matt Schmidt is working on one for Stewart Island, and Lynda Walter and Karen Greig on another for the Hauraki Gulf Islands.

The meeting acknowledged the scale of the job and their appreciation of Cathy's work as Submissions Coordinator.

3. LINZ archives/access

Emma Brooks reported that the scheduled meeting had been postponed and was then held 18 October when she had been out of town. Linda Gilbert had spoken about the Core Paper records project. Core paper records are all the paper records generated before the shift to electronic record keeping, approximately 30 million records. These will be stored at a variety of repositories. The project will identify which records are currently held where. Relevant manual finding aids will remain accessible until the migration to electronic finding aids is complete.

Tony Walton's original concern with delays in accessibility of aerial photographs that had been transferred to National Archives had now been resolved. LINZ, however, is committed to putting a paper up to its Minister by mid-2007 and NZAA wishes to be directly involved in the process of consultation. We will write to Brian Usherwood, Customer Services, LINZ, asking that we be identified as a stakeholder.

4. Tenure review

Matt Schmidt summarised the report he had given to an assessment meeting in Wellington: he suggested that in Otago the system worked very well. It had been decided that the NZAA record form would be the standard for data recording and he was very happy with that. Following a meeting with TRONT he now worked with an iwi-designated archaeologist in the field.

He criticised the process in Canterbury, feeling it did not represent the public interest in cultural heritage. A paper based assessment was not acceptable – properties needed to be revisited as part of the review process. There had been no aerial photographs on the week of inspection but this was needed for identification of traditional trails, bullock tracks, etc. Only a summary of the recommendations was necessary.

Matt suggested that NZHPT and NZAA should be forming the Significant Inherent Values guide to agreed national standards, and work could be peer-reviewed by university departments.

A date is not yet set for the final report to be available.

5. Conservation Boards

It was reported that John Coster's nomination to the Bay of Plenty Conservation board had been successful.

6. The site recording scheme

The President then welcomed Garry Law and Rachel Darmody, members of the Site Recording Scheme Steering Group, to the afternoon session

of the meeting, which began with the Upgrade Project Manager's report. This was followed by a progress report on the database from Karen Greig. Basically it is operational but still being tweaked, given that there had been no budget for testing before use. Access to the web services has been provided to about one third of the participating councils. Field crews were using the web form in the field or else a bulk-loaded spreadsheet. Historic data from the last eight years is being loaded. Paper records were only being added where the Project had added new information to the file.

Garry Law then tabled the paper he had circulated prior to the meeting. This gave the history of the Scheme, summarised the current situation, and raised a number of crucial issues that need to be agreed in order to move in the direction we wish for the future. The paper is to be published in AINZ with a call for feedback as a statement of Council's position.

Tentative date of next meeting: Saturday 24 February 2007.

The NZAA Site Recording Scheme Upgrade Project

The Northland dynamic duo of James Robinson and Phil Latham are back in action in the Whangarei district finishing off the last of the project fieldwork that was unable to be completed earlier in the year due to the Northland winter. James will shortly be moving on to the paper-based review of the rest of the Northland file district, and Phil is relocating to the neighbouring Rodney district.

Sally Burgess is currently completing fieldwork in Waitakere City, which should be finished around Christmas time, and we are hoping to entice her to move on to the Franklin district after that.

John Coster and Tiffany Lee-James have been exploring the archaeological sites of the Hauraki and Waikato districts in recent weeks and John is also still churning through the paper-based review of the Waikato region site record forms. If you are doing work in this region please get in touch with John so that he can factor your work into his review.

In the Bay of Plenty work is about to start on the fieldwork phase of the project in the Whakatane district. For the rest of the region, the updated data has been loaded to the database service and is available to councils.

Fieldwork in the Napier City Council and Hastings District Council areas has been completed over the last three months by Jaden Harris of CFG Heritage and Phil Latham. The landowner response has been very good. Project work should be complete in these districts this calendar year. Hawke's Bay Regional Council is still declining to participate in the project, so work in Central Hawke's Bay and Wairoa districts is not possible at this stage.

Fieldwork in the Taranaki region is complete and final reports are currently being prepared for New Plymouth and South Taranaki districts. Project work in the Wanganui district is currently delayed, but should still be completed by the end of June 2007. Ivan Bruce is currently doing fieldwork in the Horowhenua district.

In the Wellington region, fieldwork has been completed in the districts west of the Rimutaka Ranges and is now about to get underway in the South Wairarapa district. Marlborough district fieldwork has been completed, except for some problematic sites on D'Urville Island.

Moving further south, fieldwork in Dunedin City has been started on the Otago Peninsula by Phil Latham, in between his trips to the North Island. Richard Walter and Chris Jacomb will be tackling the Clutha district during the first half of 2007. NZAA representatives met with Otago Regional Council staff in October in order to encourage that council to reconsider their decision not to participate in the project. No significant progress has been made to date.

A funding bid has been lodged with the Ministry for Culture and Heritage in order to finish off project work in the 07/08 financial year. Members of the project steering group have been invited to meet with Judith Tizard in early December to discuss the project outcomes and progress.

If you are interested to learn more about the Upgrade Project work in your district, please get in touch.

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NZAA Conference, 6–10 June 2007, The Heritage Hotel, Hanmer Springs

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATES

The theme for the 53rd annual conference will be: Archaeology in Isolation.

Hanmer Springs is located in the centre of the South Island at the base of the Southern Alps, approximately 90 minutes drive north of Christchurch. Join us to explore heritage among the hot pools and high country. A planned highlight of the conference will be a 4WD bus tour of Molesworth Station (weather permitting).

There is a range of accommodation available, including a motor camp, bed and breakfast establishments, and motels spanning from alpine luxury to cheap and cheerful. Check out the options at www.nzhotsprings.com.

Discounted room rates are being offered for conference attendees at the conference venue, the Heritage Hanmer Springs.

For information about the conference theme or papers inquiries, please contact the papers coordinator: Dr Richard Walter at richard.walter@stonebow.otago.ac.nz or phone 03 479 8754.

For general conference inquiries please contact the conference coordinator: Lynda Walter at kylie.bop@clear.net.nz or phone tollfree 0508 272 423.

Conference registration forms will be sent to all members early in 2007 and will also be available on the NZAA website, www.nzarchaeology.org.nz. Early bird registration rates will apply.

Royal Society of New Zealand's Auckland Islands Symposium, 18 August 2006

The symposium was held to commemorate the bicentenary of the 1806 European discovery of the Auckland Islands. The organiser was Mary McEwen, daughter of Sir Charles Fleming, who coordinated a papers programme at Science House, Turnbull Street, Wellington. The programme was divided into three sections: human history; biology and present management; and earth sciences. A number of papers of direct archaeological interest were presented reporting findings of recent expeditions, particularly that organised by DOC in February 2003.

Atholl Anderson: *The first human inhabitants of the Auckland Islands in a south Polynesian perspective*. Atholl talked about the pre-19th century habitation on the Auckland Islands, focusing on the site at Sandy Bay, Enderby Island, with an AD 13th century date, and its context in the initial human settlement in south Polynesia.

Paul Dingwall and Kevin Jones: *An archaeological reconstruction of the 1849–52 Enderby settlement at Port Ross*. Paul presented results of the 2003 archaeological survey of the 'famous' settlement and the techniques used to detect and reconstruct its layout.

Nigel Prickett: *Sealing in the Auckland Islands*. The Auckland Islands played a significant role in the south-western Pacific sealing industry from initial discovery to the 1820s. Nigel outlined the historical accounts of sealing activity and the nature of physical evidence for it on the islands.

Rachael Egerton: *Shipwrecks, castaways and Government provisions*. Rachael's paper presented the results of the 2003 field surveys of the sites and histories of the shipwreck era. The focus was on shipwrecks, castaway camps and provision depots.

Kevin Jones: *Historical Archaeology of the Cape Expedition*. Kevin described the World War II coastwatching activity on the Auckland Islands and associated archaeological remains in Carnley Harbour and Ranui Cove.

Geoff Walls: *Picking up the plant trail – botanical evidence of people in the Auckland Islands*. Geoff presented the evidence of botanical signs of human presence from the sealer–whaler period (flax varieties being of particular interest) and the post–1840 period.

Bruce McFadgen: *Dead Albatrosses – talk about the history of Enderby Island*. Bruce proposed a paleotsunami interpretation of some geological coastal deposits containing albatross remains.

The great value of the gathering was meeting the wide variety of participants with close associations and interests in the Auckland Islands. Included were a descendant of the Maori and Moriori occupation (1842–1854), archaeologists, historians, former coastwatchers, ecological and geological scientists, writers, film makers and shipwreck enthusiasts.

News from the Historic Places Trust

Staffing

The Trust has continued to grow its archaeological capacity and we now have 10.6 FTE archaeologists across the country. Recent appointments include:

- Yolanda Vogel in the Northland Area Office (Kerikeri). Marianne Turner is leaving us at Christmas time to take up an appointment at Auckland University in the New Year, so Yolanda will become the new Area Archaeologist and we will be looking to appoint a 0.5 position in addition.
- Tiffany James-Lee in the Lower Northern Area Office (Tauranga). This is a 50:50 position shared with NZAA and we look forward to progressing the relationship.
- Simon Duff in the Central Region Office (Wellington).
- Matt Schmidt in the Otago / Southland Area Office (Dunedin).

Consultants meeting

The Trust is planning to hold a number consultant's meetings early in 2007. This will be an opportunity for the discussion of issues and clarification of opposing points of view.

It is intended that the first will be held in Auckland in late February over two days: Day 1 will focus on national issues, legal aspects, etc., and Day 2 will have a regional focus. An agenda and notice will come out in January but we are open to suggestions and contributions for discussion.

The second is planned for Hamilton in March 2007 to cover the Trust's Lower Northern Region: Waikato, Coromandel, and Bay of Plenty. It is also hoped that a workshop in Taranaki may eventually be organised in the first half of the year.

Things to note

Reports. The Trust is currently completing its third review of outstanding authority reports, this time for authorities granted during the 2003 financial year. Letters will be sent advising archaeologists of their outstanding reports in late 2006 or early 2007. As with the previous two reviews, it is expected that there will be some cases where the authority has not actually been exercised, or where no archaeological material was found, so please advise us accordingly upon receipt of your letter.

Jo's travels. Assistant Archaeologist Jo Wylie recently returned from Nara, Japan, where she attended the 2006 Asia–Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (ACCU) training course on cultural heritage protection in the Asia–Pacific region. The theme of this year's month-long course was the research, analysis and preservation of archaeological remains. The course provided Jo with the opportunity to meet and network with heritage professionals from across the Asia–Pacific region, from Mongolia to Micronesia, and gain an international perspective on current developments and issues within the field of cultural heritage protection. She was also able to visit some of Japan's renowned archaeological and heritage sites, particularly in Nara itself, which served as the first permanent capital of Japan from AD 710–794.

Digital Library project. NZAA members will recall that I mentioned about 18 months ago the intent to create a Digital Library of all authority / permit / site survey reports (the "grey literature mountain") that are held in the Trust Library in Wellington, nearly 1300 in total. Due to the recent sterling efforts of Christen McAlpine we have made a significant start to this project and approximately 260 reports have now been scanned. This project will be continuing over the next 2–3 months and we hope to have the entire holding of pdfs available early in 2007. In the meantime, if members have material in pdf format they could send me (email: rmcgwilson@historic.org.nz) it would be gratefully accepted. Likewise, when sending in reports you can do your bit to help by sending both hard and digital copies to us.

Tenure review. Matt Schmidt is now heading the heritage fieldwork for Tenure Review in Otago/Southland. He will be working with Shar Briden of DOC. This season two properties are to be surveyed: Shortlands (which lies along the famous Kyeburn diggings in Central Otago) and Loch Linnhe

(which extends from the shores of Lake Wakatipu over the Hector Mountains and into the Nevis Valley).

Gazettal of archaeological sites

The New Zealand Historic Places Trust's *Statement of Intent 2006 – 2009* identifies the development of a collaborative programme of gazettal of post-1900 important and at risk archaeological sites as a priority output. As a starting point, the NZHPT is interested in hearing from NZAA members who know of sites that could be candidates for gazettal under the *Historic Places Act 1993*.

What is gazettal? Section 9(2) of the *Historic Places Act 1993* allows for a post-1900 archaeological site to be declared as an 'archaeological site' as defined in the Act by notification in the *Gazette* and by public notice, if the NZHPT considers it to be "a site that is or may be able, through investigation by archaeological methods, to provide significant evidence relating to the historical and cultural heritage of New Zealand." Notification as an archaeological site in the *Gazette* then affords that site protection under the archaeological provisions of the Act.

In 2004, the NZHPT undertook a pilot project to gazette the post-1900 Napier Prison Wall as an archaeological site, so that staff could develop the mechanisms required to undertake further gazettals as a proactive means of protecting significant post-1900 archaeological sites. A second site was gazetted in 2006 – the Makatote Tramway at Erua (see the last issue of *Archaeology in New Zealand*).

If you know of sites that would be suitable for gazettal, please contact:

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The Skinner Fund For Physical Anthropology, Archaeology and Ethnology

Applications for grants from the Skinner Fund, sponsored jointly by the Royal Society of New Zealand, the Polynesian Society and the New Zealand Archaeological Association, close on 1 April 2007.

The purpose of the fund is to promote the study of the history, art, culture, physical and social anthropology of the Maori and other Polynesian peoples, particularly through the recording, survey, excavation and scientific study of prehistoric and historic sites in New Zealand and the islands of the south-west Pacific. This includes the detailed analysis of all cultural, artistic or physical remains that have been recovered as the result of such investigations. To this end both research projects having survey, recording and excavation as their goal, as well as those which propose to treat analytically and comparatively materials already so recovered, shall be deemed to have equal weight. Preference will be given to well-documented research plans which specify methodology and anticipated outcomes of the proposed research.

The amount available for distribution from the fund is not large and, grants of about \$1,000 will be allocated.

Every recipient of a grant from the fund shall report to the Royal Society of New Zealand before 30 June in the year after the grant was made, showing in a general way the expenditure of the grant and the progress made with the research.

The results of research aided by grants from the fund shall, where possible, be published in New Zealand, with due acknowledgement of the source of financial assistance, and one copy of any report stemming from such research shall be sent to the Society.

Please provide a current CV, an outline of your proposed research and a budget. Applications should be sent to:

The Executive Officer – Awards
 Royal Society of New Zealand
 P O Box 598
 Wellington

All applications will be acknowledged.

Call for volunteers

CFG Heritage will be excavating an early settlement period site at Whangamata in 2007. The excavation will be in two stages with the first beginning after Queen's Birthday weekend and running for two weeks. Anyone interested should contact Warren Gumbley, ph. 07 856 4877 or email: warren.g@cfgheritage.com.

Obituary

Kenneth Walter Moore, 1926–2006

Ken Moore, a member of the Association from 1961, died suddenly at his home in Kawerau on 26 June, 2006. Ken had an abiding interest in the local history and archaeology of the Bay of Plenty where he lived. He played a major role in the Whakatane Historical Society over many years, serving as its President from 1964 to 1971. He was actively involved in the building of the museum and the setting up of its displays. Ken contributed a number of articles to the museum journal.

It was in his role as the Bay of Plenty filekeeper for the Archaeological Association from 1961 until 1983 that he made a huge contribution to the Association and the New Zealand Historic Places Trust. Ken was very proud of the NZMS1 topographic sheets on the wall of his study, on which he marked all of the archaeological sites recorded in his filing district. Many of these records resulted from Ken's own field recording. He was also proud of the fact that for many years his filing district had more recorded sites than any other. Ken was also instrumental in the discovery and early test investigations of the Kohika site, and with the later fuller excavations under Geoff Irwin

Ken was one of those key amateurs on whom the Association and the Historic Places Trust so depended from the commencement of the file in the early 1960s. His enthusiasm, his active involvement in the field recording, his meticulous maintenance of the file, and the assistance he gave to other field workers in the area and to the Historic Places Trust, were truly memorable. We did not often see Ken at Association conferences, but those of us who got to know him on his home turf, and understood the depth and extent of his involvement in archaeology, all came to appreciate the extent of our considerable debt to Ken. The Association extends its condolences to Ken's wife and their daughters.