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NOTES AND NEWS

NZAA Conference 2008, 4–8 June 2008, Solway Park Copthorne Hotel, Masterton

54th Annual Conference 'Archaeology and Technology'

Join us in Masterton to explore the archaeology of technology. This theme was chosen to highlight the development of the NZAA Digital Site Recording Scheme, but our interest is not restricted to exploring the cutting edge of archaeological technology.

We are interested in the influence of technology within our discipline in a broad historical framework. Starting with the navigators and boat builders who first arrived on our shores from Polynesia, through early Polynesian and European colonists, the gold miners and early pastoralists through to the industrialists of the late 19th century – all have left a mark on our landscape and have influenced the way we think about archaeology.

This conference focuses on technology, old and new, and how it has influenced the archaeological record and the practice of archaeology in the early 21st century.

For inquiries regarding the conference theme and all papers inquiries please contact the papers coordinator: Dr Richard Walter at richard.walter@stonebow.otago.ac.nz or phone (03) 479 8754. The Student Paper Prize for 2008 is sponsored by Clough and Associates Ltd and 1st prize is \$200 cash. There will also be prizes for 2nd and 3rd depending on the number of student papers offered.

Venue

Masterton is located in the Wairarapa region approximately 90 minutes drive northeast of Wellington. Travel by train from downtown Wellington right to the conference venue; Solway Park Copthorne Hotel, High Street, Masterton.

Accommodation

There is a range of accommodation available in Masterton, including motor camps, bed and breakfast establishments, farm stays, private holiday homes and motels to suit all budgets.

Accommodation is available at the conference venue. The Solway Park Copthorne Hotel is offering discounted rates for NZAA members attending

conference. If you make your booking using the internet you will need to obtain the NZAA promotional code in order to access the discounted rates. The code can be obtained from Meri Low (contact details below). Alternatively you can make a telephone reservation at the Copthorne Hotel (06) 370 0500, and tell them you are attending the NZAA conference.

To register for conference, or for inquiries about discounted room rates at the Solway Park Copthorne Hotel please contact Meri Low at meri.low@xtra.co.nz or phone (07) 544 4048

Conference Programme

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| Wednesday 4 June | Powhiri 4.30 pm followed by an Evening Welcome Event commencing at 6.30 pm (complimentary drinks & light supper). Venue: Aratoi, the Wairarapa Museum of Art and History, Bruce Street, Masterton. Please attend the powhiri to support our speakers and meet the tangata whenua. There will be an opportunity to view the 'Wairarapa Whakaputa Mohoi – Settling the Land' exhibition at Aratoi. Information about Aratoi and the exhibition is available at www.aratoi.org.nz . |
| Thursday 5 June | Papers. |
| Friday 6 June | Papers.
AGM
Evening – Conference dinner. |
| Saturday 7 June | Full day fieldtrip, led by Nigel Prickett. Join us on a visit to Brancepeth Homestead and the Waikekeno Historic Area. |
| Sunday 8 June | Morning – papers
Close of conference with lunch. |

For general conference inquiries please contact the conference coordinator: Lynda Walter at lynda@insitu-heritage.co.nz or phone (07) 307 9228.

NZAA Council

At the 27 October 2007 meeting of the New Zealand Archaeological Association Council the following matters were discussed under General Business:

2008 conference

Lynda Walter reported that this would be the ideal opportunity to launch the Digital Site Recording Scheme, and in keeping with this it had been decided to have an Archaeology and Technology theme for the conference.

Eagle has expressed interest in being a sponsor if we decide to go ahead with this idea, and other options might include GPS manufacturers, GI software people, etc.

The welcome event will be in Masterton and contact has begun with iwi there.

Nigel Prickett has agreed to lead the full day field trip on the Saturday; Rod Clough has again offered to sponsor the student prize.

Digital Strategy update

Pam Bain reported that the working party had met on 26 October 2007. DIS had asked for quite a lot more information and to get it in the tight time-frame allowed would be costing us \$3,500.00 + GST. She had received a mid October email saying she would receive a contract in the next fortnight but so far it had not arrived.

Central Filekeeping issues

The President reported that Tony Walton was unwell and not likely to be back at work in the near future. She has sent flowers from NZAA. Short term, Mary O'Keefe would oversee the Central File work.

AGM

Moved (Schmidt/Greig) that at the 2008 AGM we will put forward a motion to have the Journal and the monograph series recognized in the Constitution. Agreed.

Moved (Greig/Bain) that the current NZAA Constitution be tabled at the next AGM for ratification. Agreed.

Treasurer

Karen Greig has resigned as NZAA Treasurer and Rachel Darmody has offered to take over the role.

LINZ

The President reported to the meeting that the Crown had announced a new disposal process for Crown Land. They have added protection of heritage (including registered or recorded archaeological sites) to the criteria for checking and reference to the NZAA site record file is in the legislation, although there was no prior discussion with NZAA. NZHPT had belatedly informed us that we were now part of this process.

She reported that she had arranged for the Trust to engage Karen to deal with the filter process when it involves NZAA's SRS data.

The List

Discussion continued about the terms and conditions under which we could maintain a directory of archaeological consultants on our webpage.

Moved (Schmidt/Darmody) that the President contact Ian Barber as the Consultant Coordinator informing him that the List should comprise individual names and addresses only (not company names), and that these details are to be maintained by the NZAA Membership Secretary; and asking him to undertake contact with the current list members to inform them of these changes.

Pam will let Garry Law, as webmaster, know if this decision.

Date of next meeting: Saturday 15 March 2008

Historic Places Trust

The last few of months have been a time of change for the Trust's Archaeology Group. Back in September 2007 Tiffany James-Lee (Assistant Archaeologist, Lower Northern) left the Tauranga office to return to Otago University, where she is now starting work on a PhD. Her replacement, Frank van der Heijden, started in late October, just in time to go off to Tolaga Bay for the Cook's Cove excavations. Frank trained in Holland where he worked for a number of years in their equivalent of the Trust, so comes with a great deal of knowledge and skills.

Emma Brooks (Central Region Archaeologist) departed in early February, after 5½ years with the Trust, to work for Southern Pacific Archaeological Research at Otago University. She has been replaced by Kathryn Hurren, another Otago graduate, and we have reorganised the delivery of services in Central Region so that instead of having a regional archaeologist and assistant, the two archaeologists will have responsibility for separate halves of the region: Simon Duff doing the West Coast and Nelson/Marlborough, and Kathryn doing the East Coast.

Meanwhile, Joanna Wylie is leaving from National Office at Easter to head off to England for a number of years, after 4½ years working initially as part of both the Central Region and National Heritage Policy teams, but more recently for the latter. Joanna has already scored a job in London, appointed to a position as Archaeological Records (Digital) Officer at the Museum of London, based in Sir Mortimer Wheeler House! Joanna is being replaced by Yolanda Vogel who has been the Regional Archaeologist in Kerikeri for the last 12 months, and we are actively searching for a replacement.

Finally, it was with some surprise to us all when Aidan Challis announced his retirement from the Trust, from Easter. Aidan has had a long career in heritage management in New Zealand and has played a pivotal role

in so many aspects of the heritage scene, both at DoC and the Trust over many years. We will all miss his wisdom, honesty and integrity, but know that finally he will be able to do those personal things that he wants to do; which, all too often, have had to be put aside while he writes yet another policy paper!! Most importantly, it is hoped that he is able to come to NZAA conferences without feeling guilty about the papers that he should be at the office completing.

Rick McGovern-Wilson, Senior Archaeologist