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NOTES AND NEWS

NZAA Council Update

Since the 2008 Conference, the NZAA Council has been focusing on the NZAA DSRS (Digital Site Recording Scheme) Project, completing NZAA Upgrade work, and formalising key aspects of the Association which will be put to the Annual General Meeting at the June 2009 Conference.

NZAA DSRS – www.arcsite.org.nz

The DSRS project is proceeding well and is on schedule. For those members not familiar with this project, it involves making key data from the NZAA Site Recording Scheme available online where people or organisations may subscribe to a service to access this data. Locations of sites are shown as points on topographic and cadastral maps of New Zealand where additional site information, such as NZAA site record number, site type, grid reference (including error) etc, may be gained by clicking on a site location indicator. In addition to this base data, all of NZAA's site record forms are being digitised so more detailed information about sites will also be available. The system will have 'feature streaming' ability for those subscribers who want information about site locations updated regularly and directly onto their GIS systems. The end product will have restricted levels of access for subscribers so access to NZAA site record forms, for example, can be strictly controlled by the NZAA.

The project is being funded by the Department of Internal Affairs with in-kind contributions being made by NZAA, New Zealand Historic Places Trust (the "Trust") and the Department of Conservation ("DOC"). NZAA, the Trust and DOC are all working together to ensure this project is completed to agreed specifications and on time, with NZAA being charged with delivering the actual DSRS product. This three-way support for the project is facilitated by a steering group made up of representatives from each organisation, these representatives being: NZAA – Matthew Schmidt, Richard Walter, Emma Brooks; Trust – Rachel Darmody, Rick McGovern-Wilson (convenor); DOC - Mike Edginton and Nicola Molloy.

NZAA project managers for the DSRS Project are Matthew Schmidt and Karen Greig of Arczoo. The NZAA project team overseeing all aspects

of the DSRS is Matthew Schmidt, Richard Walter, Emma Brooks and Moira White.

Nicola Molloy is the Central File Keeper based at DOC Head Office in Wellington and Nicola and Richele McKenzie are coordinating the scanning of the NZAA site record forms. This aspect of the project is crucial and time-consuming, and both Nicola and Richele are doing an extraordinary job dealing with over 60,000 NZAA records. About three-quarters of the Central File site record forms have now been scanned.

As you will have noted above, the website address for the DSRS is www.arcsite.org.nz and a webpage and logo are being designed by Andrea Wong Design. The website coordinator is Jonathon Carpenter, who will be testing and critiquing the website.

The DSRS project has another two years to run and there will be a number of tasks required to be completed to ensure site record form data is fully consolidated and audited. For example, the Central File site record forms that have been digitised will be required to be checked against those site record forms held in the District Files. This is to ensure all data for a site has been captured as district site record forms can differ in content from those held in the Central File. In addition, some site record form content, such as photographs of sites where the photographer is not identified, cannot be scanned and included with the online site record forms as ownership of this material must be confirmed.

With these future tasks for the DSRS project in mind, the core system will be ready for use from its launch on 10 June 2009. People may subscribe to the system before the launch.

NZAA Upgrade

Good progress has been made with the Upgrade Project over the last eight months. The fieldwork and write-up for the Waikato area has been completed by James Robinson, and fieldwork is currently underway for the Rodney District by Sally Burgess and the Franklin District by Brent Druskovich. Once these areas are completed, fieldwork will be planned for the other remaining districts.

AGM 2009

The NZAA Council is putting three motions to the membership at this year's conference.

These motions are:

Motion 1: That the NZAA seek registration under the Charities Act.

This was advised on by the auditor Grant Thornton in 2007 and again by a specialist in not-for-profit organisations in 2008 who met with the NZAA

Executive. The NZAA may be eligible and if it is, we would get tax benefits and be eligible for more funding opportunities. In seeking registration, the Council would weigh up the pros and cons before taking this step.

Motion 2: That ‘Archaeology in New Zealand’, NZAA Monographs and the *New Zealand Journal of Archaeology*, as well as www.nzaadsrs.org.nz and www.arcsite.org.nz, be recognised in the NZAA Constitution as being publications owned, controlled and managed by the NZAA.

This motion would formally identify these key publications as being essential components of the Association.

Motion 3: That the NZAA adopt the formal structure presented below at the June 2009 AGM.



*The Publications Manager would liaise with the Editor of *Archaeology in New Zealand*, NZAA Monographs and the *NZAA*. This group would meet annually to discuss publications budgets, marketing and issues.

#NZAA DSRS Director would liaise with the Central Filekeeper & Site Recording Co-ordinator.

With the potential of a significant increase in NZAA’s income from subscribers to the DSRS, a formalised structure for the organisation is essential to ensure the membership is aware of how finances will be managed for the Association. The day-to-day running of the DSRS will also be able to be better achieved through a director role for this service, which will free up Council to run the Association. In addition, the proposed structure will mean

that NZAA's publications and marketing will be able to be better managed and coordinated.

2008 Conference & Launch of the NZAA DSRS

This year's conference is timed later in June so that archaeology students from both Otago and Auckland Universities will have the opportunity to attend. The later date was also chosen to provide additional time for the DSRS development and testing.

Kia ora
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Public Archaeology Award

This year the Public Archaeology Award is up for grabs. This is awarded every second year to recognise outstanding efforts in public archaeology.

The award is open to members of NZAA and to the wider community, including individuals, groups and organisations (for example territorial authorities, iwi) and members of other scientific disciplines.

The following factors are taken into account:

- contribution to the identification, protection and preservation of archaeological sites;
- contribution to the enhancement of public awareness and enjoyment of, and education about, archaeological sites or archaeology in general;
- contribution to the strengthening of the relationship between the archaeological community and Maori; and
- any other relevant information.

Please send nominations to the NZAA President, Matt Schmidt.

NZAA Conference 2009

The theme for the 55th annual conference will be Archaeology in the Digital Age.

The conference is being held at the Wellesley Club and Boutique Hotel, Wellington. This is a Category 1 building. The venue is in central Wellington

and there are a number of accommodation options nearby, ranging from backpackers' to five star hotels.

Conference Programme Outline

Wednesday 10 June

Evening Registration, powhiri and DSRS launch

Thursday 11 June

All day Papers

Evening Guest lecture: Peter Addis, School of Maori Studies, Victoria University of Wellington

Friday 12 June

All day Papers

Evening Conference dinner

Saturday 13 June Fieldtrip – Wellington's Defences: Miramar Peninsula and Wrights Hill

Sunday 14 June Papers and AGM

Close of conference with lunch

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

For general conference inquiries please contact the conference coordinator, Katharine Watson at katharine_watson@xtra.co.nz or phone 027 656 3985.

Conference registration forms are enclosed with this issue of AINZ and are available on the NZAA website (www.nzarchaeology.org). Early bird registration rate closes 30 April 2009.

Our World-Underwater Scholarship

Matthew Carter, a Masters student in the Anthropology Department at the University of Otago, has been announced as the 2009/10 Our World-Underwater Scholarship Australasian Rolex Scholar. This is one of three Rolex Scholarships awarded annually (one in North America, one in Europe and one in Australasia). Matthew is the first New Zealander to be awarded the scholarship, and the first underwater archaeologist to receive it in the Australasia region. The scholarship provides Matthew with the opportunity to participate in underwater archaeology projects around the world for a year, by funding and facilitating these opportunities, arranging his travel, outfitting him in a full set of TUSA scuba diving equipment and ensuring he has the appropriate training. Matthew takes up the scholarship on 26th April 2009, when he is presented with

the scholarship (and Rolex watch) at a ceremony at the Explorers Club in New York. It will be possible to follow Matthew's travels via a blog at <http://owus-saustralasia.org>. Matthew can be contacted at Matt.carter15@gmail.com.

Submissions Coordinator Report

Subject: Call for submissions on Thames-Coromandel LTCCP 2009-2019

Correspondent: Thames-Coromandel District Council.

Action: Submitted in support of TCDC plans to enhance cultural heritage initiatives, including setting targets for increasing the number of scheduled heritage items. Opposed the scrapping of the Heritage Assistance Fund.

Subject: Call for further submissions on proposed Plan Change 74 - Taurikura and Urquharts Bay proposed rezoning

Correspondent: Whangarei District Council.

Action: Submitted in support of the NZHPT submission which opposed the plan change to rezone coastal country side to Living 2 or 3, in a significant archaeological landscape. Supported the NZHPT in requesting an assessment of archaeological effects of the proposed rezoning of what is a significant heritage landscape.

Subject: Ocean Beach Special Character Area private plan change 45

Correspondent: Hastings District Council.

Action: Received correspondence stating the proposed private plan change over this significant heritage landscape had been withdrawn by the applicants. (The NZAA and various other organisations with a national responsibilities such as DOC and NZHPT had submitted in opposition to the proposed private plan change.)

Subject: Waimauku Structure Plan

Correspondent: Rodney District Council.

Action: Neutral submission on the proposed Structure Plan, noting that much of the development it would structure was in a greenfields area with limited prior archaeological investigation or heritage assessment.

Subject: Puketutu Island Bio-Solids Project Resource Consent

Correspondent: Auckland Regional Council.

Action: Neutral submission with regard to the project as a whole but supportive of an approach whereby no new damage was done to archaeological and historic sites, and supportive of the NZHPT submission.

Jonathon Carpenter