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NOTES AND NEWS

New members

Dr Sven Schroeder and Dr Jennifer Walker, Kelly Larsen, Kevin Montague, Alison Melville, Scott Pilkington.

Donations

Brian Allingham, Les Wright, Garry Law, Dave Simmons, E. Phelan, R.H. Griffin.

RMH2 – HPA Review

In ‘Archaeology in New Zealand’ Vol 52:4 the New Zealand Archaeological Association (NZAA) Council invited comments on the current issue of legislative change facing our community. The council also announced that it had established a subcommittee to develop a working paper on options for changes to the Resource Management Act/Historic Places Act heritage provisions that are currently being considered by government, with a membership comprising Rod Clough, Garry Law, Aidan Challis and Sarah Macready. The intention of the exercise (the position paper) was to prepare the NZAA for input into the review process and provide an informed basis on which to enter discussions with representatives of the Ministry for Culture and Heritage (MCH) and the Ministry for the Environment, and subsequently on which to base the NZAA’s submissions on any proposed legislative change.

It is important to understand that the options discussed in the position paper have not been developed by the NZAA Council, but are options that are presently being considered by government. It is also important to recognise that heritage legislation is at the point of what may be significant change and that the status quo is not an option that government appears to be prepared to consider.

A working draft of the paper was released on the NZAA website and comment was invited (for the second time) from the archaeological community to assist the council in developing its position on the anticipated legislative changes. Short government timeframes, the timing (over the summer break) and the manner in which the draft was released (via e-news) resulted in not all members of our community feeling that they have had sufficient opportunity

to input their views. We would like to apologise if this is the case. There is still the opportunity to provide input as the NZAA is still refining its position. The next version of the working paper and a summary of the comments from members to date will be made available on the NZAA website and members will be given further opportunity to comment.

We would also suggest that members sign up to e-news on the web site as this is the most effective way of communicating with our community at short notice.

To date we have had a productive meeting with MCH and anticipate further involvement with the process. We would like to thank those who have provided comment. Beyond that, when the government eventually releases its proposed legislative changes, the NZAA Council also encourages individual members to submit on the proposed changes.

NZAA Council

NZAA Conference 2010, 9-13 June 2010, Solid Energy Centre, Westport

The New Zealand Archaeological Association conference in 2010 will be held in Westport, the heart of the Buller region. Westport developed both as a port and a service town to the coal and gold mining industries that stimulated much of the early, and ongoing, pākehā settlement of the Buller area. Early than that, though, the Westport – or Kawatiri – area was the site of Māori occupation, with the main focus on the south bank of the mouth of the Kawatiri (Buller) River.

It is possible to fly to Westport, although there is only one flight out on a Sunday – if you plan to fly, book your tickets now. A direct flight, however, is only one way to get to Westport. For the more adventurous, or those who prefer to make their trip to the Westport part of a longer West Coast holiday, there are a range of transport options. These include flying into Hokitika, Nelson or Christchurch and hiring a car or catching a bus. Perhaps the best travel option, though, is to catch the TranzAlpine from Christchurch to Greymouth and then make your way to Westport.

There is a range of accommodation available, including a motor camp across the road from the venue. There are also backpackers, bed and breakfasts, motels and a hotel. Accommodation in Westport can be difficult to find and it is recommended that you book in advance.

A new feature of this year's conference will be a student poster session. During this session, students will be able to display posters describing their research and answer questions about their work. Posters should be no more

than A2 size. For more information, please contact the papers coordinator, Dr Richard Walter.

Conference programme

Wednesday	Welcome event
Thursday	Papers Public lecture
Friday	Field trip – Denniston
Saturday	Papers AGM Student posters session Conference dinner
Sunday	Papers Close of conference with lunch

To contribute papers or posters please contact the papers coordinator, Dr Richard Walter (richard.walter@stonebow.otago.ac.nz or (03) 479 8754).

For general conference inquiries, including information about accommodation in Westport, please contact the conference coordinator, Katharine Watson (katharine_watson@xtra.co.nz or (03) 388 6694).

For registration information and further details about the conference, see the insert and/or the New Zealand Archaeological Association website.

World Archaeological Congress Inaugural Lifetime Achievement Award: Jack Golson and Clare Golson

Jack Golson and Clare Golson have been major supporters of the World Archaeological Congress from its instigation. They were part of the team that established the World Archaeological Congress (WAC) in 1986. This was a period of some controversy associated with the academic ban on South African participation in support of the lifting of apartheid in that country, and their support won over many who could not decide.

Over the last 25 years, Jack Golson and Clare Golson have been a mainstay of WAC. They have been active participants in all of the World Archaeological Congresses, and many of the Inter-Congresses, and they have worked at all levels within the organisation to make certain that WAC achieves success. Jack Golson led in the drafting of the original WAC statutes and codes of ethics. As President of WAC from 1990 to 1994, he steered the organisation through some difficult times. He kept in sight WAC's wider objectives as well as its immediate responsibilities, and in this work his wife, Clare Golson, has

ably assisted him. Jack and Clare are extraordinarily generous people, and they have personally supported many scholars and community people from throughout the world, especially those who were most in need.

Jack Golson's research, teaching and professional service has had a profound impact on archaeology globally. In his early career he was based in New Zealand, where he led in some of the earliest productive collaborations between Indigenous peoples and archaeologists, and where he actively sought to educate collecting groups. He was instrumental in the establishment of the New Zealand Archaeological Association in 1954. He joined the Australian National University as a Research Fellow in 1961 and, in 1969, was appointed foundation Professor of Prehistory in the Research School of Pacific Studies. He has been a pioneer and major player in the development of archaeological studies of Papua New Guinea, and in March 1992 his contribution to academic research in this region was recognised when the University of Papua New Guinea awarded him an honorary doctorate. Jack also initiated study of the inter-relationships between environment, ecology and people in the Australasian region, and this is now a thriving area of research. Moreover, Jack has been a prime-mover in many other important initiatives, including the establishment of a radiocarbon dating facility at the Australian National University in the early 1960s.

Jack Golson could only have achieved what he has done with the active assistance of his wife, Clare Golson. They are a real team, in which the achievements of one are also the achievement of the other. This inaugural award is given in recognition of their shared legacy.

Supplied by WAC.

Rosemary Groube

Rosemary Groube (née Russell) died at her home in Mellionec in Brittany, France, on 2 December 2009. Rosemary grew up in Hawera, where she became acquainted with Alistair Buist. She went to Auckland in 1959 to study anthropology with a view to specialising in archaeology and immediately became involved in the Auckland University Archaeological Society, attending the Rotorua conference of the New Zealand Archaeological Association in 1959 and becoming secretary of the Auckland Society in 1960. She and Les married in 1961 and Rosemary completed her BA that year. She went with Les to Dunedin, where she tutored a number of graduate students who later went on to careers in archaeology. She accompanied Les back to Auckland, to Canberra, thence to the United Kingdom and finally to France. She was a

strong support to Les in all his work. She is survived by Les, their daughter Kristin, and two granddaughters.

Those of us who knew Les and Rosemary in New Zealand have warm memories of their strong relationship, their enthusiasms and their hospitality.

Janet Davidson and Foss Leach

Call for Groube Award nominations

This award is in honour of a remarkable student of New Zealand archaeology, Les Groube. The award is made every second year to the archaeologist who has made the most outstanding contribution to field work in New Zealand archaeology in the immediate past. A short statement on why the award is justified should accompany the nomination. Past awards have been both for survey fieldwork and for excavations. Joint nominations are acceptable.

Nominations should be sent to The President, NZAA, P.O. Box 6337, Dunedin 9059 by 27 May 2010.

Skinner Fund For Physical Anthropology, Archaeology and Ethnology

Applications for grants from the above fund, sponsored jointly by the Royal Society of New Zealand, the Polynesian Society and the New Zealand Archaeological Association, close on 1 April 2010.

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 which 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.

When applying to the Fund, please provide a current CV, an outline of your proposed research, including methodology and likely outcomes and a budget.

Applications should be addressed to:

Manager – Corporate Affairs
Royal Society of New Zealand
P O Box 598
WELLINGTON 6140

We prefer to receive the application electronically. Please email the electronic copy to: awards@royalsociety.org.nz.

All applications will be acknowledged.

Please note: the website address for the Skinner Fund is: <http://www.royalsociety.org.nz/site/funding/skinner/default.aspx>.

NZHPT Digital Library – Update and Request for Reports

The New Zealand Historic Places Trust (NZHPT) holds an extensive collection of unpublished archaeological reports resulting from site surveys and excavations, both from research programmes and (more recently) from authorities issued for the modification of archaeological sites. There are over 3200 volumes dating from the early 1970s to the present in the collection. The digital library is updated regularly as more reports are filed with the NZHPT.

In the first six months of this financial year we have had 72 requests for reports, issuing a total of 384 reports (including some requests from overseas). Reports are supplied as pdf documents, and can be sent via email, posted on a disc (for large file sizes or requests), or transmitted through the website YouSendIt.com. The full set of reports is also available for purchase for a one-off cost of \$1000 NZ (+GST), with new discs sent out as they become available.

The Digital Library catalogue has recently been updated and the new version is available for download from the NZHPT website: <http://www.historic.org.nz/ProtectingOurHeritage/Archaeology/DigitalLibrary.aspx>.

We are interested in making the Digital Library as comprehensive as possible, and are therefore seeking the archaeological community's help. If you have any reports or surveys which you know are not in the Digital Library we would like to hear from you. We are happy to accept both electronic and hard

copy reports (we can scan these and return if necessary). Please contact Yolanda Vogel for more information: archaeologist@historic.org.nz.

Canterbury movements

Bridget Mosley is now Research Associate in Archaeology at Canterbury Museum for a fixed term contract, working on the assemblage from Wakanui, near Ashburton. This site was excavated by the Canterbury Museum Archaeological Society in the early 1970s. Frank van der Heidjen has taken over as New Zealand Historic Places Trust Archaeologist for Canterbury and the West Coast.

Errata (52:4 December 2009)

The word for underground pit (p.231) is “kopiha”, not “kopia”.

Figure 1 (p.242) in the article ‘Contact period Maori occupation at Pipitea Pa, Wellington’ should have been the image below, with the accompanying caption:

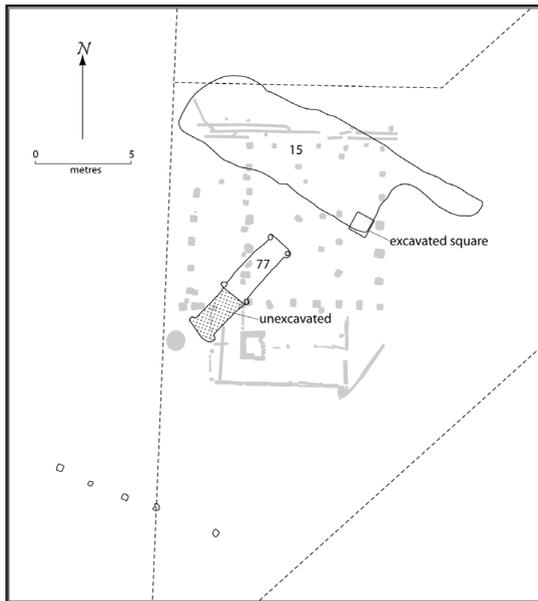


Figure 1. Plan of contact period Maori features at Pipitea St. The foundations, external drains and well of Smith’s house are shaded grey. The lot boundaries are also shown.