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## NOTES AND NEWS

### **New members**

Doug Williams, Charlotte Andrew, Adele McNutt, Charlie Seakins

### **Donations**

None received.

### **Membership**

For any membership enquiries or if you wish to make a donation please contact [membership@nzarchaeology.org](mailto:membership@nzarchaeology.org) or write to Membership Secretary, New Zealand Archaeological Association, P.O. Box 6337, Dunedin North, New Zealand. Remember that donations over \$5 are tax deductible in New Zealand and a receipt will be sent to you.

### **Facebook**

The New Zealand Archaeological Association has launched an official Facebook page. Be sure to check it out and like us to stay in touch about NZAA's activities and news. We would also love to hear from you: [www.facebook.com/NewZealandArchaeologicalAssociation](http://www.facebook.com/NewZealandArchaeologicalAssociation).

### ***Archaeology in New Zealand September issue***

It has been drawn to our attention that a statement in the 'Recent field-work' section of the September issue of *Archaeology in New Zealand* concerning work in Tauranga may have been interpreted as criticising the practices and professionalism of the archaeologists involved. This was not the intention of the author and the *Archaeology in New Zealand* editorial staff apologise if the article has caused offense.

### **NZAA Conference 2013**

In recognition of the 150th anniversary of the New Zealand Wars, the Association's 2013 conference will be held in Cambridge, in the heart of the Waikato. The conference venue will be Riverside of Cambridge, and conference will commence mid-morning on 19 June and close with the conference dinner on the evening of 22 June.

### *Themed sessions*

Proposals for themed sessions are now sought. Session proposals should be accompanied by a brief abstract, and those proposing the theme should be prepared to chair the session, and to help solicit papers for the session. Session format is flexible, but a typical session will include four 20-minute papers. Proposals should be submitted to Richard Walter (richard.walter@otago.ac.nz) by 20 February 2013.

### **NZAA Council Meeting**

At the 28 July meeting of the NZAA Council, general business included the following matters:

#### *ArchSite/DSRS project update*

It was noted that at future council meetings ArchSite and the DSRS project should be reported as separate items as ArchSite operation was now separated from the completion of the DSRS project. Richard Walter provided an update on progress with the ArchSite Board of Governance. Terms of reference have been drafted and circulated for council comment and ratification. After that the terms of reference will be circulated to the Board of Governance members for comment and acceptance. It is still unclear who the new DOC representative on the Board of Governance will be following recent restructuring within DOC.

Karen Greig has been working with Nicola Molloy on the rollout of the district file audit process for the DSRS project. This involves the comparison of information in ArchSite with information held in the district files in order to fill information gaps and remove duplicate or blank pages in ArchSite records. It was noted that the budget for the audit probably was not sufficient to cover all files so the intention is to get some of the smaller files done first, and council recognises the potential need to seek further funding.

#### *Submissions*

Hans Bader reported that the main activity in submissions recently related to the Waipa District Plan review. There was some discussion about whether submissions should be made in cases that were good examples of heritage management practice. This would be a departure from previously where NZAA council had only prepared submissions where there were significant issues that adversely affected archaeological sites. Council has limited capacity to participate in the submissions process due to the shortage of people and resources. Hans noted that templates need to be developed to make the process of submission preparation less time consuming.

### *Formation of Māori Advisory Group*

This arose from a suggestion at the AGM. The general feeling on council was that the formation of such an advisory group was a good idea and should be supported. Richard Walter to contact Amber Aranui to initiate the process of forming the advisory group and will report back at the next meeting.

### *Groube Award and other NZAA prizes*

Simon Bickler opened the discussion by saying that the fundraising to support Auckland student attendance at the 2012 conference had been a great success and a praise worthy effort by Auckland-based consultants. He feels that the student prize giving process is being well managed and should continue. There was general discussion at conference about the NZAA prizes, and consensus that there is a need to re-brand and revamp the NZAA awards. This process needs to be completed before the next conference. The revamp will be led by Richard as president.

### *Preparation of NZAA Upgrade Project final report*

This item was raised at the AGM. Lynda Walter explained that, as stated by Garry Law at the AGM, the Upgrade Project was not scoped to provide a single national final report. A series of regional reports were produced as each area was completed. It should be possible to compile a national report based on the various regional reports. Following the AGM, Sreymony Bowron-Muth volunteered to prepare such a report. Lynda can supply Srey with the information she has on the project outcomes. Council moved that Srey's offer be accepted with thanks.

### *Strategic plan*

Richard has been working on a draft strategic plan for NZAA – the '20/20 vision' – with assistance from Lynda and Karen, based on the outcomes of the strategic planning session facilitated by Steve Bramley in March 2012. Input from the rest of council is required prior to it being ratified at the November council meeting. The intention is to circulate it to members prior to the March 2013 council meeting so that the final version can be signed off by council prior to the 2013 AGM. Thereafter an annual review cycle will be put in place.

### *Conference*

Council agreed that clear guidelines for conference presenters and session chairs are required. Simon offered to draft such guidelines for council input and review. After some discussion about possible options, and after considering the recommendations made by the conference co-ordinator Katharine Watson, Cambridge in the Waikato was selected as the venue for conference 2013. The

decision was based on the availability of suitable venue and accommodation options during the conference period. Council discussed the proposal for a 2014 Jubilee conference previously circulated by Simon. Council supported the proposal to hold the conference in Christchurch. A subcommittee needs to be formed for 2014 planning.

### *Scanning old Newsletters and New Zealand Journal of Archaeology*

Mat Campbell and Louise Furey have discussed the proposal to scan old copies of the NZAA newsletters and the *New Zealand Journal of Archaeology* and to make them available online. The costs and process for this project are to be further investigated.

### *Samoa heritage protection*

Richard reported that the Samoan government was considering options for heritage protection in a discussion paper that had been put out for comment. He would like to make a response on behalf of NZAA council. Council agreed to the suggestion. Richard will prepare and circulate for comment.

### *Next meeting*

The next meeting of NZAA council is scheduled for Saturday 24 November in Wellington.

*Lynda Walter*

## **R. Ian Jack Award for Best Honours Dissertation 2012**

At the Australasian Society for Historical Archaeology conference in Fremantle in October 2012, it was announced that Naomi Woods of the Department of Anthropology and Archaeology, University of Otago, has been awarded the 2012 R. Ian Jack Award for Best Honours Dissertation submitted in 2011 for her dissertation titled 'Pākehā Ceramics as Dating Tools: Creating a chronology for the Te Hoe whaling station'.

*Ian Smith*

## **Digitising *New Zealand Journal of Archaeology* and Newsletter/*AINZ***

NZAA is starting a programme of digitising back issues of the Newsletter/*AINZ* and the *New Zealand Journal of Archaeology*. Our first priority is the Journal, but we are missing Volumes 2 and 4. Then we will move on to *AINZ*, for which we have all the recent issues back to Volume 33, 1990, and are yet to establish what we are missing from before then. At the moment we are appealing for donations of NZJA 2 and 4. If you have an old copy or a spare copy, please consider letting us have them. Please note that the spines

will be cut off so that they can go through a document feeder – we are asking for sacrificial copies.

When *NZJA* is digitised we will be moving on to NZAA Newsletter and *AINZ* and will publish a list of issues we do not have.

*Mat Campbell*

### **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 31 March 2013.

The purpose of the fund is to promote the study of the history, art, culture, physical and social anthropology of the Māori 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 southwest 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.

When applying to the Fund, please provide a current CV; an outline of your proposed research, including methodology (no more than two A4 pages); references for literature cited; and likely outcomes and a budget.

If you are a student, please provide the name of your supervisor, and your background experience relevant to the research you are intending to carry out.

Applications should be addressed to:  
Manager – Corporate Affairs  
Royal Society of New Zealand  
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WELLINGTON 6140

We prefer to receive the application electronically. Please email the electronic copy to: [awards@royalsociety.org.nz](mailto:awards@royalsociety.org.nz).

All applications will be acknowledged.

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