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NOTES AND NEWS

New members

John Booth, Laura Dawson, Ben Teele, Mary Kienholz, Ruediger Mack, Myfanwy Eaves and Lisa McKendry.

Donations

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Conference

This year's New Zealand Archaeological Association conference will be held in Paihia, Bay of Islands, at the Copthorne Hotel, situated in the Waitangi National Trust Reserve. Conference runs from 17-20 June 2015. The conference will follow the traditional format, with registration and the powhiri at 11 am on 17 June. This will be followed by paper sessions, including a student papers session on 18 June, a poster session that evening and a full day field trip of the Northern Wars sites on Friday 19 June. The AGM and gala dinner will be held on 20 June at the Copthorne Hotel.

We welcome proposals of papers and posters on all aspects of New Zealand and Pacific archaeology, but encourage prospective participants to consider offerings that focus on New Zealand's shared bi-cultural history, or on current/recent research in Northland. Paper and poster proposals should be emailed to papers@nzarchaeology.org. Due dates for papers/posters and abstracts are as follows: 31 March for paper/poster proposals and 30 April for abstracts.

Transport and accommodation options can be found on the NZAA web site under the Conferences tab (<http://nzarchaeology.org/cms/index.php/conferences>).

Brooke Jamieson

The Crown historic aerial photo archive

In September 2014 New Zealand Aerial Mapping went into receivership and the Crown copyright aerial photos were temporarily unavailable. Land Information New Zealand had already initiated a pilot project to make these images digitally available.

The Crown archive contains over 600,000 photos on film from nearly 7,000 aerial surveys captured from 1936 through to 2005. Imagery was captured for a range of purposes including mapping and land management. The archive is securely stored to ensure these films are preserved. Information on the content of the archive and the approximate area covered by each photograph is currently available on the LINZ Data Service (<http://data.linz.govt.nz/>).

LINZ's historic imagery scanning project seeks to digitise the Crown aerial imagery archive in the interest of long term preservation, easier access, and better use of this valuable national resource. LINZ, in partnership with Waikato Regional Council, has recently completed scanning nearly 30,000 images as part of a pilot project. LINZ is currently seeking additional partners to prioritise and cost-share continued scanning.

The scanning project will make a greater range of products available. These will include:

- High and low resolution digital photos. The negatives are scanned at 14 or 21 microns, depending on the film quality.
- Metadata.
- Survey charts.
- Camera calibration files.

Release of scanned surveys by LINZ is expected to begin in 2015. Images are indexed on the LINZ Data Service - NZ Aerial Photo Footprints webpage and will be released as complete surveys available under Creative Commons licensing.

Apart from scanning historic imagery, recent orthorectified aerial imagery covering 95 percent of New Zealand is freely available online through the LINZ Data Service.

For further information, see <http://www.linz.govt.nz/about-linz/what-were-doing/projects/crown-historic-aerial-photo-archive-scanning-project>, or email imagery@linz.govt.nz.

In the meantime, Crown copyright images as well as former NZ Aerial mapping copyright images from the entire archive may be requested from Opus International for a fee. Phone Opus 0800 680 690.

Update on NZAA's submission on the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan

NZAA is now going through the process of attending mediation sessions and preparing evidence for hearings regarding the Proposed Auckland Unitary Plan. The plan hearings have been split into 79 subject groupings, many of which require meditation meetings in addition to hearings. Parts of NZAA's submission have been classified across a large number of these groups, but fortunately not all. Some of them, where our submission was generally supportive rather than seeking changes, are subjects that we need not prepare evidence for, but this still leaves a substantial workload and Sarah Macready has carried much the greater part of the work, for which NZAA is very grateful. Garry Law has also contributed his time and has attended two pre-hearing meetings, one mediation meeting and prepared advocacy evidence and presented it on one subject to another hearing meeting.

The Council officers have provided revised PAUP text on a few of the issues that we have been involved in prior to hearings, but the text is often not complete and even when it is, it will still have to be accepted by the hearings commissioners and then by the Council at political level, when the whole plan comes back to them.

One area we have made progress on is that the Council now has a proposed definition of an archaeological site that aligns with our views. Another is on the nature of a schedule relating to sites of importance to mana whenua where NZAA and Heritage New Zealand had problems with the approach. We have a joint agreement with Heritage New Zealand and the Council's Independent Māori Statutory Board that such a list is appropriate but there is a good deal of further work to be done on its nature and content, in which we will be involved.

Important matters in the plan on which we have submitted are still in play, particularly Historic Heritage and mana whenua Sites groupings of issues, for which there is still evidence to prepare and present. There were many community objections to the whole of the mana whenua provisions. We have been emphasising that we support the principle of mana whenua engagement in their heritage while we still have some problems with the detail of how it is done in regards to: buffer areas; the inclusion of a number of destroyed or ineligible sites; accidental discovery protocols; some provisions that are less than practical for day-to-day management and evaluation of sites;

and unnecessary duplication of Heritage New Zealand Act processes. One concern is that the attention to archaeological sites of Māori origin has left other archaeological sites with little provision and we have been submitting on this.

NZAA would like to acknowledge the considerable amount of time and effort that Sarah and Garry have given to this long and involved process and to say a big thank you once again for their work.

B. Hudson, G. Law and S. Macready