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Radiocarbon Dates for the Wairarapa - III

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Prehistoric research in the Wairarapa ended after the August 1972 fieldwork. The processing of material and writing up will be completed by December of this year. The following results from the Institute of Nuclear Sciences are from samples collected during three periods of fieldwork: R4902/5, 6 during August 1970, R4902/7, 11, 12 during January-February 1971, and R4092/8, 9, 10 during May 1971. All samples are of charcoal and the dates received fit well into the existing chronology for sites in Palliser Bay.

<u>Description</u>	<u>Run No:</u>	<u>Age</u>
Site N168/24.M1/XXXI/50 Charcoal from body of layer 13, in a circular raised rim pit.	R4092/5	<210 B.P. 1740 A.D.
Site N168/24.M1/XXX/15 Charcoal from interface of layers 2 & 3, in a terrace garden.	R4092/6	1375 A.D. ± 71
Site N168/27.M3 Rock cleft burial. Charcoal and wood from artefact (?)	R4092/7	1480 A.D. ± 70
Site N168/31.M5 Hearth next to North East buttress. Charcoal from layer 11 in rectangular raised rim pit.	R4092/8	<178 B.P. 1772 A.D.
Site N168/31.M5 Hearth 'A' in west wall of pit. Charcoal from earlier construction phase of rectangular raised rim pit.	R4092/9	1579 A.D. ± 69
Site N168/29.M4/II/15 Charcoal from layer 6 of agricultural stone mound at the 'Cross site'.	R4092/10	1256 A.D. ± 72
Site N168/29.M4/I/8-13 Charcoal and wood from structure 40. Kingpost of house with inserted dog jaw below ground level.	R4092/11	1617 A.D. ± 69
Site N168/29.M4/I Charcoal and wood from structure 33. Centre post of house.	R4092/12	1466 A.D. ± 70