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## REPORT OF THE BAY OF PLENTY ARCHAEOLOGICAL GROUP

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Work in the Bay of Plenty area has been confined for the most part to Whakatane.

Under the leadership of W.A. Pullar and A.D. Mabon, an enthusiastic group has been active in recording and surveying documented sites in and around the town of Whakatane. These sites have included Karearia pa, Kaputerangi pa (which is alleged to have been the pa in which Toi lived) and the Muriwai cave. This last site has been cleaned up, beautified and signposted, by the Whakatane "Jaycees" since its examination by Mr. Pullar and party. Another pa site at the western mouth of the Waimana gorge has been surveyed and recorded.

The work done on the above sites has been published by The Whakatane and District Historical Society in its Historical Review Vol. IX. No. 3. (September 1961). We are very grateful for their publication of this material.

In the Taupo district Mr. Trevor Hosking and other members of the Auckland Archaeological Society have been engaged in excavating a cave site at Western Bay. Results have shown that Moa-hunters had lived in this area. According to Dr. Yaldwyn of the Dominion Museum, the moa remains are Euryapteryx curtis or Anomalopteryx oweni, and represent one of the last of the moa species to survive. A fuller report appears elsewhere in this Newsletter.

In Rotorua no excavations have been carried out but site-recording is proceeding slowly. One enthusiastic member, Mr. C. Watt, has so far compiled a list of some 350 pa sites, each of which has a known traditional name and some detail as to occupation. This list is at present being transferred to Site Record Forms which will in due course be a very valuable addition to the entire site-recording scheme.

Site Record Forms have also been distributed to Whakatane and Tauranga districts, and it is hoped that these will be returned shortly with details of many of the sites which abound in these areas.