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The Museum has a vital role to play in salvage archaeology, a role which it can play only if it is regarded financially as a responsible public institution.

By co-operation at national and local level, much could be saved which would otherwise be wantonly destroyed.

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RESOLUTIONS OF THE EXTENDED GENERAL MEETING

At the conclusion of the meeting the following resolutions were moved:

1. This meeting endorses the view that development of salvage archaeology programmes be a main concern of the New Zealand Archaeological Association in the immediate future:
 - (a) by planning of survey and excavation programmes which anticipate developments that are likely to modify the landscape and threaten archaeological sites
 - (b) by seeking to encourage public institutions to employ full-time archaeologists capable of carrying out salvage archaeology programmes
 - (c) by promoting educational activities which will inform the public of the necessity for action and the means to achieve these aims.

2. This meeting recognizes from a review of present legislation that clear gaps exist in protective legislation available for prehistoric and proto-historic sites. It therefore charges the New Zealand Archaeological Association's Council with the following tasks:
 - (a) a careful review of these gaps in order to assess where immediate protection is most needed
 - (b) a further inquiry into how existing legislation might better be mobilized and implemented
 - (c) action on the offer of the Department of Lands to comment on the review they are now making of the Reserves and Domains Act 1953

- (d) suggestions to Government Departments for additional legislative proposals only where these can be fully justified as absolutely imperative
3. This meeting supports the case expressed for an Archaeological Officer, or Officers, in a Government Department or Agency, stressed both by members of the Association and guest speakers from various Governmental Agencies and Statutory Bodies. It therefore charges the New Zealand Archaeological Association's Council, together with other interested parties, in co-ordinating efforts and preparing a case for such appointments.
 4. This meeting suggests that the principles underlying contracts between agents of destruction of archaeological sites and those carrying out salvage archaeology (Universities, Museums, local societies, individuals) need to be more thoroughly investigated and some general proposals applicable in New Zealand formulated for the guidance of all parties.
 5. This meeting wholeheartedly supports the inclusion by the Nature Conservation Council of archaeological remains as within the scope of their inquiries on programmes carried out by the Ministry of Works and desires that amending legislation implementing their policy be forthcoming. In this context it also supports co-operation with all other bodies similarly concerned with conservation in the realization that such co-ordinated effort will best ensure our collective aims.

OTHER PAPERS PRESENTED AT CONFERENCE

Rescue Excavations in Taranaki.	Dr. A.G. Buist (Hawera)
The Tongariro Site Survey.	M.T. Hosking (NZHPT - Taupo)
Negotiations with a Local Body on the Castor Bay Point Pa, Takapuna.	Dr. R.C. Green (Auckland University)
The New Zealand Historic Places Trust's Role in Protecting Prehistoric Sites.	M.G.H. Ormond Wilson (NZHPT - Wellington)
Site Protection and the New Zealand Forest Service	F. Morrison (NZFS - Wellington)
A Maori Viewpoint on their Prehistoric Remains	Representatives, Departments of Maori Affairs and Anthro. (Wellington).

THE INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM adopted at the 1966 Annual General Meeting of the Association.

Names and addresses of applicant, nominator, and seconder appear at top: . . .

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In support of this application I agree to abide by the principles of the Association.

1. ALL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MATERIAL REMAINS OF NEW ZEALAND PREHISTORY BELONG TO THE NATIONAL HERITAGE. Members of the Association must on all occasions endeavour to protect this national heritage against loss by natural or human agencies.
2. The Aims of the Association are:-
 - (i) To preserve the rich archaeological heritage of New Zealand.
 - (ii) To encourage the recording and surveying of archaeological remains by setting up and operating a National Site Recording Scheme.
 - (iii) To encourage the development of systematic methods in field survey and excavation through Museum, University and other approved organisations.
 - (iv) To encourage the participation of individual members in archaeological field research (including excavations) under the guidance of competent field archaeologists.
 - (v) To guide and advise members in their individual investigations by strengthening the links between professional and amateur archaeologists.
 - (vi) To create a public awareness of the rich and unique character of our prehistoric heritage.
 - (vii) To encourage all research by responsible trained individuals or organisations into problems of New Zealand and Pacific prehistory.
3. The Principles of the Association are:-
 - (i) To ensure that excavation is not for the recovery of artifacts alone, because the trading of artifacts leads to pillaging of sites.
 - (ii) To ensure systematic method by preceding excavation by field surveying and recording.

- (iii) To employ the widest possible range of scientific and archaeological techniques in the execution and interpretation of each excavation.

NOTE to (iii): Ultimately all excavation is final and cannot be repeated. Only by the concurrent recording of all findings throughout by a team, can the complete potential of the site be realised. Excavation which destroys both the site and the record is not archaeology.

- (iv) To deposit the material and records of excavation with a local public institution, so that the results of the research will be available to the public.
- (v) To make every attempt to record the research through publication.

4. With the Aims and Principles of the Association in mind, a member undertakes:-

- (i) Never to trade archaeological specimens for personal or monetary gain.
- (ii) Wherever possible to participate in projects of accredited groups as the best guarantee of the maintenance of archaeological standards.
- (iii) Whenever investigations are intended, to inform Council through the secretary. Council reserves the right to stipulate conditions concerning standards, the keeping of records and to make recommendations concerning the custody of the material products of the excavation, on such sites as the Council may schedule as important.
- (iv) Always to obtain the permission of the landowner where archaeological investigations of any character are intended and to seek the good-will of the local Maori community.
- (v) To communicate with any recognised group or museum or Regional Committee of the New Zealand Historic Places Trust before carrying out any investigations within their area of activity..
- (vi) Ultimately to deposit with a local public repository, copies of the original field records together with material products both artifactual and faunal.

5. Under the terms of the Constitution, Council reserves the right to discipline or expel any member guilty of wilful disregard of the above commitments.

Signatures of applicant, nominator and seconder follow.