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All samples must be accompanied by a full statement of significance, both as an individual sample and as part of a sequence.

The laboratory periodically published a complete list of dates, in the N.Z. Journal of Geology and Geophysics, together with a full statement of significance and locality. In the first instance all dates are personal to the collector or collectors and until this laboratory list is finally published the dates are not available for publication without the collector's permission. That permission must not be presumed. There is generally a lapse of about one year between dating and publication of the list, giving reasonable time for prior publication of the date by the collector. The date first reported should be confirmed from this office immediately before submitting a paper to the editor of a journal. All samples approved by the Geological Survey are dated free.

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The following NZ dates for archaeological material was published in the J. of Geology and Geophysics, Vol.5 no.2, May 1962..samples dated July'58 thro' 1959.

NZ Cl4 No.	Collector	Locality	Age in yrs. before 1950
354	J.Golson	Coromandel Peninsula, Mahinapua Bay.	640 ± 50
355	J.Golson	Coromandel Peninsula, Sarah's Gully.	600 ± 50
356	J.Golson	As above	200 or less
357	J.Golson	As above	590 ± 50
358	J.Golson	As above	810 ± 50
359	J.Golson	As above	650 ± 50

(Details of samples are omitted from this reprinting.)

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THE SITE RECORDING SCHEME

By J.R.S. Daniels
(Central Filekeeper)

An up-to-date list of local filekeepers is published at the end of this note. These filekeepers are responsible for processing all site recording done in their districts, and for sending the duplicate site records to Central Files in Wellington. All recording for the Site Recording Scheme must be sent to the local filekeeper of the area concerned.

Forms:

Forms for use in site recording are available from local filekeepers free of charge to all members wishing to record sites for the Site Recording Scheme; These include the Site Reference Form, Photograph Record Form, and the blank form which can be used for Site Description, Publication References, Traditional Information etc., and headed up appropriately. (See Vol. 3 No. 4 Newsletter)

N.Z.A.A. Handbook:

Copies of the "Handbook to Field Recording" are available from the Central Filekeeper, P.O. Box 3382, Wellington. Stocks are, however, low. The Association would like to see a new series of handbooks to field-workers, but financial uncertainties make this a difficult venture at present. Members will, in the meantime, find the present handbook more than adequate for straight-out recording and description of sites.

Maps and Aerial Photographs:

These are essential aids to recording. Association members can obtain these items at reduced rates from the Lands and Survey Department. Sample prices are as follows:-

Mosaic Maps (gridded)	£2.	-.	-.
N.Z.M.S. 1 (Inch to mile series)	-. 3.	4.	
N.Z.M.S. 2 (25,000 series)	-. 3.	4.	
N.Z.M.S. 15 (Cadastral)	-. 1.	8.	
Aerial Photographs	-. 12.	-.	

All ordering must be done through the Central Filekeeper. Full details and the correct remittance, allowing for postage, should be supplied.

Local Files:

Local files contain a complete record of all field recording done in each filing area. They may be consulted at the discretion of the local filekeeper, under the general control of the Council of the N.Z.A.A. Field-workers will find local files a great help in finding out what work has been done previously, and what type of sites may be expected in an area. Information from local files may not, however, be used for purposes of any excavation not specifically authorised by the N.Z.A.A. Council.

Central Files:

Central Files, which contain a duplicate of every site recorded in New Zealand, are housed at the Dominion Museum, Wellington. They may be consulted only with the permission of Council.

Site recording can be carried out without specialised knowledge or the need to acquire scarce or costly equipment. It is equally suited to the individual worker, or to a small group. Members should join their local archaeological society or group, where one is operating. These groups can often benefit from the help of new members with a good knowledge of local sites.

Many of the areas richest in archaeological and historical sites have gone largely unrecorded. The lack of progress in the East Coast is particularly disappointing. Steady work has been going on recently in Auckland, Rotorua and Waikato - three areas that were not progressing until recently. The position in the various filing areas at present is as follows:-

Auckland	234
Waikato	13
Rotorua	10
Gisborne	7
Taranaki	212
Wanganui	4
Hawkes Bay	10
Wellington	60
Marlborough	11
Canterbury	83
Otago	10

These figures do not reflect fully the progress made, as new site records are always being processed, and new work does not always reach Central Files quickly. Nevertheless, the Site Recording Scheme will continue to be only a partial success while large areas of New Zealand remain unrecorded. Association members who are interested in site recording but who live away from areas where active field groups are working, should contact the local filekeeper in their district for forms and advice.

Local Filekeepers:

<u>AUCKLAND:</u>	Miss M. Nichols,	154 Grafton Road,	Auckland, C.3.
<u>WAIKATO:</u>	Mr. H.G. Pos,	C/- Waikato Branch Royal Society, P.O. Box 908,	Hamilton
<u>HAWKES BAY:</u>	Mr. N.H. Elder,	43 McHardy Street,	Havelock North.
<u>ROTORUA:</u>	Mr. D.M. Stafford,	151 Ranolf Street,	Rotorua.
<u>TARANAKI:</u>	Dr. A.G. Buist,	P.O. Box 147,	Hawera.
<u>WANGANUI:</u>	Mr. M.G. Smart,	2 Oakland Avenue,	Wanganui.
<u>INLAND PATEA:</u>	Mr. H. Treadwell,	Ngaurutahu, Matoroa,	Via Taihape.
<u>GISBORNE:</u>	Mr. A.T. Simpson,	163 Clifford Street,	Gisborne
<u>WELLINGTON:</u>	Mr. M.G. Hitchings,	C/- Turnbull Library, P.O. Box 8016,	Wellington.
<u>MARLBOROUGH:</u>	Mr. J. Eyles,	P.O. Box 225,	Elenheim.
<u>CANTERBURY:</u>	Mr. A. Fomison,	Canterbury Museum,	Christchurch.
<u>OTAGO AND SOUTHLAND:</u>	Mr. P. Gathercole,	C/- Anthropology Dept., University of Otago, P.O. Box 56,	Dunedin.