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Volume 27 was published in December 2006. It contained 6 papers and totalled 161 pages. For the first time ever, the Journal was not printed by the University of Otago Printing Department. Following their review and changes in personnel, an outside printer was found to be cheaper, while maintaining a high quality.

Volume 28 is currently with the same printer after a further round of quotations and is expected in the next couple of weeks. It contains four longish papers totalling 141 pages.

In July 2006, a major Special Publication was issued: *Fishing in Pre-European New Zealand*, by Foss Leach. The manuscript was peer reviewed following standard NZJA practice. Reading this large manuscript, even in instalments, was a significant task for the referees and their thorough and careful work is much appreciated. There was a significant subsidy for this publication.

Only two papers have been received for Volume 29. One is still with referees and one is with authors for revision. I have illustrations but no text for a third paper and several promises, some of long standing. If sufficient papers are received in the next couple of months, my long standing aim of getting the journal back on schedule would be achieved.

In the last few years there has been a tendency for more of the papers submitted to be considerably longer than our original target of 6000 words or less. This partly reflects the changing nature of archaeological publishing and the difficulty of finding an outlet for a long paper. It may also be that other Journals in our area are more rigorous in what they accept. At the same time, however, our own rate of rejection has increased, and the papers rejected have generally been short ones. Some of these have been redirected to *Archaeology in New Zealand* because they are preliminary reports with out sufficient substance for a refereed Journal.

I still feel that New Zealand archaeologists are not really supporting the Journal and that there are good potential Journal papers out there that are not coming our way. I would be delighted to be proved wrong with some good submissions in the next few months.

Once again, I thank the referees, the typesetters, the business managers, Ian Smith who acted as Editor in processing a paper of which I am an author, and those who continue to support the Journal by contributing papers.

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