

Archaeology in New Zealand Editor's Report

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Excellent material continues to come in for publication covering a wide range of topics. The June issue for this year will have papers on Lapita pottery, freshwater mussels, waka, sites on the DoC estate and an update on the New Zealand archaeological workforce. I particularly urge our members to use AINZ to publish the results of small scale mitigation excavations that might otherwise be as good as lost in the grey literature. Alongside the Notes and News/Fieldwork sections of AINZ, I see this as the journal's most important function. I believe that if we don't put the results of our work in the public arena we will find it increasingly hard to justify our existence in the hard-nosed world of commerce and politics. What we do is both interesting and relevant to the New Zealand public, but only if they know about it. AINZ is a vital forum for this.

The final issue of AINZ for last year, Volume 47 Number 4, was the 50th Jubilee issue *Digging into History*. The response to the finished product was very positive and indicates that not only was it very worthwhile to record our history in this fashion, but also that the volume will be a useful resource for future generations of archaeologists.