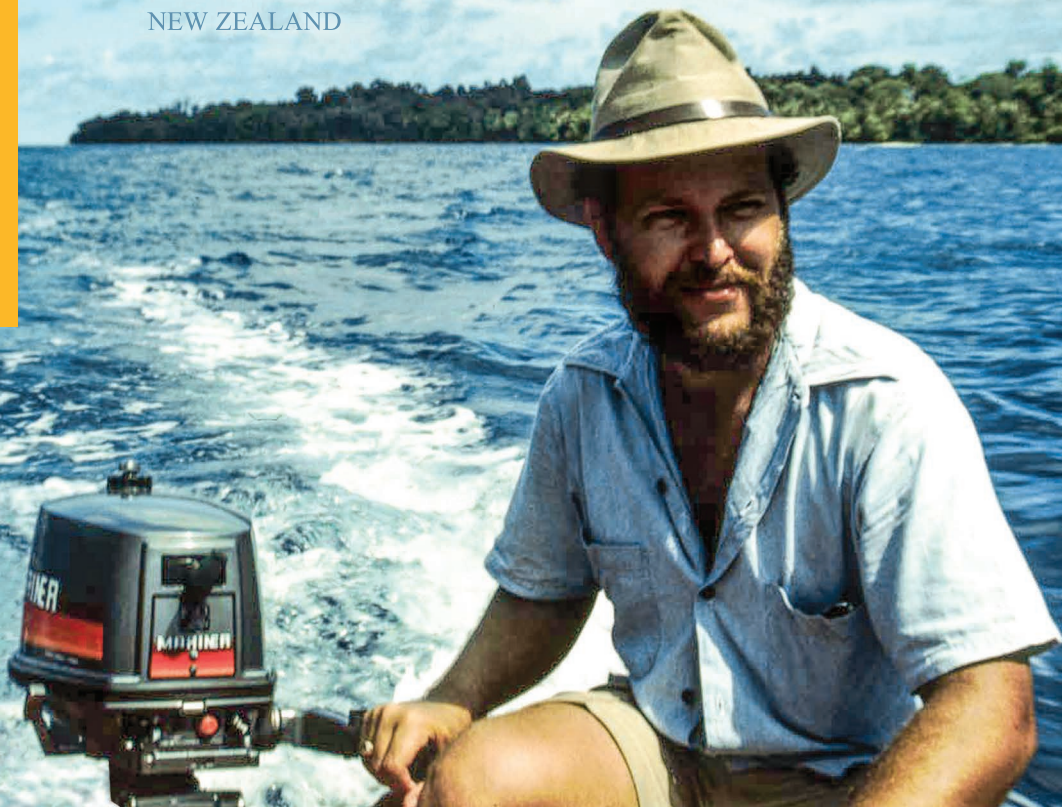


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NOTES AND NEWS

The Annual Volume Index Retires

With a sense of nostalgia, but in view of devoting more pages to original research, we have decided to discontinue the annual Index to Volumes. In taking this step the Society also wishes to acknowledge the considerable efforts of Dorothy Brown in producing this valuable research tool since the late 1980s. Readers will note that all recently published issues (from 2012 onward) are available on the Society's web site (<http://www.thepolynesiansociety.org/>), which has an excellent search function for tracking down papers by author, title, date or keywords. Older issues can be found on the University of Auckland website (<http://www.jps.auckland.ac.nz/>) and on JSTOR (<https://www.jstor.org/journal/jpolynesiansoc>).

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Polynesian Society

From 2018 we also will discontinue publication of the AGM minutes in the *Journal*. Henceforth these will be made available to active members via the Society's website. For noting, AGM attendance has been low in recent years and we encourage members to join us for the May 2019 meeting. This year we presented awards to six inaugural recipients of the Bruce Grandison Biggs Postgraduate Research Fellowship Trust. Afterwards Society members and the public were treated to Prof. Patrick Kirch's Nayacakalou Medal lecture at the Auckland War Memorial Museum; a written version of his lecture appears in this issue.

Society Publications

Members and Subscribers should note that this is an excellent time to purchase Society publications as we will be reducing our stock in the near future. *Journal* back issues can be purchased for either \$2 (2011 and earlier) or \$15 (2012 onward) plus postage. Special issues are available for \$15 (plus postage).

A comprehensive list of the Polynesian Society's Māori Texts, Memoirs and Miscellaneous Publications also can be found on our webpage. Some of these are in short supply, so we encourage interested readers to make purchases while they are still available (email: jps@auckland.ac.nz). Members are eligible for discounts.

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Waitangi claims were finally settled in 2014. Richard was instrumental in securing the repatriation of *kōiwi tāngata* ‘human remains’ to the Wairau Bar in 2009. This action created the opportunity for a programme of scientific research by the University of Otago, which in turn led to new insights into the health and lifestyles of Aotearoa New Zealand’s first people.

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Professor Emeritus Patrick Vinton Kirch, with the Polynesian Society President Richard Benton (right) and Orator Chief Levaopolo Taivaasu‘e, following award of the Nayacakalou Medal and his public lecture. Photograph courtesy of Dr Tamasailau Suaalii-Sauni.

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