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EDITORIAL

An interesting group of articles, dealing with a broad range of archaeological topics, reached me in time for this issue. All were included, as it is my editorial policy to report on as broad as possible a spectrum of the subject. A few line drawings had to be omitted, unfortunately, because poor copies were sent in, rather than the originals, or at least good copies. The function of a newsletter is to spread news reasonably quickly, but the penalty of speed is fewer of the checks between editor and author that occur with a journal. Only if an article is sent in well before publication date can I hope to advise on redrafting of text or improvements to illustrations.

The current issue of Australian Quaternary Newsletter has news of a conference on recent developments in Victorian prehistory, to be held at the University of Melbourne, 27-29th November. The first two days are filled with papers presented by a group of invited speakers, all of whom have carried out important research in Victoria during recent years. On the third day there will be a field trip to archaeological sites at Keilor and Lancefield. For further information, contact Dr D.W. Orchiston, Department of History, University of Melbourne.

An informative paper shortly to be published is "Late Quaternary climates of Australia and New Guinea" (Bowler, J.M., G.S. Hope, J.N. Jennings, G. Singh and D. Walker). The paper was presented originally by J.M. Bowler at the WMO/IAMAP Symposium on Long Term Climatic Functions, held in Norwich from 18-23 August 1975. It will be read again by J. Jennings at the Australian Conference on Climate and Climatic Change, to be held at Monash University from 7-12 December 1975. The paper is up-to-date, comprehensive and concise.

I look forward to receiving research news and other articles for our next issue, the deadline for which is 1st April 1976.

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