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With a current mailing list of 120 members, and with enquiries from prospective members arriving regularly, *Australian Archaeology* appears to have a sure future. As stated in the first issue, this newsletter aims at covering a wide range of archaeological topics relevant to Australia, including the historical, marine, prehistoric and industrial branches of archaeology. Judging from both the variety and type of article published in the first six issues, this aim has so far been largely fulfilled. Yet there is room for improvement since only very sparse reports have arrived for some topics and geographic areas.

A suitable source for research news, sometimes overlooked, is the annual reports which museum curators, secretaries of amateur societies, heads of university departments and other institutions, compile for internal use. Only minor editorial work is needed usually to adapt these for *Australian Archaeology*. If such reports were received regularly from all institutions engaged on archaeological pursuits in Australia we would have a very full and wide ranging newsletter indeed. Other suitable articles are preliminary research reports from individuals, whether they are professionals, students or amateurs. Comments and opinions are also sought, but received only rarely. Advertisements for employment, for labour on excavations, and for forthcoming publications, are welcome. Please send in such copy as often as it becomes available.

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