

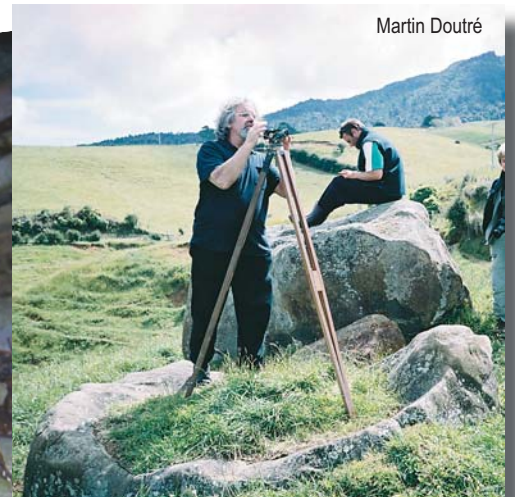
EXCLUSIVE

Who were the First Peoples of New Zealand?

Recent skull discovery
no surprise to antiquarians

Part One

This pre-Maori European skull was found years ago on the north eastern coast of North-land. Inset: The recently found Wairarapa skull.



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New Zealanders want to know – and it is time the real evidence was laid-bare for all to draw their own conclusions. In a series of articles, Franklin eLocal will present insight into aspects of this fascinating subject, including the locations of local alignment markers used by ancient navigators, along with further evidence related to the remnant structures and skeletal remains of the original New Zealanders.

You don't have to travel half way around the world to see standing stone circles or overland alignment sites. There is ample evidence that branches of the selfsame family tree of nations that built the great megalithic sites of Britain, Continental Europe or earlier edifices around the Mediterranean Basin, were also living for many thousands of years in New Zealand and brought all of those cultural expressions to this country in remote antiquity. It's all here under our feet and in plain sight.

What IS the source of that 300 year old European female skull in the Wairarapa, dating from an era when the history books tell us this enigmatic woman could not possibly have been in New Zealand at that time? The discovery and its revelation on Campbell Live has provoked a major talking point among Kiwis, but is old-hat to those who have long realised that Maori were relative latecomers to our South Pacific shores. Maori themselves have been ignored when they speak of the "fairy people" with pale skin, pale eyes and reddish hair who were in Aotearoa long before the arrival of the first Polynesian travellers. Carefully documented discoveries by early explorers and surveyors have been dismissed, while modern explorers, with evidence by the caseload, are routinely discredited.