

EXCLUSIVE OPEN APPEAL

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History Lost – The List Of Shame Continues

‘Those who control the past, control the present and the future’

Whenever people talk of the possible existence of someone living in New Zealand before the arrival of the Polynesians, a single comment is often heard: “But, if there were people here before then, we would know about them. They would have left evidence behind of their occupation – where they lived, their bones, things like that...” The answer to that is ‘they did leave clear evidence, and what is not realised is that mounds of information, from many regions of New Zealand, have been destroyed, are ignored, or remain under lock and key. There are many more archaeological sites now kept secret by their discoverers, to protect them for a more enlightened generation to investigate.’



Giant Hip/Knee bone: This giant femur bone is one of many found in ancient burial places of the ‘Tall People.’ Abel Jansz Tasman referred to “men of tall stature.” He referred to Maori as “people of ordinary height.” Tasman’s sightings are recorded in his V.O.C. (Dutch East Indies Co.) journals, translated into English in Jakarta in the 1880s by J.E. Heers

Successive governments seemed to have turned deaf ears to pleas to acknowledge and protect irreplaceable historic sites, by denying their existence. It is up to the people of New Zealand to become informed, to look at the evidence and to form a body of opinion that will force government ministers to face up to the facts. We need to protect our heritage. It’s been said that “those who control the past, control the present and the future.” They control what we are allowed to know. Readers of Maori descent are speaking of the insult of having their detailed oral histories dismissed as ‘Maori myths and legends.’ The voices of their ancestors were clear and deserve to be heard and acknowledged.

1) In 1965 the Tameana and Hineana burial caves at Port Waikato were subjected to archaeological assessments. Locals report that this area was once home to the “Tall Ones”, large stature, red headed people thought, in the ‘60s, to have originated in South America. Over the years much information had been learned about these people, including the fact that they made pottery (fragments of their pottery had been found) and documented by Rev. Maunsell. One report from the Port Waikato district spoke of a female skeleton, approaching 7 feet of height, with the male skeletons even taller. The remains of these tall people also included red hair. They were once numerous, but were reported to have been hunted to extinction by Maori. Local Maori speak of a final massacre when hundreds of the Tall Ones were trapped in a swamp and slaughtered. It was said they used to communicate over vast distances by sending a loud ‘roaring’ call from the hilltops and that their voracious need for protein constituted serious rivalry for food sources once Maori arrived. The last local survivors succumbed to lung ailments due to hiding in cold, damp and dark conditions in limestone caves in the lands between Port Waikato and Raglan. Where are the official archaeological reports and photographs relating to this find? It’s