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This year's conference theme, Trans-Tasman Dialogues, highlights the fact that Australian archaeology and New Zealand archaeology share many historical roots. However, there are also important differences in the historical development of archaeological theory and practice in these two countries. Additional shared and distinctive aspects become apparent when we consider Australian and New Zealand archaeology within the context of the wider Pacific region. A better understanding of the history of archaeology is essential to help us critically assess current archaeological practice, challenge outdated theories, and adequately acknowledge the contributions of diverse national, linguistic and faith communities, as well as women and Indigenous people of Australia, New Zealand and the wider Pacific, to the development of archaeology in our region. This session builds on the growing interest in the history of archaeology expressed in recent special issues of the *Journal of Pacific Archaeology* (Vol. 8, No. 1, 2017) and *World Archaeology* (Vol. 49, No. 2, 2017), as well as a forthcoming special issue of the *Journal of Pacific History*. We welcome papers on any aspects of the history of archaeology in New Zealand, Australia and the wider Pacific region.

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