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RADIOCARBON DATES FOR A PA SITE AT  
SARAH'S GULLY, COROMANDEL PENINSULA

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The following radiocarbon dates have been received from the Nuclear Research Institute, Wellington, but are subject to confirmation. Material for dating was recovered during excavations in 1959-60 on a small headland pa above a previously excavated area on the foreshore, where moa bone, and artefactual material of archaic type, had been found. (Golson, 1959; Birks, 1960; Green, 1963)

<u>Code No.</u>	<u>Sample</u>	<u>Age B.P.</u> (Years before 1950)
N.Z. 1080	N.40/516 Charcoal from pit of Phase I	703 ± 46
N.Z. 1082	N.40/517B Charcoal from pit of Phase 2	388 ± 49
N.Z. 1081	N.40/517A Charcoal from material composing bank of Phase 3	335 ± 48

A satisfactory occupation sequence is established, since the earliest of the three dates is prior to one obtained from a basal level near the shore (Green 1963), and the two later provide dates respectively for Phase 2 and the uncompleted defensive system of the pa, associated with Phase 3.

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