

# KARORI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The next meeting will be held on

Tuesday 2 December 2014

at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori

at 7.45 pm.

Members and friends welcome

## **Talk**

Our speaker is Vincent O'Malley, who will speak on '**The Waikato War in Public Memory**'.

The Waikato War was a decisive turning point in New Zealand history. Yet the recent 150th anniversary passed by most New Zealanders largely unnoticed. That stands in contrast to earlier anniversaries of the same war and more especially to the current World War One centenary. This talk examines how and why the Waikato conflict has been remembered (or forgotten) historically and asks what that says about its place in current public memory.

Vincent is a Pakeha New Zealander of Irish and Scottish Highland descent. He has a BA (Hons) in History (1st Class) from the University of Canterbury and completed his PhD thesis at Victoria University of Wellington in 2004. Vincent has published widely in the area of Crown and Māori historical relationships, including his recent books, *The Meeting Place: Maori and Pakeha Encounters, 1642-1840* (Auckland University Press, 2012) which was a finalist in the NZ Post Book Awards for 2013, and *Beyond the Imperial Frontier: The Contest for Colonial New Zealand* (Bridget Williams Books, 2014). Vincent is the 2014 J D Stout Fellow at Victoria University of Wellington, where he is working on a history of the Waikato War. He has worked as a professional historian and focused mainly on Treaty of Waitangi claims research since 1993 and has prepared and presented many research reports on behalf of iwi around the country. He will have copies of his recent publication *Beyond the Imperial Frontier* for sale. See <http://www.bwb.co.nz/books/beyond-the-imperial-frontier>

Supper will be served after the talk.

## **Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday 3 March 2015**

The Karori Historical Society's rules are to be re-written to conform to current practices. This is necessary so that the Society can conform to the Charities Commission requirements. These changes will be discussed at the March 2015 meeting ready for approval at the AGM in June.

### ***September Speaker***

Dr Rodney Grapes talked on '**The 1848 earthquakes and the destruction of Wellington**' He described a cluster of earthquakes that occurred in Wellington between 16 and 26 October 1848. Some of these were quite severe, probably bigger than the later 1855 quakes, and caused considerable damage. The Lt Governor of the day, Eyre, undertook a survey of the damage and then sent a report back to England outlining the events. This created some apprehension amongst intending immigrants but with no long term effect. The earthquakes were not just confined to Wellington but also to the top of the South Island where damage was recorded as far south as Kaikoura. Judge Chapman wrote about the earthquakes in his journals which also give an interesting record of life in the 1840's.

### ***The Website Administrator's Fees for our website***

Since June 2014, we have enlisted the help of Don Picken to administer our website <http://www.karorihistory.org.nz/>. Don is also the current website administrator for the Wellington Regional Heritage Promotion Council <http://www.wrhpc.org.nz/> and has kindly offered his services at no cost. In lieu of administration fees Don is soliciting donations of 'treasures', examples of which are currently showing on their archive page <http://www.wrhpc.org.nz/archive/menu.php>. To date there have been various donations made by our committee members and we now wish to expand the invitation to our members. The definition of 'treasure' as suggested by Don is anything of heritage value that may be lying around the house, possibly collecting dust. This may be a rare book, family war medals or anything of historical significance in your personal possession. One only has to take a photo of the said item with a brief explanation or story relating to it. All donations will be accepted with gratitude and treated with respectful anonymity with regards to ownership of these treasures. If any members are interested in donating in this way, could they please contact committee member Peter Anderson, e-mail: [pv.ander@paradise.net.nz](mailto:pv.ander@paradise.net.nz)

### ***Deaths***

Two long standing members, Annette Fairweather and Ruth Thompson, have died during the year. Obituaries will appear in **The Stockade**.

### ***Unpaid subscriptions***

Final Invoices are being posted to those who have not yet paid their subscriptions for this year.

### ***Christmas Greetings***

We wish all our members and their families a happy and healthy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous 2015.

**Karori and its people** is now discounted to \$30 and will make a great Christmas present for those who have not got a copy.