

KARORI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The Annual General Meeting will be held on

Tuesday 7 June 2016

at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori

at 7.45 pm.

Members and friends welcome

Business

1 Welcome

2 Apologies

3 Confirmation of last year's AGM report

4 President's annual report

5 Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet

6 Election of officers: President, Vice President, Hon. Secretary, Hon. Treasurer

7 Election of Committee

A number of committee members are standing down, so we are looking for new members interested in being involved. If you would like to be involved with helping to run the Society and plan future activities and events, please contact the President Adrian Humphris:

inkagh@clear.net.nz or 973 2612.

8 Election of Hon Auditor – James Graham

9 General Business

10 Speaker – Barbara Mulligan

Supper will be served after the meeting

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 7 June

Talk



Join us to hear Barbara Mulligan and David Cuthbert present about their book “New Zealand’s Ghost Railways”.

The book takes readers on a journey of discovery around New Zealand exploring long forgotten railway branch lines dating back to the 1870s. David will summarise the development and decline of the Branch railway network, and the rationale for selecting the lines they wrote about. Then Barbara will share some of their field research experiences in different parts of the country. The book is full of fascinating stories and facts, so the talk will make for an interesting insight into the past.

David Cuthbert is an engineering graduate of Canterbury University. His professional career included leadership of student organisations, involvement in the NGO sector, and 15 years as an Advisor to the leader of a political party. Barbara Mulligan is a historian who has served in management roles in the voluntary sector and in the government sector. As well as running guided walks of Karori Cemetery Barbara also has a keen interest in researching Wellington War Memorials, and is President of the Wellington Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

March Speaker

Our speaker in March was Glenn Reddiex, author and Karori resident who spoke about his recent book “Just to Let You Know I Am Still Alive – Postcards from New Zealanders during the First World War”

The book is dedicated to World War One postcards mostly sent back to New Zealand by Servicemen serving stationed in Egypt, Gallipoli, France, Belgium and England. It is richly illustrated showing not just the illustration on the front, but the message written on the back, mostly to family and relatives.

It presented a fascinating glimpse into an ordinary soldier’s life and daily routine without the horror of war as this was excluded by censors.

His website is www.postcard.org.nz. [Click here](#) to find out more online about Glenn.



Your Committee needs you!

We have a number of current committee members stepping down, so are looking for new committee members. If you are keen to get involved please let us know. Some of the tasks we are looking for help with include

- 🕒 Keeping our membership records up to date
- 🕒 Sending out newsletters
- 🕒 Looking after and promoting our archive collection

Proposed trips for 2016

Many apologies our planned Karori architecture walk has not happened yet; minor renovations of my house turned out to be a complete rebuild, so I haven't yet found a free weekend! It will definitely go ahead, potentially in June. This will be a 1.5-2 hour walk around central Karori focusing on significant Karori buildings and homes and the architects who designed them.

We are also still looking to organise a walking tour of Karori Cemetery later in the year.

Don't forget to check out our website and see what's new

A reminder a wealth of information about the society and our activities can be found online at our website, <http://www.karorihistory.org.nz/>.

We are also on Facebook; check it out and contribute! <https://www.facebook.com/Karori-Historical-Society-184528484931598/>



Adrian Humphris
President