

NEWSLETTER, May 2023

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 June 2023 at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori

at 7.30 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

We need new Committee members! If you are keen to help in the Society and plan future activities and events, please contact the President Adrian Humphris: adrianinka02@gmail.com or leave a message on 021 227 8123.

- **8** General Business
- 9 Sneak Peak at our 50th celebration and open floor

Supper will be served after the meeting

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 6 June

Post-AGM discussion

Rather than having a speaker this meeting, we thought with our 50th anniversary celebration coming in late June (discussed below), this was a good chance to share our plans for the event and open the floor for members to comment or to share their memories of Karori, or share photos or items relating to their time in Karori. Peter will share some of the images from our archives selected to display, and Norma has kindly shared some early images we can show.

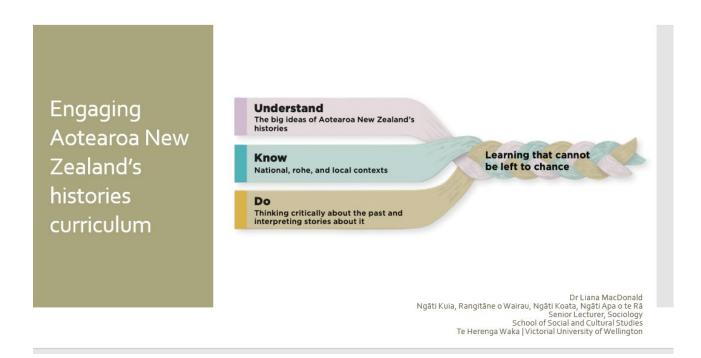
We are also planning a special Stockade to be ready for our December meeting, consisting of both a look back on the activities of the Society, as well as a selection of articles pulled from previous editions. While they are accessible <u>online</u>, it's never the same as browsing a hard copy, and we'd love to know your favourite topics or articles so we can make sure they are included.

March Meeting

At our March meeting were had a presentation from Liana MacDonald (Ngāti Kuia, Rangitāne o Wairau, Ngāti Koata), *He Taonga te Wareware: Remembering and Forgetting NZ's Difficult History*.

The senior lecturer, Sociology in the School of Social and Cultural Studies at Victoria University of Wellington, Liana provided background to the Aotearoa New Zealand's histories curriculum, before discussing her postdoctoral work for this <u>national project</u>.

It was a thought-provoking evening with her presentation ending with a broader discussion with those present about the changes being made to the New Zealand history curriculum, and how we engage with, remember and commemorate our past.



Wanted — a Karori Historical Society

How many people who live in Karori know that New Zealand's most famous writer attended Karori School for several years, or that most of the timber for the construction of early Wellington came from Karori, or that the Karori Stockade was built at the corner of Lancaster Street and the Main Road?

This year marks our 50th anniversary, with the above article in the Karori News, written by Norma McCallum, leading to the formation of the Karori Historical Society. While we're technically slightly late, as the nascent Society first met in March 1973, we are planning a celebration on Saturday, 24 June, at St Ninians.

The event will run from 11am to around 1pm, starting with a display of images and records from our Archives, as well as some records from City Archives. We will also have a range of publications relating to Karori's history to browse, as well as back issues of our Stockade, which people are welcome to take away.

At midday we will have some short speeches, including Norma McCallum, who we are pleased will be able to attend, followed by cutting a cake and a cup of tea.

Members past and present are welcome, as are their friends and family. As well as this open invitation we will be sending out an invite to past members and Committee members, please feel free to forward on or let anyone you think would like to attend.



Members on an outing, early 1970s

Annual subscriptions for 2023-2024

Subscriptions for the 2023-2024 year are due at the AGM; a hearty thanks to the superorganised people who have already paid them! We are retaining the same rate from 2021-2022 (remembering we waived subs last year), which is \$20 for individual membership and \$25 for a family membership.

You can pay your subs at our AGM, otherwise we will send out a reminder at the end of June. Online banking is preferred; our account is below. Please enter your Name and phone number in the 3 panel payer space.

Bank account: 06 0501 0208280 00

We are also aware some people had paid in advance before being aware the fees were waived last year – we will be double checking to make sure in this case the fees paid are applied to this year. I'd just like to also note that we have a vacancy in the Committee for someone to manage our membership records; while I have been endeavouring to keep them accurate and up to date the odd error may have slipped in. If you aren't sure or would like to check, please contact me at adrianinka02@gmail.com.

Be a committee member!

Our committee has ebbed and flowed over the past years, and we are currently in a period where we have had members stand down but not be replaced. We have been lacking a Vice President for several years, and as above additional help to look after our membership would be greatly welcomed.

The Society is only ever as strong as its committee, so we are looking for keen, enthusiastic members who are willing to join and actively participate in organising events, finding interesting speakers for our meetings, and other ways we can share and capture the history of Karori. If this could be you, please let me know; all offers are welcome!

Stockade will be with you soon

The latest Stockade is at the printers, and fingers and toes are crossed it will be available at the AGM. As mentioned above we are also planning an extra year-end edition to celebrate our 50th. If you have any ideas for articles or would like to help build a selection of the past fifty years, let me know.

Adrian Humphris President