

KARORI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The Society's next General Meeting will be held on

Tuesday 4 March 2014

at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori

at 7.45 pm.

Members and friends welcome

Speaker

The speaker is Judy Siers.

Judy shifted to the Hawkes Bay in 2005, but is currently living in Wellington completing the book she will be talking about. She was a Wellington City Council for a number of years in the 1990s and became the Council's advocate for Wellington heritage and history. She was also a member of the Onslow Historical Society and its president for a number of years. She has been a member of the Historic Places Trust since the 1960s and a member of the committee.

Book: Arrivals: Six Wellington Stories – publication date October 2014

December Meeting

What a great meeting we had in December. We thank all our loyal members and friends who came to hear our speaker and to celebrate our 40th birthday. How lucky we were to have Norma McCallum and her husband with us. As the Society's first president Norma has a special place in our history and we were very pleased her husband was able to come for a mystery drive. She was also thrilled to receive her life membership certificate and to help in cutting our celebratory cake.

Julia is a very lively speaker and brought to life the story of Sergeant Bruce Crowley DCM, a New Zealand prisoner of war in Greece and Germany who escaped from captivity. She has written a book about him (*North to the Apricots*) and members were able to purchase copies. Bruce's son Grant was also present and he was able to fill in some gaps about Bruce as a father and to show some family photographs.

AGM in June

It is not too early for members to be thinking of people to nominate as committee members, especially people with good computer skills.

Suggestions would also be welcomed for future speakers and trips.

Lion's Karnival – Sunday 16 February 2014

The Society had a stall at the fair where we displayed and sold the books we have published or have been involved with their publication. We also had a selection of *The Stockade* for sale. It was a great day – sun shining, very little wind and a number of people buying our books, and taking away application forms to join the Society. A number of people interested in local history complimented the Society on the work it did. From a financial point of view it was a successful day when we sold \$500+ worth of books. Our prime aim was to 'fly the flag' for the Society and local history, and make the people of Karori aware of our existence. One of the results of our presence has been an article about Hurman Street and some of its residents which will probably be published in the next issue of *The Stockade*.

Many thanks to the committee members who helped during the day: Judith Burch, Valerie Carter, Peter Anderson, Margery Renwick and Jo Elworthy. The number of members present showed the strength of our Society and provided some good conversations with our customers.

We plan to attend other school fairs during the year.

Volunteers

How would you like to be part of a partnership with the Wellington Region Heritage Promotion Council in putting all the past issues of *The Stockade* on their website. This is a significant online project for the Society which means Karori history will be more widely available.

All that is needed is access to a computer to proof read scanned copies of each page of the particular issue so that they can be word searchable. It is a simple task that can be done in your own time and at your own pace. The more volunteers we have the better. So far approximately 44 issues of *The Stockade* have been posted on the website.

If you are interested in seeing what is involved check out the link:
<http://www.wrhpc.org.nz.heritagephotoalbums/khsindex.htm>

And then contact Don Picken at library@wrhpc.org.nz for more details.

We look forward to seeing members and their friends on Tuesday 4 March 2014.