

KARORI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The next meeting will be held on

Tuesday 1 March 2016

at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori

at 7.45 pm.

Members and friends welcome

Talk

Our speaker is Glen Reddiex, who will speak on his book, “ – *Postcards from New Zealanders during the First World War*”

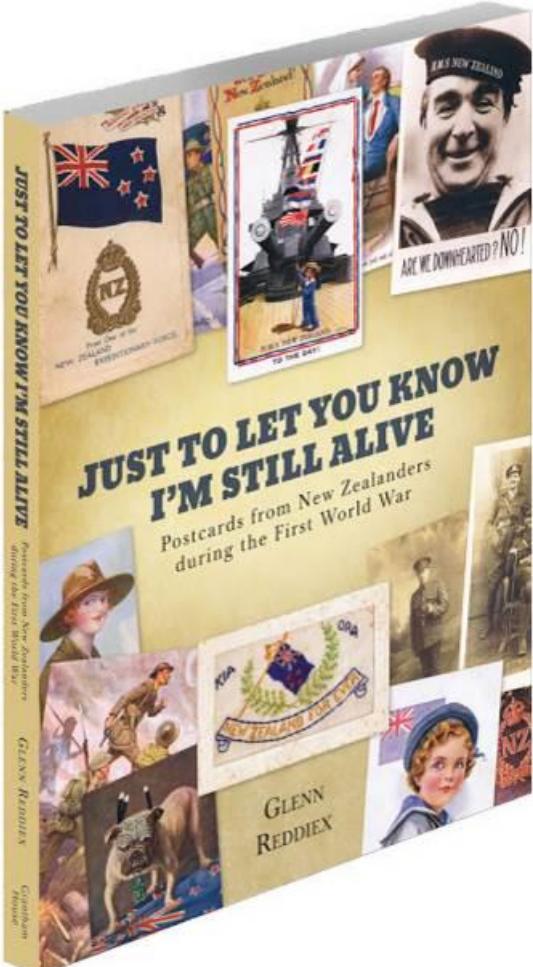
Glenn Reddiex is a Deltiologist, Genealogist, and a First World War historian. He has served with the Royal New Zealand Navy and in later years with the Joint Information Services Agency (JISA) in the New Zealand Defence Force.

His interest in genealogy and the history of the First World War began while living in England. He undertook research throughout Europe exploring ephemera, letters and postcards to gather historical information. From these origins, Glenn became a keen collector of postcards with a fascination for the artistry, photography and social history of each of the cards in his collection.

Released in 2015, “Just to let you know I'm still alive” takes the reader on a journey into the colourful world of the picture postcard during World War One when the form of communicating was to mail a postcard with a message on the reverse side to a loved one serving on the battlefields of Europe. The title is a nod to a line many soldiers used when writing to their loved ones.

[Click here](#) to find out more online about Glenn.

Supper will be served after the talk.



December Speaker

We had a good turnout for our December talk, which saw Dr Chris Pugsley, an expert on New Zealand Military history, present a fascinating account of “New Zealand’s Experience at Gallipoli”

Dr Pugsley canvassed the Gallipoli campaign from the outset of WWI in 1914 and the lead up to the NZ Expeditionary Force setting out for Europe and while in Egypt, its diversion to the Turkish front in conjunction with Australian and other British Forces.



He spoke of the battles NZ troops engaged in, the loss of life and the general conditions that the soldiers were forced to suffer. A frequent visitor to the Gallipoli Peninsula, Dr Pugsley was able to supplement his oral presentation with many maps and photographs extracted from the numerous books he has written about the NZEF in WWI.

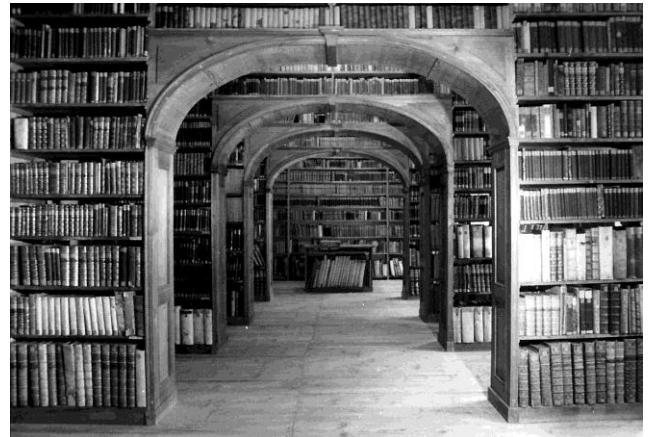
A most interesting presentation given in the centennial year of the Gallipoli Campaign.

Dr Pugsley with Committee member Peter Anderson

Archivist wanted

If there are any budding archivists or members keen to help manage, nurture and promote our collection of historic Karori information, then please let me know.

Jan Heynes, who has looked after the collection for a long time and been instrumental in arranging, cataloguing and making it the valuable resource it has become, is unfortunately not staying on as a committee member next year, and also planning to pass the reins of our collection on to someone else.



The collection is contained in 3 cabinets on the mezzanine floor of the Karori Public Library, and consists of biographical material, subject based resources, and photographs and maps

If this does sound interesting, or you'd like to know more, please let me know, either inkagh@clear.net.nz, or at our next meeting on 1 March.



Lions Karnival - come and see us!

The Society will be having a stall at the Karnival, featuring a range of our publications for sale as well as membership forms and the opportunity to find out more about what we do. If you are at the Karnival track us down!

Proposed trips for 2016

We are currently planning a Karori architecture walk in late March/early April; 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 looking to organise a walking tour of Karori Cemetery later in the year.

We will let you know more when dates and the details are confirmed.

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/>.

Here you can check previous newsletters and speakers see what is coming up at the next quarterly meeting, as well as viewing a selection of historic images held in our archive collection.

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



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