

# KARORI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

**The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 6 September 2016**

**at Wellington City Archives, 28 Barker Street**

**at 7.30 pm.**

## ***Talk and tour of City Archives***

For our September meeting we will be having a tour of the Wellington City Council Archives.

City Archives is a treasure trove of information documenting the history and development of Wellington. Primarily holding records of the Wellington City Council and its predecessor organisations (including Karori Borough Council), the Archives also hold the records of the Union Steamship Company on behalf of Museum Wellington, as well as a small collection of community archives.

Our evening will consist of a talk by the president outlining the work Archives does, and the information the collection holds and how it can be accessed and used to help with your research. There will then be a tour of the premises, as well as a chance to browse and see some collection items specifically relating to Karori.

The Archives are located at 28 Barker Street, which is off Cambridge Terrace by the Basin Reserve. There should be on-street parking in Barker Street at this time.

Unfortunately numbers are limited (we can fit up to 25) so if you are attending please email [inkagh@clear.net.nz](mailto:inkagh@clear.net.nz) or ring Adrian on 04 973 2612 to reserve your spot!

You can find out more via the Council website: <http://wellington.govt.nz/your-council/archives>



## ***June Meeting - AGM***

**The following officers were elected at the AGM:**

**President**, Adrian Humphris

**Vice-President**, John Harper

**Secretary**, Henry Brittain

**Treasurer**, Valerie Carter

### **Committee members:**

Peter Anderson

Jo Elworthy

Wendy Lynch

Kristin Gibson

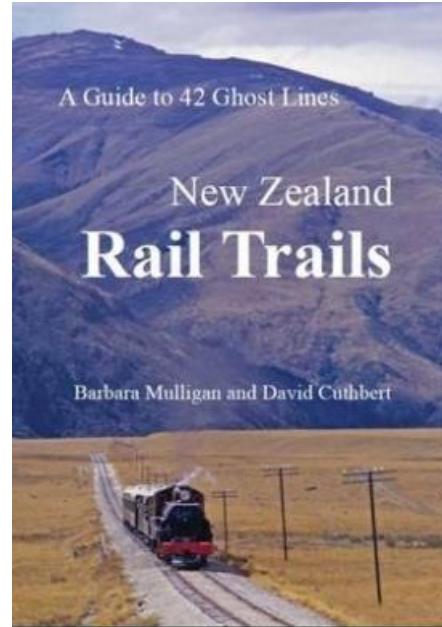
Four committee members did not seek re-election for the forthcoming year; Jan Heynes, Elizabeth Bradford, Margery Renwick and Michael Foster. As at our AGM a hearty vote of thanks is passed on for all their input and commitment over the years.

We would also like to welcome our new committee member, Kristin Gibson.

## ***June Speakers***

Barbara Mulligan and David Cuthbert gave an insightful presentation on 'ghost' branch railway lines across New Zealand. This was linked to the book they published, *New Zealand Rail Trails*, which explores the long forgotten railway branch lines, some of which date back to the 1870s.

The speakers covered both a history of the growth then decline of the rail network, as well as an overview of their journey across New Zealand to discover and document the lines.

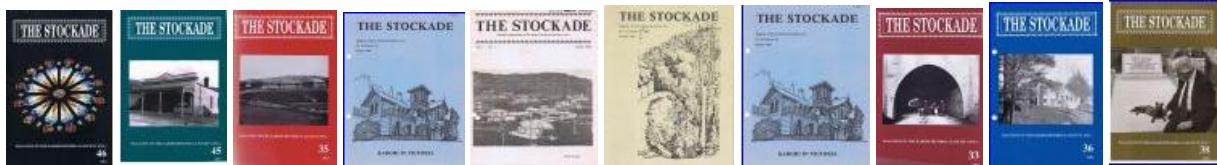


## ***Your Stockade needs you!***

Work is underway preparing the next edition of Stockade, and we are looking for content. The success of Stockade depends on members contributing articles, images or stories to be included.

You may have a family connection to Karori you could share, or an early image or document people will find interesting. You could also uncover an untold story or fact about Karori via our Society archives; you can find these on the top floor of the Karori Library.

If you do have something to share or are prepared to write an article, please let the Committee know.



Remember also you can browse copies of earlier Stockades online, via the following link:

<http://www.wrhpc.org.nz/archive/khsindex.htm>

### ***Unpaid subscriptions***

There are a small number of subscriptions yet to be paid for this year. We will be following up with people over the next couple of weeks, so if you haven't paid your sub yet, please get it in. You can pay in person at our September meeting; otherwise contact Valerie Carter at [vecarternz@paradise.net.nz](mailto:vecarternz@paradise.net.nz)

### ***Don't forget to check us out online 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/>