



## NEWSLETTER, May 2017

**The Annual General Meeting will be held on**

**Tuesday 6 June 2017**

**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***

We are looking for new members interested in being involved in the Committee. If you are keen to help run the Society and plan future activities and events, please contact the President Adrian Humphris: [inkagh@clear.net.nz](mailto:inkagh@clear.net.nz) or 973 2612.

***8 Election of Hon Auditor – James Graham***

***9 General Business***

***10 Speaker – Ben Schrader***

**Supper will be served after the meeting**

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 6 June

## ***Talk***

Please join us to hear Ben Schrader talk about his book The Big Smoke: New Zealand Cities 1840-1920.



The pursuit of city life is one of the most important untold stories of New Zealand. The Big Smoke is the first comprehensive history to tell this story, presenting a dynamic and highly illustrated account of city life from 1840 to 1920.

It explores such questions as: what did cities look like and how did they change; why were women especially drawn to live in cities; in what ways did Māori experience and shape cities; how far was the street a living room and stage for city life; and why did New Zealand so quickly become a nation of townspeople?

At a time of national debate over housing and the growth of our cities, Ben Schrader's superb new history reveals how our urban origins have shaped the people we are today.

Ben Schrader is a Wellington historian specialising in urban history and historic preservation. He was Senior Researcher of the award-winning New Zealand Historical Atlas (1997) and has written extensively for Te Ara, the online encyclopedia of New Zealand, for which he co-edited the City and Economy theme. His last book was *We Call it Home: A History of State Housing in New Zealand* (2005), a finalist in the 2006 Montana Book Awards.

You can find our more at <http://bwb.co.nz/books/big-smoke>

## ***March Speaker***

Our speaker in March was Mary McEwen, who told us about her father in law, Jock McEwen, who she described as an administrator, historian, linguist, composer, master carver and a well-known figure in the Maori world and wider Pacific. Mary, who was accompanied by her husband Andrew, Jock's son, outlined Jocks early life in rural Manawatu where he learnt to speak fluent Maori and developed an interest in Maori carving.

This in turn led to his employment in the Native Department, which later become the Department of Maori Affairs. At one stage of his career he was appointed Resident

Commissioner of Niue Island followed by a subsequent appointment to the Permanent Head of Island Territories and Maori Affairs.

After his retirement, Jock gave many years of voluntary service including assisting Maori in community affairs and training many groups in the art of Maori carving.

A very illuminating presentation on a very interesting New Zealander.

### ***It's subscription time!***

It's that time of year when annual subscriptions are due. After discussion by the Committee we have agreed that the rate should remain the same for the coming year, which is

\$20 for individual membership

\$25 for a family membership.

You can either pay this at our June meeting, or via online banking. If you would like to pay online our account is below. Please enter your Name and phone number in the 3 panel payer space

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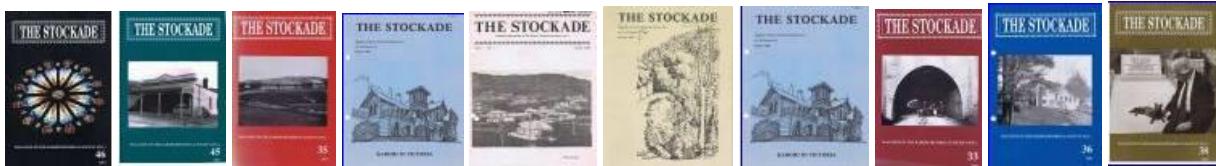
If you have any queries please contact me (Adrian Humphris, [inkagh@clear.net.nz](mailto:inkagh@clear.net.nz)) or Valerie Carter at [vecarternz@paradise.net.nz](mailto:vecarternz@paradise.net.nz).

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

Even though the last stockade was only delivered a month or so ago, work is underway 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>.

### ***Joint outing with the Onslow Historical Society***

You should have received along with this newsletter an invitation to join the Onslow Historical Society on a day trip to historical Otaki, planned for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> June.

Starting with a curator's talk at the current exhibition at the Heritage BANK Museum, we will then see and learn more about the Rangiātea Church, before concluding the day with a visit to St Mary's Church, Pukekaraka, built in 1858-1859. Morning tea will be served on arriving at Otakis, and a roast lunch will be served at Poppies Restaurant, Ōtaki RSA.

The tour bus departs from K.A.T.E., 86 Khandallah Road, Khandallah at 9am, and should return around 5pm. There is a charge of \$50, which covers bus transport, morning tea, a roast lunch and venue koha. Registration closes June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

For more information check the flyer, or contact Angela Hill on 479-5580.

### ***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

### ***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/>



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President