



NEWSLETTER, February 2019

Our next meeting is being held on Tuesday 5 March 2019

at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori at 7.45 pm.

Members and friends welcome

*The time has come, the President said,
to talk of many things*

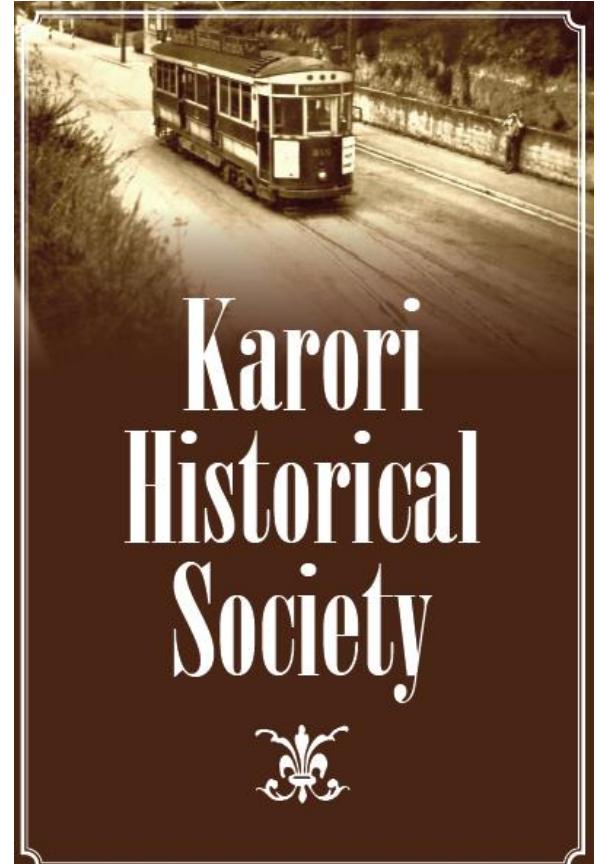
Your committee have been discussing a wide range of issues over the past few meetings, and I think it is appropriate to share with members a number of the significant matters we have been discussing, both to let everyone know what we have been discussing, but also to allow members time to consider them before we meet at our Annual Meeting in June.

Our first presentation will be look at our upcoming reprint (and update!) of our Streets of Karori book. Judith Burch has been beavering away quietly for some time compiling and updating the book, which is now expanded and illustrated. We hope to publish by the end of this year, so wanted to share the progress that has been made and whet your appetite for the book to come!

I'd then like to have a broader discussion about a number of issues the Committee have been discussing, including our annual membership fee and the frequency and format of the Stockade magazine. Another proposal we have started to explore is a proposal that the Society form a Friends of the Karori Cemetery-Park group; this has come as a result of the Influenza project run by Barbara Mulligan over the past few years. This will be an open forum, as we would love to hear the views of members about these issues.

To wrap up the evening Chris Rabey, who is on the Committee, will give a short presentation looking at ships that have passed through Cook Strait and Wellington Harbour.

**Supper will be served after the meeting. We look forward to seeing you on
Tuesday 5 March**



December meeting – The successful Influenza celebrations

Our Guest Speaker for December was Barbara Mulligan who is well known for her interest in the history of Karori Cemetery and more latterly, the 1918 Influenza Pandemic and its impact on the citizens of Wellington and those buried in the Karori Cemetery.

From circa 2016, Barbara and a group of volunteers had been researching the history of many of those buried there while at the same time, cleaning up many of the graves and restoring them to a presentable standard.

Barbara gave a presentation and overview of the project which had culminated in two open days at the Cemetery in November where displays and memorabilia were on display.

She provided a fascinating insight into the history of the Pandemic, its origins and how it was transported to New Zealand and finally its impact on Wellingtonians. It was especially interesting to members given that the final resting place of many of the Pandemic victims was here in Karori.



You can still access the project's really informative [website](#).

Stockade contributions always welcome!

We rely on our members to contribute articles, images or stories. 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, please let the Committee know!

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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