

The Annual General Meeting will be held on

Tuesday 4 June 2018

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 always looking for members joining the Committee. If you are keen to help run the Society and plan future activities and events, please contact the President Adrian Humphris: adrianinka02@gmail.com or leave a message on 973 2612.

8 General Business

9 Speaker – Peter Cooke

Supper will be served after the meeting

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4 June

Talk - The History of Wright's Hill

We are lucky enough to have Peter Cooke present, who will be talking about the history of Wright's Hill, which he has been researching for his next book, which is coming soon.

Wrights Hill Fortress in Wellington was one of three long range coastal batteries built in New Zealand during World War Two. Closed in the 1950s, the site was abandoned until the Karori Lions re-opened the site, this time to the public. Subsequently the Wrights Hill Fortress Restoration Society was formed and has been actively restoring the site to near its former state.



Peter Cooke is an independent historian specialising in NZ military and engineering history. He has written many books on our military history and industrial heritage. He is also involved in the [Defence of New Zealand Study Group](#).

You can find out more about the fortress and the work being done to preserve it [here](#).

March Speaker

Our March meeting started with Adrian welcoming guests and speaking broadly about a number of ideas the Committee have been discussing. This ranged from how we distribute our annual stockade (an overwhelming request to keep it in hard copy format!) to plans to set up a Friends of Karori Cemetery group under the auspices of Karori Historical Society. There was a general positive response to the Friends group being established, and the Committee is currently actively investigating how this would be done and work.

Our guest speaker for the evening was Chris Rabey who has had a life time interest in Wellington shipping activities and Maritime history. Chris titled his presentation "Ships that have Passed Through Cook Straight" and was accompanied by photographs of the many varied vessels that had visited the harbour, or else had only passed through Cook Straight on their ocean voyage. A very interesting presentation of the Wellington shipping scene both past and present, and thoroughly enjoyed by everybody.



'Sea Reaper' in Wellington harbour,
photographed by Chris

Are you interested in joining the Committee?

It's always great to get new people involved in the work the Committee does. If you are keen to get involved please let us know. Some of the tasks we are looking for help with include

- Collecting content for, and sending out our newsletters
- Looking after and promoting our archive collection
- Helping organise quarterly speakers, and outings for our members



Annual subscriptions for 2019-2020 are now payable

Subscriptions for the 2019-2020 will be due shortly; and a hearty thanks to the super-organised people who have already paid them! After discussion by the Committee we have agreed that the rate will remain the same for the coming year, which is

\$20 for individual membership

\$25 for a family membership.

You can pay your subs at our AGM, otherwise an invoice will be sent out in mid-June. This can be paid by cheques, or online banking. If you would like to get in early and pay online our account is below. Please enter your Name and phone number in the 3 panel payer space

Bank account: 06 0501 0208280 00

If you have any queries please contact me (Adrian Humphris, adrianinka02@gmail.com)

Stockade content is always appreciated

Work is already under way on the next edition of stockade. 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>.

Adrian Humphris
President