



NEWSLETTER, May 2022

**The Annual General Meeting will be held on
Tuesday 14 June 2022
at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori**

**at 7.30 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 need new Committee members! 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 – Adrian Humphris, Treasures from the City Archives

Supper will be served after the meeting

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 14 June

Treasures from the City Archives

Our last event was way back in December 2021, when a couple of groups of our members got the opportunity to visit Wellington City Council Archives. As well as a behind the scenes tour of the premises, there was also a presentation highlighting what the Archives holds, relating specifically to Karori.

With the risk of Omicron, 2022 has continued the limited activities of the Society post 2020 and 2021. The Committee decided early in the year to postpone our March meeting, not wanting to put any of our members at risk. While there are still cases out in the community, with numbers declining we have decided to proceed with our AGM.

We will however keep the following presentation low key, although we are hoping to resume 'normal' service with a guest speaker in our September meeting. For the AGM, President Adrian Humphris will share a selection of images from the Council Archives, both from the December trip as well as other records so we can see and reminisce how Karori has changed over time.

For example, Committee member Chris Rabey has been reading through early Council minute books as part of his research into Brooklyn, and recently came across a reference to the original Karori Pool being completed by contractors Christian & Nielsen (NZ) in November 1936. The pool remained in use for many years before an indoor pool was built in 2001.

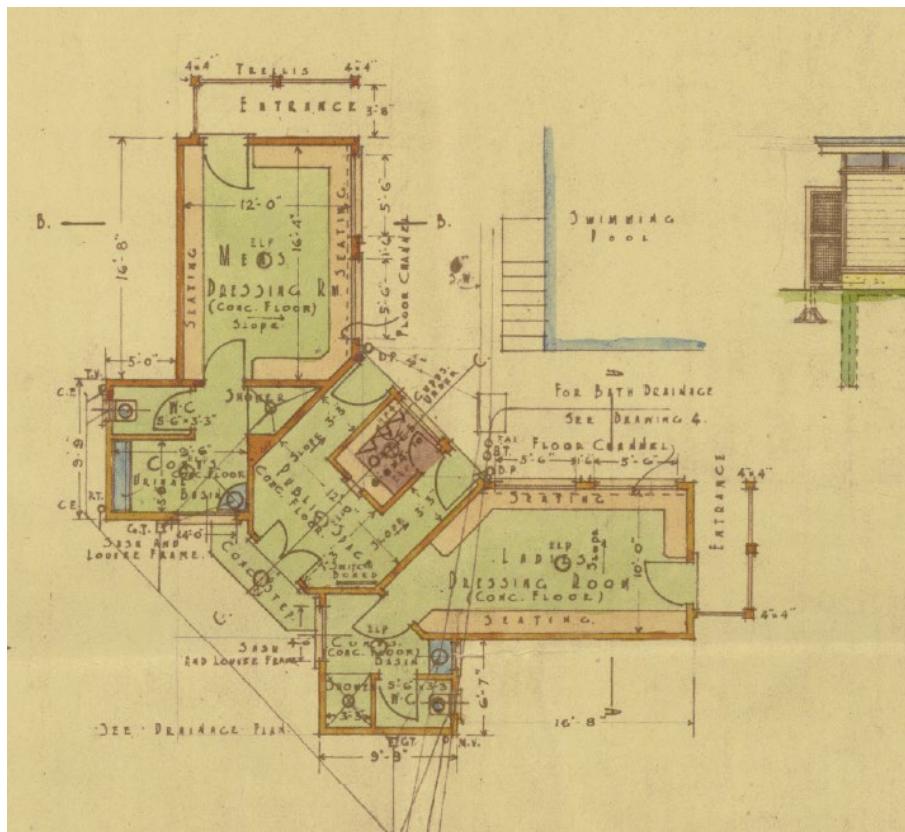


Among the records at the Archives are the original plans for the swimming baths, as well as

photographs. Above is image taken not long after the baths were completed, showing maintenance being carried out while a hardy group wait for their swim in the background (bonus points if anyone can recognise or name anyone in the photograph!).



There are also plans at the Archives, which show the distinctive changing shed designed by the Architects Branch of the City Engineers Department.



So we hope you can join us in June as we take a stroll back in time and see what the Archives can tell us about Karori and how our suburb has changed over time.

Annual subscriptions for 2022-2023

The committee spent some time discussing subscriptions for the coming year in our last Committee meeting and propose that we waive fees for the coming year. This is mainly in response to the lack of activity over the past year; we have missed a couple of public meetings, and the latest Stockade has been delayed.

A small number of members have paid for the coming year in advance; we will make sure this is carried over to the subsequent year.

This proposal will be moved and adopted at our AGM, but if you do have any queries please contact me (Adrian Humphris, adrianinka02@gmail.com). I'd just like to also note that we have a vacancy in the Committee for someone to manage our membership records; while I have been endeavouring to keep them accurate and up to date the odd error may have slipped in. If you do want to query if your subs are up to date, or would like to help us manage our members, please let me know.

Our PO Box is closing

Over the last couple of years PO Box fees have steadily increased, while at the same time the amount of mail we receive has reduced dramatically. We have made the decision to close our PO Box, so if you need to mail the Society, please send it care of 21 Tiro Street, Karori 6012.

Be a committee member!

Our committee has ebbed and flowed over the past years, and we are currently in a period where we have had members stand down but not be replaced. We have been lacking a Vice President for several years, and as above additional help to look after our membership would be greatly welcomed.

The Society is only ever as strong as its committee, so we are looking for keen, enthusiastic members who are willing to join and actively participate in organising events, finding interesting speakers for our meetings, and other ways we can share and capture the history of Karori. If this could be you, please let me know; all offers are welcome!

Stockade content is always appreciated

As mentioned above the latest Stockade has been delayed, and we are still looking for content. If you have anything to share, please let us know. With 2023 being our 50th anniversary we are also starting to think about a special Stockade to celebrate that milestone.

Adrian Humphris
President