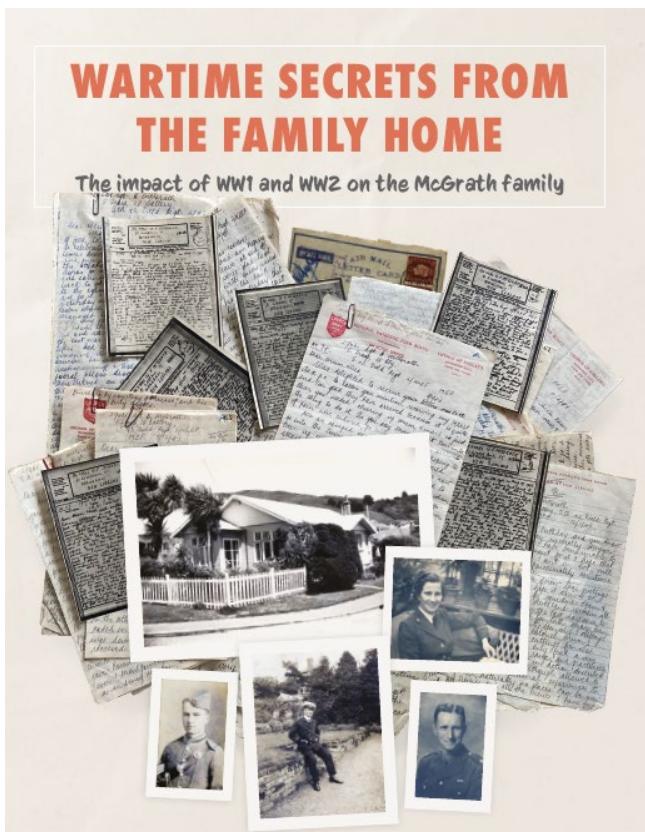


**February 2024**

**Our next meeting will be held on  
Tuesday 5 March 2024  
at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori**

**at 7.30 pm.  
Members and friends welcome**

## ***"Wartime Secrets from the Family Home"***



Please join us on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March to hear Tom McGrath talk about his new book.

Tom has a lifetime association with Karori. He grew up here and after a period in which he lived in Mt Victoria and Aro Valley, moved back in 1986 and has been here ever since. He is married to author Julia Millen. After working full time as a polytechnic lecturer for many years, Tom has in his retirement, become a published author with two books to his name over the last 10 years.

For this talk Tom will focus on three areas: How he got started on writing "Wartime Secrets" five years ago; "Wartime Secrets" as family and military history - with a few highlights from the book; and a few suggestions, from his own experience, on writing military history based on family members' experiences.

**Supper will be served after the meeting**

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5 March

### ***December meeting:***

We had a great crowd turn out in December to hear Robin Skinner talk through his detailed research to trace a Māori pathway from Te Aro to the Kaiwharawhara Stream at Te Māra a Tāne / Zealandia. This once much-used thoroughfare passed through the present site of the university campus and suburban Kelburn, before dropping to the stream and to Karori beyond.

### ***Be a committee member!***

Our committee has ebbed and flowed over the past years and is currently at the ebbing end of things at six members. We have been lacking a Vice President for several years, and with work and home commitments all our committee are busy, which limits how much we can organise and do for the society.

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!***

A quick update - our special 50th anniversary Stockade is now with the printers. We hope to have it ready for collection on 5 March, but if there is a hold-up, it will definitely be ready at our AGM in June.

In the meantime, as always articles and contributions are welcome, , so if you have a story about Karori you would like to share, please contact [Jo Elworthy](#), our editor extraordinaire. If you'd like to browse back through older issues, you can do that [here](#).

Adrian Humphris  
President