



May 2024

**Our Annual General Meeting will be held on
Tuesday 4 June 2024
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

If you are keen to help run the Society and plan future activities and events, so are willing to join our Committee, please contact Adrian Humphris: adrianinka02@gmail.com.

8 General Business

9 Speaker – Elizabeth Cox, “New Zealand women in architecture and the story of Lucy Greenish”

Supper will be served after the meeting

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 4 June

“New Zealand women in architecture and the story of Lucy Greenish”



After the AGM we are lucky to have Elizabeth Cox as our speaker, who will be talking about her book *Making Space*, and in particular the life of Lucy Greenish.

Making Space: A history of New Zealand women in architecture tells a story of the barriers women have faced in an historically male dominated profession and champions the work of women whose careers had not been documented.

Making Space started with an appendix. Tucked away in a book about Wellington architects from 1840 to 1940 was the only Wellington woman to have registered as an architect during that time – Lucy Greenish. She registered just over a century ago, in 1914. That write-up spurred Elizabeth on to find out more about her life, and what she found was a story of war, economic vulnerability, determination, an illegitimate baby, family

secrets and records stretched across nations. Being a Karori resident early in her life (along with brother Frank, also an architect), this story is perfect to share with our Society.

Elizabeth Cox is a Wellington historian who specialises in both architectural and women's history. She works as a senior historian at Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage and runs a consultancy business exploring the history of New Zealand's heritage buildings.

March speaker: “Wartime Secrets from the Family Home”

We had a good turnout at our last meeting to hear Tom McGrath talk about writing his book, which was written following the chance discovery of 200 wartime letters and dozens of photos while clearing out his old family home. Tom uses this material to recount his family's varied experiences in both world wars.

It was a thoroughly entertaining talk, with Tom taking us through the discovery of these archives and the writing process that saw the project through to fruition. His talk included several excerpts from the book and some insights into the family's experiences.

Annual subscriptions for 2024-2025

Subscriptions for the 2023-2024 year are due at the AGM; a hearty thanks to the super-organised people who have already paid them! We are retaining the same rate from last year, which is \$20 for individual membership and \$25 for a family membership.

You can pay your subs at our AGM, after which a reminder will be sent out. Subs can be paid via online banking; our account is below. Please enter your Name and phone number in the 3 panel payer space.

Bank account: 06 0501 0208280 00

We are aware some people have paid in advance and can confirm if this is the case. If you do have any queries regarding your subs, please contact our Treasurer Liz via infokarorihistory@gmail.com.

Apologies for our website and missed newsletters – work in progress!

A couple of members have pointed out to me that our website has not been updated since late last year, which is not helpful for knowing what meetings are upcoming. We have also been changing responsibility for membership within the committee, and unfortunately the member list used for newsletters was not up to date so some members may have missed recent newsletters.

In both cases our sincere apologies, this was not intentional. With the passing of our webmaster, we have not been able to update (and will not be updating) the website. We are in the process of developing a new replacement website, that can be maintained and kept up to date, which should be ready and online soon. Peter looks after our Facebook page and will make sure to post notices and upcoming events on that in the meantime. I will also be making sure the newsletter does get out to everyone!

Stockade content is always appreciated!

A quick update - our special 50th anniversary Stockade has been published and will be available to collect at the June meeting.

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