



# September 2024

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10 September 2024

At St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori

At 7.30pm

Members and friends welcome

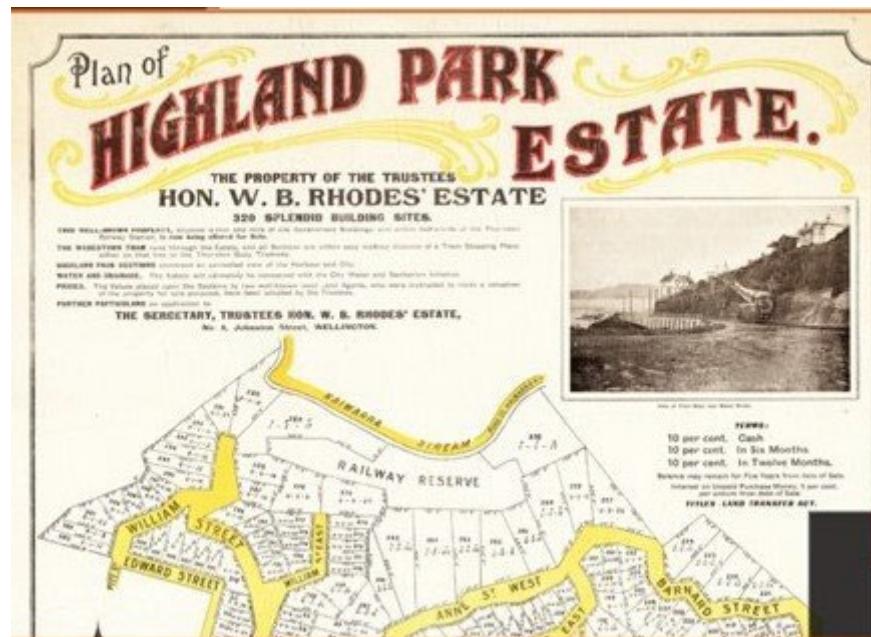
Join us to hear Gábor Tóth, Local & NZ History Specialist at Wellington City Libraries, present

## Future Plans:

***Wellington subdivision advertising bills from the early 20th century***

The years leading up to the First World War saw a large increase in Wellington's population with a booming economy and high migration from the UK. Coupled with local body amalgamation and improved transport infrastructure, property developers and business 'syndicates' seized the opportunity to acquire and subdivide large blocks of land for new housing on the outskirts of the city with varying degrees of success.

Gábor's talk will draw upon newly digitised advertising bills and subdivision plans selected from the heritage collections of the Onslow Historical Society and Wellington City Libraries.



Supper will be served  
after the meeting

We look forward to  
seeing you on Tuesday  
10 September

## June Meeting – AGM

The following officers were elected at the AGM:

**President**, Adrian Humphris

**Vice-President**, No nominations were received and an appointment was held over

**Secretary**, Chris Rabey

**Treasurer**, Liz Newport

### Committee members:

Three current members were re-elected: Peter Anderson, Jo Elworthy, and Kristin Gibson. No new members joined the Committee.

A vote of thanks was passed for Richard Bentley, who stood down from the committee. He will still support the committee in organising our annual stand at Karori Karnival.

## June speaker: New Zealand women in architecture and the story of Lucy Greenish

After the AGM Elizabeth Cox gave a presentation about Lucy Greenish, New Zealand's first registered female architect.

Lucy and her family moved with their parents to New Zealand as young adults in around 1908. Her father died soon after, but her mother Margaret and her three children continued to live together in Karori for many years.

Soon after her husband's death Margaret advertised that she could tutor in woodcarving and art, and then set up her own kindergarten and school on Karori Road, teaching the groundbreaking **Froebel kindergarten method**, which emphasized the importance of play for children, and the connection between play and creativity. Lucy and her siblings helped with the Christmas parties for the school and painting the sets for their plays.



Elizabeth took us through Lucy's career both training and practising as an architect, and the challenges she faced in her personal life; her time as a governess at the Walter Peak Station in Queensland, the traumatic move to Australia to have her illegitimate baby, and her later life with a sole practice in Lower Hutt in 1927.

## Annual subscriptions for 2024-2025

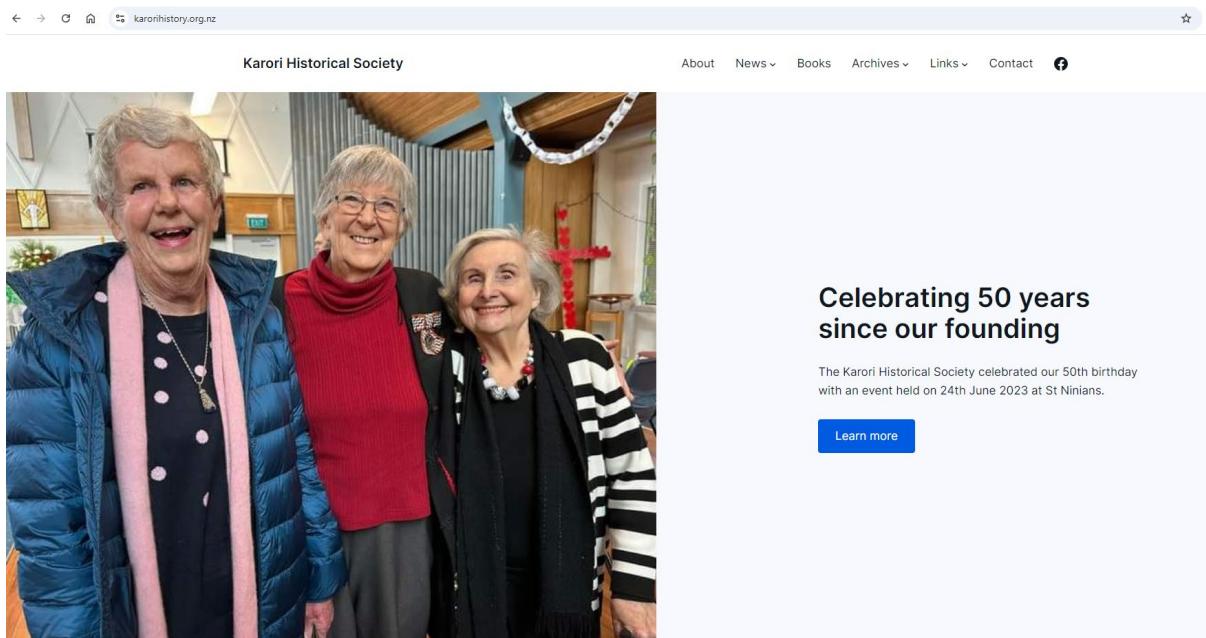
Subscriptions for the 2023-2024 year are currently due; a hearty thanks to those who have already paid them! We are retaining the same rate from last year, which is \$20 for individual membership and \$25 for a family membership.

You can pay your subs at the September meeting, otherwise a reminder will be emailed out to those who have yet to pay. You can also pay 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

If you do have any queries regarding your subs, please contact our Treasurer Liz via [infokarorihistory@gmail.com](mailto:infokarorihistory@gmail.com).

## Our new website is finally here



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Karori Historical Society website. The header features the URL 'karorihistory.org.nz', the society's name 'Karori Historical Society', and a navigation menu with links to 'About', 'News', 'Books', 'Archives', 'Links', and 'Contact'. Below the header is a large photograph of three women smiling. To the right of the photo is a text box with the heading 'Celebrating 50 years since our founding' and a 'Learn more' button.

We can finally announce that our new website is up and running and will now be up to date with newsletters and announcements regarding upcoming meetings. We have been able to use a redirect so the existing web address or link will take you to the new site.

To start with we have largely replicated the content from the old site, but longer term will be adding more content.

Many thanks go to Peter's daughter Kim, who built the new site, and is helping train the Committee up so we can keep it up to date and active.

## **Stockade content is always appreciated!**

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