

Our next public meeting will be held on Tuesday 8 September 2026 at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori at 7.30 pm.

Hear guest speaker Gábor Toth, Local and NZ History Specialist for Wellington City Libraries, present

The Butcher, the Baker and the Beauchamps



Katherine Mansfield with her family, and others, 75 Tinakori Road, Wellington. Bennett, Anne, fl 1975: Photographs of Katherine Mansfield and family. Ref: PAColl-3320-02. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand. /records/22803323

An investigation into the demographics & residents of Tinakori Road and the surrounding area in 1900 when Katherine Mansfield and her family lived at No. 75, the house that inspired her story, *The Garden Party*.

While researching the history behind a City Council decision in the early 20th century to re-number all the properties in Tinakori Road, Gábor was struck by the diversity in the occupations of residents in the area. This led him to concentrate on the period when Katherine Mansfield's father, Sir Harold Beauchamp, made the decision to move his family back to Thorndon area after living in Karori for five years. They shifted into a grand villa at 75 Tinakori Road (later renumbered 133 and eventually demolished for the construction of the motorway) and the mixed nature of the neighbourhood was something Mansfield later drew upon for some of her best-known short stories.

Friends and family are welcome

In memoriam



It is with great sadness that we must note the passing of Judith Burch on 18 June.

Judith was actively involved with the Society from the early 1990s until 2020; on the committee member from 1994 as well as being our longest serving President, from 1999 until 2015.

I remember her great enthusiasm and sense of humour when I first joined the Committee in the early 2000s, and the warm hospitality Judith and Bob always gave at Committee meetings and Society events. When she stepped down and nominated me as her successor, I still remember the sense of dread thinking of all she had achieved; but she took me under her wing and supported me in her unassuming way. It was a privilege and I feel lucky to have been able to work with her.

Judith leaves behind a huge legacy; Kaori and its People stands as a significant contribution to the recorded history of Karori. We can also thank her persistence and hard work for the reprinted Karori Streets, as well as many other publications many issues of Stockade.

June Meeting – AGM

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Adrian Humphris

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

Secretary, Chris Rabey

Treasurer, Liz Newport

Committee members:

The current members were re-elected: Peter Anderson, Jo Elworthy Kristin Gibson and Brigitte Holland.

Following the AGM we had a presentation from Grant Hodgson, who talked about his book *Rangatiratanga and Gentlemanship*. On 15 November 1825 an extended conversation between Christian missionaries and Ngapuhi rangatira was recorded at Kerikeri in the Bay of Islands. The dialogue in English and Te Reo involved Ngapuhi leader Hongi Hika and kinsmen, and missionaries led by Henry Williams. Translated by a young missionary William Gilbert Puckey, the exchange preserved a

rare glimpse into the cultural dynamics of the time. If you were unable to attend but would like to know more about the book, [you can find out more here](#).

Annual subscriptions for 2026-2027

Subscriptions for 2026-2027 are due, and you should have received a reminder email from Liz, our Treasurer. They are \$20 for individual membership and \$25 for family membership. You can pay via online banking; our account is below. Please note with confirmation of payee our account name is The Karori Historical Society. Please enter your Name and phone number in the 3-panel payer space.

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Stockade content is always appreciated!

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 via infokarorihistory@gmail.com. If you'd like to browse back through older issues, [you can do that here](#).

Then and now

Peter Anderson represented Karori Historical Society at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Chaytor Street retaining wall seismic strengthening project on Wednesday 24th June 2026. The work is now well underway and expected to be completed by mid-2027.

The photograph on the following page comes from Wellington City Council Archive and shows the original construction of the wall around 1929. The work was part of the Western Access Scheme, a series of interconnected civil engineering projects undertaken by the Wellington City Council over a 20 year period to improve access to the western suburbs.



