

KARORI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The Society's next General Meeting will be held on

Tuesday 4 December 2012

at St Ninian's Hall, Newcombe Crescent, Karori

at 7.45 pm.

Members and friends welcome

Speaker

Our speaker will be Trevor Morley, a former Wellington detective who now runs his own security business specialising in security and private investigations.

Title of his address is: **The Life and Death of Constable Vivian Dudding** who was shot and killed in October 1919 whilst attending a 'domestic dispute' at a house in Thorndon.

Trevor is an avid collector and he will bring along some of his treasures, including some old UK Police truncheons. Trevor is an accomplished and entertaining speaker and the topic he has chosen is part of the history of Karori and Wellington with which we are probably unfamiliar. So come along and learn.

September meeting:

Despite the best efforts of the speaker and John Harper, the technology failed to function as it should. Fortunately Lydia Wevers is a very accomplished and interesting speaker and gave a fascinating insight into the life and times of those individuals and families living at Brancepeth station in the late 19th century, with special reference to the librarian John Miller. In future we must ensure that our speakers are able to use the technology they choose.

The Stockade

Issue number 44 of *The Stockade* is now available and copies are included with this Newsletter.

Jo Elworthy, the editor, is very keen that *The Stockade* keeps up its tradition of interesting and relevant articles about the suburb, and we need more members to take responsibility for writing them. We are aware there are several of our members who have the necessary skills – so take the plunge and contact Jo. After all, one of the Society's objectives is to publish the results of research into local history. In addition, if you have any ideas about a topic not previously appearing in *The Stockade*, please contact the editor on 934 7608 or at joelworthy@paradise.net.nz

If you know anyone who would like a copy, please advise our editor – cost \$15 plus \$1:40 postage.

Short story competition –

The president was recently involved, as a member of the Wellington Region Heritage Promotion Council, with a short story competition. It was the first time it has been held and the Council was very pleased with the response. Unfortunately there were no entries from Karori. The award ceremony was held at Old St Pauls in October. If it is held in 2013 we hope there will be entries from Karori.

Karori and its People

Now is the time to be thinking of Christmas presents and what could be better than a gift of the Society's pride and joy. It is great value at \$50 and we would urge you to think to whom you might give a copy.

Membership

Your committee is concerned that our membership has declined in recent years. The committee does not want to wait until there is a crisis before we try and rectify the situation. We discussed a number of ways to encourage more people to become members, especially younger people, without resolving the problem. In the meantime, if anyone has some ideas that we could implement next year we would be delighted to hear about them.

Possible visit to Government House

Jeni Bryant has made contact with officials at Government House, possible dates for a visit are 18, 19, 20 February 2013.

Christmas meeting

Hard to believe we will soon be celebrating Christmas – this year seems to have flashed by. All the members of the committee join with me in wishing everyone a happy and joyous Christmas and every good wish for 2013.

Random pictures from 2012 meetings

