

PORIRUA HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION INC.

July 2014 Newsletter

Next Activity:

3.30pm Sunday 6th July in the Helen Smith Community Room, Pataka

Museum, Porirua. **The Great Strike of 1913:**

Historian Peter Clayworth will give a public talk on the Great Strike of 1913. In November last year Dr Clayworth worked with the Labour History Project and other volunteers organising activities for the strike centenary. The Labour History Project is a group of historians and trade unionists who highlight the history of New Zealand's working people. The LHP is not affiliated to any political party.

Dr Clayworth will talk on the history of the strike, particularly the events in Wellington, and will discuss what they shoe about New Zealand society immediately before the outbreak of the Great War. He will also consider the impact the strike had on people in Porirua.

Everyone invited to attend.

Current Activities:

If you haven't been already the Story of Ngati Toa Rangatira

Opened 14 June, 2014 in the Iwi Gallery, Level 4, at TePapa.

Free entry

Highlights of the exhibition include several significant taonga that speak to some of the key tupuna and history of Ngati Toa; an Interactive map that allows the viewer to learn about Ngati Toa's tumultuous migration from Kawhia to the Wellington region.

The Portrait Gallery, Shed 11 near Queens's Wharf has two events in July associated with their current exhibition: ***Facing the Front: New Zealand's Enduring First World War.***

17th July at 5.30pm Lt Col (Retired) Chris Pugsley will give a talk:

"Facing the Front: A Personal View"

23rd July at 1pm the curator Gavin McLean will give a **Walk through** the exhibition.

WW1 Project

Alan Dodson has provided a quick update on the WW100 Project. At this stage he has identified 110 men and women with Porirua connections who served in WW1. He is well placed to prepare 25 stories with Egypt/Gallipoli connections for the 2015 anniversary being planned for Pataka.

This month's story, now published in the Plimmerton Resident's Association newsletter/website is of Charles (Charlie) Boulton, Paremata and includes a real stunning photo of Charles and his brother Kenneth (Ken) prior to them going overseas. The photo was unnamed in the Pataka group photos but he was able to confirm the names from a photo of Ken and the regimental badges the brothers were wearing. Ken was killed at Gallipoli and Charlie evacuated sick and invalided back to New Zealand. He is now working on a group of ten men from Porirua Hospital who all volunteered, on the same day, in 1914 and went into the New Zealand Medical Corps.

Check out Alan Dodson's latest research on the Plimmerton Resident's Association website. **WW100 story ... Gunner Charlie Boulton.**

They were the first couple to be married at St Albans Pauatahanui ... one day after the Armistice to end WW1 was signed.

www.plimmerton.org.nz/ANZAC-stories/charles-daryl-boulton

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