

LOWER HUTT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

Preserve the past, Challenge the future

Combined meeting with the Petone Historical Society.

Thursday 19 March 2015.

“Heritage in the UK.”

Our Guest Speaker is the recently appointed Heritage New Zealand central region manager, Claire Craig. Claire, a former legal adviser for the then NZ Historic Places Trust, has been working for the last 12 years for the British National Trust and English Heritage. Major projects she worked on included the redevelopment of Stonehenge – a world heritage site containing one of Britain’s most important prehistoric monuments – and the Thames Tideway Tunnel. Claire says that heritage is not about merely preserving buildings as it is also about finding creative solutions, sustaining resources into the future and helping people understand the benefits of preserving significant heritage assets. Do come and hear Claire share some of her experience and vision. Tea and coffee will be served after the meeting

**Note the venue: Petone Library meeting room, Britannia Street, Petone
7.30 p.m. (Please be prompt).**

Admission by Gold coin.

Light refreshments.

Sunday 8 March 2015

“Walk around Seddon’s State Houses - Patrick Street Petone.”

Historic Places Wellington, with support from Patrick Street Heritage Group and Petone Historical Society, will host a walk in Petone to see the first state houses built in New Zealand. Prime Minister Richard Seddon's Workers' Dwellings Act in 1905 was followed by a competition for designs of high quality and artistic but low cost houses. Seven different designs were chosen from leading architects, and 33 houses were built in 1906 on the sand hills near Petone Beach. All except one are still standing and lived in. The Patrick Street Workers' Dwellings Precinct, Petone, is protected as a Heritage Area registered by the Historic Places Trust. Our guide will be **Sylvia Allan**, a town and environmental planner with a long involvement in heritage protection. She has been closely involved in the identification and protection of the Patrick Street houses and the development of the precinct provision in the Hutt City District Plan. She will be accompanied by Tui Lewis, Hutt City Councillor. Sylvia and Tui and their families have been residents of Patrick Street for over 30 years. The group will meet at **Alfred Memelink's Artspace Gallery, 223 Petone Esplanade, corner of Patrick Street, any time from 10.00 am**, for an opportunity to look around the gallery at artwork by local artists, featuring a John Rundle Memorial exhibition. A limited number of booklets by Barbara Fill about the houses will be available to purchase. **We will set off at 11.00** on the guided walk for about an hour. Walkers will then be free to explore Petone cafes for lunch.

For any enquiries, please phone **Ruth Mansell, 589-1707.**

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