



Newsletter of the New Zealand History Federation Inc Te Kotahitanga o nga Hitori o Aotearoa Patron: Robin Astridge QSM <http://www.nzhistoricalsocieties.org.nz/>
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From the 20 July 2019 Federation executive meeting:

Susan Verran is the new Membership Officer, while Neil Curgenvan retains Health and Safety Officer. Lisa Truttman retains Facebook Officer, I keep the job of 'Keeping In Touch' editor and 'New Zealand Legacy' retains its team of myself, Susan Verran, Lisa Truttman and Wynne Haysmith. Neil Curgenvan is the Liaison Officer and shares responsibility with Kathryn Parsons for Special Projects.

Lisa Truttman, Kenneth Stringer and Robin Astridge are to work on changes to the Federation constitution, while the position of Website officer is vacant. Any interest in that position is most welcome – please let us know!

David Verran.

Auckland Regional Meeting – hosted by the North Shore Historical Society.

This will be on 31 August 2019 and held at the HR4 Studio of the Lake House, 37 Fred Thomas Drive, Takapuna. Registration will start from 10am and the meeting closes around 3.30pm (see attached form). Included is a welcome, introductions, brief reports from societies and the Federation, and a talk on Mission Bay archaeology. \$25 per person, and the contact is wjb2ellis@gmail.com by 17 August 2019.



In December 2018, the **Bulls and District Historical Society** put out a new publication '*Historic Homes, Churches and Public Buildings*', which is selling really well. This is a companion publication to their earlier '*Slices of Life*' where local identities both past and present, wrote of life experiences. Each book sold

separately for \$25 but for the two together it is \$40. These have assisted local schools for research purposes, as was indicated when 36 children came through the museum recently. The Society reports that they had another 56 children coming through during the following week.

FIELDAYS at MYSTERY CREEK 12-15 JUNE 2019

Members of the **Waikato Historical Society** helped staff the Hospital House in the Heritage Village at the Fieldays. Arranged by Kathryn Parsons (Waikato committee member, committee member of the New Zealand History Federation and Manager of Cambridge Museum) the offer of a free site was too good to turn down. Hilary and Karen attended on Wednesday 12th, Marilyn and Helen (a colleague of Kathryn's) on Thursday 13th and on Friday 14th Neil Curgenvan another committee member of the New Zealand History Federation was joined by Robin Astridge, a past Federation President, Patron and also a current committee member of the Federation (which had a display including member societies). Kathryn and Ros Ramsbottom covered Saturday 15th, the final day – Ros is shown below.



With over 130,000 visitors and the site made available to us, this was a great opportunity. Neil Curgenvan provided past copies of the Federation publication 'New Zealand Legacy' to hand out and on the Friday anyone who had a big bag was given one to take. Who knows what that could result from this venture? Talking with visitors it was clear that they came from all over the country; one was a host at Howick Village in Auckland, another from Owaka Museum in the deep south and lots

from in between. Flying the flag for our place and the rest of history was a good experience and well worth the time and effort. We had stamps of farm animals for the younger ones to play with and sweets to offer our visitors. Thank you to all involved - your contribution is appreciated.

From the Waikato Historical Society July newsletter.

Useful websites.

Highly recommended is the Ngai Tahu digital atlas at <http://www.kahurumanu.co.nz/> with around 1200 Maori South Island place names and associated stories. There is also www.highstreetstories.co.nz for pre-quake Christchurch and moving further North check out www.thewaikatowar.co.nz for Waikato sites. Wellingtonians seeking out their local historical society newsletters will certainly know <http://www.wrhpc.org.nz/library/index.htm>

The History Federation's history essay writing competition.

I asked Vice-President Kenneth Stringer, who ran the history essay writing competition for three consecutive years, about this and he responded that a lack of entries persuaded the committee to cancel this event.

Member societies were to send winning entries from their local competitions to the Federation and these were judged at the national level. There was a competition for primary schools and a separate one for secondary schools, hence two trophies which are held in Hockin House in Hamilton. Noeline Shaw donated the trophy for secondary schools and Kenneth gave the one for primary schools.

The problem was that for three consecutive years only one society per annum presented its winning entry. These were Waikato for two years and Parnell for the third year. This is the reason that the committee decided to stop supporting the competition.

He recalls the prize money was about \$100-00. This was shared between the recipient and the school. However, the prize money was too low to attract much interest, in his opinion, but to offer a larger prize would be beyond the resources of the Federation.

David Verran.

Help tag more names in the Macdonald Dictionary

Canterbury Museum's popular and much-loved G R Macdonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biography is getting an update for the 21st century. The dictionary, which is comprised of over 12000 index cards containing biographical information about over 22000 people, is the focus of a joint crowd-sourcing project between Canterbury Museum and the University of Canterbury Arts Digital Lab. The index cards have been scanned and are available through Canterbury Museum's collections online, however, currently only the names of the head of the household are indexed and searchable. <https://collection.canterburymuseum.com/highlights/17/objects?limit=25> The aim of the crowd-sourcing project is to tag and transcribe the hundreds maybe thousands of additional names which are mentioned in the biographies.

While the biographies are primarily focused on the heads of the household, who are usually men, their wives and children and other family members are often alluded to as are the occasional neighbour and business partner. The information on the extended family members, neighbours and business associates may be comparatively sparse but could nevertheless lead to a productive line of research. For example, clicking on a highlighted name on Canterbury Museum's collections online brings up a list of items associated with that person. This may include

photographs of the person or clothing worn by the person or a sketch drawn by that person or even a geological specimen that they collected and donated to the Museum! However, before all these wonderful connections can be made, the additional names appearing in the Macdonald Dictionary need to be tagged and transcribed.

The index cards have been uploaded onto the crowd-sourcing platform Zooniverse where volunteers can tag and transcribe the names they see. Anyone can help, you just need to sign up for a free Zooniverse account. You can find the project here <https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/christopherthomson/macdonald-dictionary>

Be careful with your murals.

Onehunga Fencible and Historical Society reports that the new local mural featuring Elizabeth Yates, the first woman mayor in the British Empire, initially got her year of death wrong (corrected to 1918). She was Mayor from 29 November 1893 to 28 November 1894.

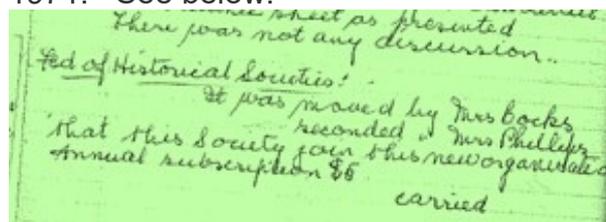
Plea for help from Blockhouse Bay Historical Society.

Graham Edwards <grahamedwards2315@gmail.com> asks:

"I have been tasked by the Society to gather information on digitizing our historical records in order to allow easier access and to safeguard the material into the future. Our eventual aim is to make our records available to the general public via the Internet, whereas at present they would have to call or call in to Armanasco House on a Tuesday to request information.

I have received excellent assistance from New Zealand Micrographic Services, as it seems our 6,000 plus documents, in 85 plus boxes, is much too big a project for our volunteers to undertake themselves. Has anyone gone through this process, and if you have any tips to share, whether I have missed anything, and so on, before we take the big step of applying for funding for the project? Many thanks."

The **Ashburton Museum and Historical Society** now has a new website up and running. Please visit: <https://ashburtonmuseumandhistoricalsociety.wordpress.com/>
The minutes of their 13th AGM (Nov. 25, 1971) confirm they have been members of the Federation since 1971. See below:



The Judith Binney Trust is pleased to announce that applications for the 2020 Judith Binney Fellowships and Writing Awards will open on 19 August 2019. For information about the Fellowships and Awards, please see www.judithbinneytrust.org.nz

Applications for the 2020 tenure open on 19 August and close on 30 September 2019. The Fellowships and Awards will be announced in November 2019.

The Judith Binney Fellowship is available for an established scholar to undertake or complete significant research. The Writing Award is for an emerging scholar, or for the beginning or completion of a project.

The Fellowships and Writing Awards support research and writing on New Zealand history or associated topics. This might include: social history; women's history; nineteenth- and twentieth-century histories; Māori history; recent social, economic or political history; and historical interests arising from New Zealand archaeology, anthropology, and material culture.

The Judith Binney Fellowships and Writing Awards honour the contribution made by the late Dame Judith Binney/ Te Tōmairangi o Te Aroha to our understanding of the history of these islands.

The inaugural 2019 recipient of the Judith Binney Fellowship was Dr Nēpia Mahuika (Ngāti Porou), Senior Lecturer in History at the University of Waikato.

Three Judith Binney Writing Awards went to: Ryan Bodman, Morgan Godfrey and Dr Melissa Matutina Williams (Te Rarawa, Ngāti Maru).

More information about the successful applicants can be found on the [Judith Binney Trust website](#).

Health and Safety at Work (Volunteer Associations) Amendment Bill.

This Bill was to allow volunteer associations that employ a person or persons for not greater than 100 hours per week to be excluded from the Health and Safety at Work provisions, but has now been withdrawn at the Second Reading.

Queenstown and District Historical Society has now reached Issue 101 for their journal 'The Queenstown Courier'. They have also updated their website, which includes past 'Courier's' at www.queenstownhistoricalsociety.org.nz

More news please!

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At the AGM in Thames in 2018 it was resolved to have two annual membership levels: for societies with 1-20 members (\$25), and those with 21 plus (\$50). Museums and other institutions are to pay \$50, while individual subscribers to New Zealand Legacy pay \$30 (within New Zealand) for 2019. Note that we sent the first account out on 10 April 2019, and if you have already paid that's fine.

A REMINDER FOR YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION (‘N. Z. LEGACY’) or SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP 2019.

Please remit to: Membership New Zealand History Federation Inc
C/-: Susan Verran
14 Burns Avenue, Takapuna, Auckland 0622

Or please email Susan as above your details of payment and direct deposit to BNZ Invercargill a/c # 02 0959 0041718 000. Please use society/museum or personal name (subscription) as reference.

A: 01-20 members \$25

B: 21 plus members \$50

Museums and other institutions \$50

Individual subscribers \$30 (NZ Legacy only)

Society/museum membership offers:

New Zealand Legacy (**please let us know if you haven't received Vol 31, Number 1, 2019**).

Keeping In Touch magazine (electronic only)

Attendance at the Annual General Meeting

Opportunity to have a webpage on the Federation website for \$57.50

Free advice on the Health and Safety and Work Act 2017 – ncurgenvn@gmail.com

Visitation and/or support from the Liaison Officer

Support for funding applications

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Please find attached our cheque for 2019 membership category A / B , museum, or individual subscription (please circle)

Name of Society/Museum, mailing address and contact email.



New Zealand History Federation Inc

Auckland Regional Day - 31 August 2019

Hosted by the North Shore Historical Society Inc. at
HR4 Studio, the Lake House, 37 Fred Thomas Drive,
Takapuna.

Registration Form (One form per person please, scan extra forms as required.) RSVP 17th August 2019

Surname First name.....

Member of Society/Museum

Associate/Delegate/Observer

Postal address

Phone: Home/Business Mobile.

Email address @

Programme.

- 10 am Registration and morning tea.
- 10.30 am Welcome and introductions.
- 11 am Brief reports from member societies.
- 12.30 pm Lunch
- 1.15 pm Speaker, Bev Parslow on the archaeology of Mission Bay.
- 2.30 pm Update from the New Zealand History Federation Inc.
- 3 pm Afternoon tea
- 3.30 pm Close

Registration: \$25 per person, including lunch, morning and afternoon tea. Post cheques and registration forms to our Treasurer, Barbara Ellis, 86 Glenvar Road, Torbay, Auckland, 0630, or, direct credit to ASB 12-3026-0007802-00 including your surname and scan a copy of your registration to wjb2ellis@gmail.com

Please note that no refunds will be given for cancellations received after 17th August, including non-appearances, unless there are exceptional circumstances (at the discretion of the organising committee). Substitute attendees will be accepted at any time with prior approval.

Note: there will be a table for societies etc. to display any publications or historical items of interest.

Parking is on site either in front or behind the main house, but note that the studio is at the back in a separate building.