

Chairman's Annual Report to The Wellington Region Heritage Promotion Council's AGM held at The National Library on October 29th 2013.

In the years that I have been privileged to lead this organisation, the most rewarding part has been working with a very supportive team, without discord, but always tolerant of divergent views.

It has been a year of change, with our new direction, initiated by Don Picken's proposal for consideration and subsequent adaption.

We have farewelled some long standing Members, including Allan Todd, our first Treasurer, Selly Hyde of Te Horo Museum, and Kevin Brown of Golder Cottage.

Our 2012 AGM was kindly hosted by Golder Cottage, and was well attended, with Mayor Wayne Guppy and the Upper Hutt Library Manager speaking on local initiatives relating to Heritage.

Our winning of the local Airport Award was a complete surprise, thanks to Paul Lambert quietly working on our behalf. The strong support of our Executive Team has been much appreciated, and the dedication of Don Picken in his dual roles has been the mainstay of our operation, with the Vice Chairpersons always there when needed, and particular thanks to the Minute Takers, who often filled the role at short notice!

The Short Story Competition was a great success, with thanks to the organising Committee, and the Competitors were of a high standard.

Thanks to Gillian Cross our Auditor, who works well with our Treasurer, and both are dedicated to looking after our Financial affairs.

To all our other Members and supporters, thank you for being part of our organisation.

Our Funders have loyally supported us again, and most of the Councils in the Region are very supportive, largely enabling us to continue our mission to Promote Heritage in the Region. We may be able to get other Councils to resume their support.

Our November meeting was kindly hosted by The Colonial Cottage, with the Brochure being reviewed, and future themes discussed, and Paul Thompson from The City & Sea Museum talked on their new directions.

The January 2013 meeting at the City & Sea Museum largely focussed on the future direction of Heritage Promotion, with extensive discussion, and very good input from the Members present, and thanks to our hosts, for the venue.

At this stage I was no longer able to attend the meetings, and I thank Phil Parnell, our Vice Chairman for taking the reins for me, and I have confidence in knowing that he will lead the organisation well. Thank you all for your loyalty and dedication, and the good news is that I will still be working on your behalf remotely!

Philip Vallance
Chairman