

Chairman's Report for the Annual General Meeting on 14th October 2015

Over the course of 2014-15 WRHPC has gained some new members on both sides of the Tararua mountains which divide the region as a whole. This has added strength particularly in the Kapiti region where 9 heritage organisations are operating under the Discover Kapiti Heritage umbrella.

The opening of 2014 Heritage Month was very successfully held at Expressions gallery in Upper Hutt with about 45 people attending able to enjoy the Trentham Camp exhibition and a light supper. This comprehensive exhibition then travelled to Waiouru Army Museum.

We continued to produce Heritage Today following successful efforts by our Treasurer to get further funding and some private donations which were very welcome. We are on the lookout for a sponsor – please let me know of any ideas you might have by email or at the AGM.

Anne Taylor our editor has done an excellent job and people are communicating well with her as new issues are prepared.

Heritage Month 2015 has now finished and from the reports heard so far attracted good numbers for our members. Weather was no doubt a factor which may have helped or hindered some.

The big WW100 exhibitions continue to attract large numbers of younger and older people. Te Papa reported 300,000 visitors - so far there most well attended exhibition ever. They are currently in a renewal phase for their permanent exhibits so we look forward to exciting developments some including Heritage no doubt.

I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

Cheers
Phil Parnell.