



Keeping in Touch

Newsletter for New Zealand History Federation Inc

Te Kotahitanga o nga Hitori o Aotearoa

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2023 NZHF Conference at Morrinsville Saturday 25 March



Don't forget to register for this year's NZ History Federation conference, kindly hosted by the Morrinsville Historical Society and Museum.

The day's events include a workshop presentation on how the museum uses their resources to support schools for the new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum, a bus tour of Morrinsville, and an evening dinner to cap things off.

See inside for programme and registration details

*Morrinsville Hotel, ca 1916. William Archer Price.
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New Zealand. natlib.govt.nz/records/23120816*





New Zealand History Federation Inc Conference and AGM 25 March 2023

Held at Morrinsville Rotary Community Centre

45 Canada Street, Morrinsville

Hosted by the Morrinsville Museum and Historical Society

Phone: 07 889 4190

Email: info@morrinsvillemuseum.org.nz

Programme

This conference is an exciting opportunity to meet with others who share a desire to preserve history for future generations, and to support schools as they implement the New Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum. At the Morrinsville Museum we are introducing school students to a learning opportunity that over 50% of them have never had before. Through the presentation of local stories, we can involve teachers and students to learn about their history in an honest, impartial, objective and comprehensive way.

Saturday 25th March 2023

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| 8.30 – 9.00 | Registration at Morrinsville Rotary Community Centre,
45 Canada Street, Morrinsville |
| 9.00 – 9.05 | Welcome |
| 9.05 -10.00 | AGM |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | Morning Tea |
| 10.30 – 12.00 | Workshop hosted by Morrinsville Museum. This workshop shares how we approached schools and invited them to use the museum as a resource to support teaching the new Aotearoa New Zealand Histories Curriculum. This workshop will include a visit to the museum. |
| 12.00 -1.00 | Lunch |
| 1.00 – 3.00 | Bus tour of Morrinsville historical sites ending with a tour of the historic Nottingham Castle Hotel |
| 3.00 – 3.30 | Afternoon tea |
| 3.30 – 5.00 | Reports from Societies |
| 5.00 – 6.00 | Museum open |
| 6.00 – 7.30 | Dinner and Entertainment |



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Registration Form (One form per person please. Print / photocopy extra forms as required.)

RETURN REGISTRATION BY 1 March 2023.

If by post, to: Morrinsville Museum, 41 Canada Street, Morrinsville 3300

Surname First name Delegate / Observer

(delete one)

Member of Full Member Organisation / Associate Member

(delete one)

Postal address
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Phone: Home/Business Mobile

Email address @

Conference Fees

Registration:	\$11.00 per person
Morning Tea:	Compliments of NZ History Federation
Lunch:	\$18.00 per person
Afternoon Tea:	Compliments of NZ History Federation
BUS TRIP	
Saturday afternoon:	\$20.00 per person
DINNER from 6.00 pm	\$53.00 per person
	TOTAL PAID

Payment can be made via the following bank account:

Morrinsville Historical Society 03-0371-0143211-000

Please advise date and amount of payment made when returning this registration form.

Cancellations must be notified to Morrinsville Museum as above. Registration closes 1 March 2023 so we have numbers of those attending. Substitute attendees will be accepted at any time.

Raymond Scott Goodger (1929-2022)



Image from Otahuhu Historical Society Facebook page

From the Otahuhu Historical Society's November 2022 newsletter).

“Ray was president and vice-president [of Otahuhu Historical Society] for more than 13 years. He will be greatly missed by the society for his steady hand and good humour. His funeral was attended by his family, some coming from overseas, family friends, his neighbours and some society members. At his funeral his daughter Gay spoke of her father’s early years and their family life in Otahuhu and grandson Ben spoke of Ray’s skill as a craftsman and his attention to detail. In his later years Ray appreciated the natural world, enjoying the birds and occasional dolphins he could see and the cats that came to visit him as he sat on his verandah by the Tamaki estuary.”

From Gay Goodger’s memories of her father.

“When he was a young boy, his family leased a 10-acre property in Tironui, which I believe is between Takanini and Papakura. His father was doing relief work, clearing weeds off the roads during the depression when he saw the property to lease sign ... Dad started at Takanini School in 1935 when he was six ... When the property at Tironui was sold, they moved to Manurewa ... Dad would collect the laundry on his push bike after high school and take it home where his parents would wash, dry and iron it before Dad took it back ... He sometimes had breakfast at the camp where they had big ham steaks cooked on oil fired ranges and if he was lucky enough to be there at lunchtime would line up with a chow tin for lunch. The Americans were very generous and would give him tips and cigarettes. Dad

used to sell those cigarettes to a butcher who had a shop across the road from Otahuhu College ...

“After leaving school, Dad went to work on a farm in Beach Road, Papakura ... Dad learnt to drive on a 1928 Chevrolet truck while working on the farm and he got his driver's license at Pukekohe and he was still driving at the end of June this year. Back in Auckland, Dad worked for Ken from 1947 to 1956 when he went to work with Harry Parkinson on labour only jobs for the Department of Māori Affairs. They later went on full contract where they had to put in a price to build a house and supply everything. In 1963 Dad left Harry and began working on his own. It was good while it lasted and there was continuous work with the Department until about 1970. Dad said one of the most enjoyable things about his job was the people he met, other carpenters, bricklayers and plumbers ...

“While staying at The Mount with John Lewis, Dad met two women who later introduced him to Mum at a dance in Auckland. Mum and Dad used to go to public dances on Saturday nights at the Orange Ballroom in Newton Road, St Seps at the top of Khyber Pass Road and the Catholic Youth Centre in Pitt Street. Mum and Dad got married in 1952 and travelled by train and ferry to Queenstown for their honeymoon. On their return to Auckland, they moved into the house in Lower Church Street, Otahuhu. In 1951 Mum and Dad had paid half the annual ground rent on a leasehold section in Otahuhu and Dad started building their house on the weekends. There was no electricity in the street at the time and he cut all the timber by handsaw. Mum and Dad lived in the house for six months before the electricity got turned on. They used a primus for cooking and a Tilley lamp for light. They heated water in the copper for their baths and for their washing. When they moved in the ceilings weren't up and there was no toilet. They had an outside dunny. Dad finished the house about 12 months after they moved in. Mum and Dad sold the Lower Church Street house to Pat and Ailsa Daily in 1963. They had bought a section in Atkinson Avenue, Otahuhu and Dad started building a house in his spare time. This was the house we grew up in.

“In the 1960s Mum and Dad joined the Otahuhu Athletics and Harrier Club and became active members of the club. They were part of bottle drives to raise money for the club, bingo, raffles and the socials that were held in the club rooms. Along with the usual running meets, Dad went for runs with other members on Sunday mornings. Totara Park was a popular place for running and they would run from Totara Park through to the Gardens. They also used to run in the Waitakeres and around Mt Richmond in Otahuhu. In the end Dad's house became the meeting point where parents would drop their kids off at about 6am, they would leave around 6.30am for their runs and return about two hours later. He would bring the huge toasted sandwich machine home from the Club and make toasted sandwiches, usually cheese and onion or spaghetti, for everyone after the run. After everyone had eaten, Dad would take the kids home in his van. Dad really enjoyed those times. ...

“Dad was also an active member of the Otahuhu Historical Society. He greatly enjoyed the company of the other members and he was always interested in their activities right up until the end. Dad lived a long life, from the era of horse and cart through to the beginnings of space tourism, an incredible time of change. He loved his work, his family and friends and the people he met along the way. It was a life well lived and thoroughly enjoyed. After nearly 94 years you can't ask more than that so we celebrate you, Dad, today and always.”

Papakura & District Historical Society's 60th, and their Museum's 50th



In September last year, I was invited to the celebration at Papakura of their dual golden anniversary. The following are notes of a speech presented on the day by Terry Carson, very kindly sent through for publication here. — Lisa T

“The beginnings of the PDHS go back, perhaps a little surprisingly to a request made to the Papakura Borough Council in December 1961 by the Hunua Branch of Federated Farmers to help establish an historical society for the district. Borough Council councillors Ernie Clark and Deryck Milne enthusiastically took up the call and the first PDHS meeting was held on 20th March 1962. Ernie Clark became the foundation president.

“In 1972 a request was made to Council for some space to display the exhibits that had been collected over the first 10 years and two rooms in a council owned house in Coles Crescent were made available. That space became too small and in November 1982 the Papakura Museum moved to the old fire station premises (now the Art Gallery) on Averill Street.

“In 1999 the Museum relocated to the 4th floor of this building and in 2010 we relocated to where we are today. In 2017, after much fundraising and construction work, the military gallery was opened and added to our space.

“While all this was going on for the Museum the other usual activities of the Society - the annual monthly members meetings with guest speakers and sometimes sumptuous afternoon teas and lunches, the monthly bus trips to historical places of interest, (until very



Papakura Museum, Coles Cres, 1972.

recent times we had no trouble filling 40 seater buses) and various social functions, we are going on too. In the early days the historical society organised trips down to the South Island, to Australia, and to Norfolk Island.

“It can be seen that the success of the Society and Museum in no little amount is owed to the continued support we have received from initially the Papakura Borough Council, then the District Council - and in more recent times from Auckland Council and the Papakura Local Board.

Above: The house on the corner of Coles Ave, Papakura where the Papakura Council provided two rooms in February 1972 to house artefacts. The museum opened to the public from 1973.

Below: Opening Day November 1982 for the Museum’s home in the Averill Street fire station. Images from the Museum’s display.



“Without that support we would not be standing in this fine museum space this afternoon. We sincerely thank Auckland Council and the Papakura Local Board for their ongoing support ...

“I would like to conclude by naming a few people who are very important to us today Kay Thomas our Museum manager has been with us for 20 years. Her role has expanded tremendously and become much more complicated over recent years but she has responded to the challenge. Thank you Kay for your 20 years of dedicated work ...

“I’d like to acknowledge our current permanent curator - Ione Channel. Ione came to us from Auckland War Memorial Museum and brings skill and immense enthusiasm to the role. Ione is currently on maternity leave bringing out the next generation of enthusiastic historians to an unsuspecting world.

“Standing in her place we have Alan Knowles who today has added MC-ing to his list of many accomplishments. He is another real Museum enthusiast with vast knowledge and Museum experience at MOTAT and elsewhere.

“Kara Oosterman has spent many years as an employee and/or volunteer in the Museum and is an outstanding researcher of local history. I’m never too sure what Kara’s exact job description is as she always does about 10 additional roles as well. Thank you for all your work and enthusiasm Kara.

“There have been so many volunteers over the years and it is probably unfair to try and pick anyone out but I would like to acknowledge Wendy Deeming today. Wendy started planning these celebrations many months ago in 2021 and has done a huge amount of work through all the Covid difficulties to make today’s celebrations happen. A big Thank you to you Wendy and all the volunteers who worked with you. Also, a big thank you to all current office holders and executive members for their hard work and dedication.

“Finally, I would like to pay a special tribute to another amazing person. Recently and sadly our patron Theo Thomas passed away. Theo was well known and respected in Papakura. When we talked about replacing Theo, one name soon leapt out. We were delighted when Annette Gunson agreed to be our new patron ... Annette has served the Society and Museum in many roles for the past 50 years, long time executive member, long serving secretary, and many years running the research room, has huge knowledge and is our institutional ...as well as being a great friend to all of us in the Society. There is no one more deserving to be our Patron than Annette. We were also delighted when we realised after Annette’s appointment, that she also has the long overdue distinction of being our first woman patron. Thank you for everything Annette...and for being you!”

Dealing with storm damaged collections

In the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle, National Services Te Paerangi included the following in their latest newsletter:

“We’re thinking of all of those people, whānau and organisations impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle. This large scale event will have an effect on a number of collecting organisations across the North Island, so please get in touch if you need support and guidance. We can be contacted on natserv@tepapa.govt.nz or +64 508 678 743.

For a full run-down of resources available to help you protect your collection, see below:”

- For those organisations with flood-affected documentary heritage collections, the National Library provides practical advice on [caring for collections](https://natlib.govt.nz/.../caring-for.../disaster-recovery).
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- For handling advice and care of wet-photographs, and checklists see [AICCM’s guide](https://govt.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=25445a9b468488db72307e45f&id=dafa8d363a&e=72638b9dd0)
<https://govt.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=25445a9b468488db72307e45f&id=dafa8d363a&e=72638b9dd0>
- For instructional videos and general advice, visit AICCM’s page [After a Flood](https://govt.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=25445a9b468488db72307e45f&id=9e6ffaa712&e=72638b9dd0).
<https://govt.us8.list-manage.com/track/click?u=25445a9b468488db72307e45f&id=9e6ffaa712&e=72638b9dd0>
- For resources on disaster recovery, see our [web page](https://www.tepapa.govt.nz/disaster-planning-and-recovery#Flood%20and%20water%20damage).
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News from the members

Birkenhead

(From their latest newsletter)

Historical records from more than 4700 employees dating back to the 1880s have been digitised and made available thanks to a contribution of the Kaipatiki Local Board funding. Auckland Libraries digitised and transcribed the records from 10,654 employee record cards held at the Birkenhead Library. If you are interested in perhaps finding details of a family member employed there you can find the collection by visiting kura.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz and search for Chelsea Sugar Refinery employees.

Karaka Historical Society — 25 years in 2022

Judith Reeves very kindly sent through this info on KHS’ 25th anniversary last year. Image by me of part of the museum’s interior, November last year. — Lisa T

“A brief history ... The Karaka Historical Society was formed in 1997 with the objective to preserve the history of the rapidly changing Karaka area. Information was gathered,

artefacts collected and a Museum started to take shape, first under the stage of the Karaka War Memorial Hall and then in 2004 it was expanded to include the hall mezzanine.

Our goal was a purpose-built Museum. In 2011 through ongoing fundraising and generous support we proudly opened the Karaka Museum to the public.

As 2022 marks the 25th anniversary of The Karaka Historical Society we held an open afternoon in October to celebrate. Attended by members and visitors of all ages from pre - school to centenarian the afternoon was spent enjoying the museum and entertainment.

To commemorate the occasion our patron Violet Eggleton cut the delicious anniversary cake.

Museum Opening Times:

2nd Sunday of the month 1pm to 3pm

4th Wednesday of the month 10.00am to 12.00pm

We are happy to open by arrangement for group visits. The Karaka Museum is conveniently located near cafes - plan a "Museum and Lunch" trip today.

Contact us:

karakahistoricalsociety@gmail.com

www.karakamuseum.org

(Below: part of the Karaka Museum interior. Photo by L Truttman)



Taumarunui

(Chairman's report from the Society's August newsletter)

"There has been quite a bit of movement on the historical front in 2022. The Society has become the custodian of the collections of photos and documents that Ron Cooke gathered over the past 40 to 50 years. We have named it the Ron Cooke Collection.

"The aims of the Society when established in 2008 were "To be active in ensuring knowledge of the rich heritage of Taumarunui and Districts is retained and is made readily available for the education of all interested persons."

"So far we have mainly done this by publishing our books, but with this new responsibility comes the job of managing an archive. Continuing sorting and cataloguing will achieve the aim of readily accessible information.

"We are still in the process of getting the vast amount of files and boxes into a state where we can invite those interested in the community to join us in our efforts. Ron is anxious to pass on his knowledge and expertise so there are learning opportunities aplenty.

"We are able to take up an office space in the Railway Station building. The Taumarunui Museum Committee have renovated part of the upstairs of the building with space to store artefacts for the proposed Museum on the ground floor. A good step forward in their museum plan and we appreciate being able to use a small space there. To that end we have applied for funding to assist us to buy the necessary computer gear to get going.

"Watch this space as we set up and become more functional."

The New Incorporated Societies Act

Regulations are in the works

Regulations to support the new Act will determine some of the details of the new regime, such as how your society will apply for reregistration and what penalties your society would face if it breached its obligations.

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) sought feedback on what regulations should be made. Consultation has now closed and MBIE is considering the feedback received. The finalised regulations will be published around September 2023.

19 January 2023 — We updated the timeline for developing the regulations. We've been advised that the draft regulations will not now be offered for public consultation and that the finalised regulations will be published around September 2023.

<https://is-register.companiesoffice.govt.nz/law-changes-for-societies/>