



Keeping in Touch

Newsletter for New Zealand History Federation Inc

Te Kotahitanga o nga Hitori o Aotearoa

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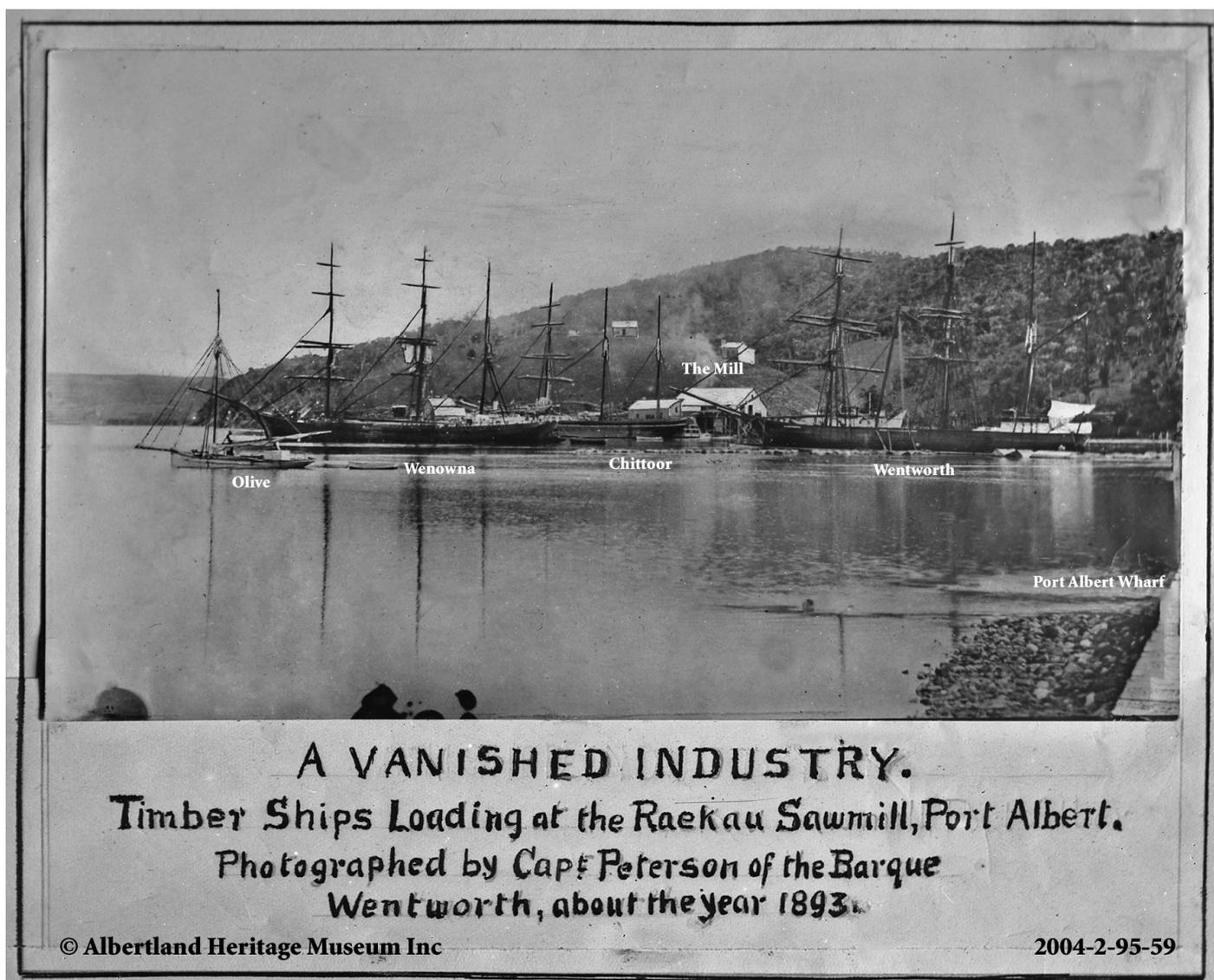
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February 2025

New Zealand History Federation Inc Conference and AGM 17 to 18 May 2025

Te Hana Cultural Centre, Te Ao Marama,
311 State Highway 1, Te Hana, Wellsford

Hosted by Albertland Heritage Museum Inc



Embark on an unforgettable journey through time in the historic Albertland District at the 2025 NZ History Federation Conference!

This is an event you won't want to miss! Join our volunteers at the Albertland Heritage Museum as we celebrate the fascinating history of our region and bring together the Federation's passionate historians, researchers, and history enthusiasts from all corners of Aotearoa New Zealand. Explore charming landmarks and discover the stories that have shaped the very fabric of our community.

The conference will feature engaging collaborations with local treasures such as Te Hana Te Ao Marama, Wharehine Hall, Minniesdale Church, Port Albert Hall and the Druid's Hall offering fresh insights and inspiration about the rich past of our district.

Come and connect with fellow history lovers, forge lasting relationships, and become part of a growing network dedicated to preserving and celebrating Aotearoa New Zealand's heritage. Immerse yourself in the incredible atmosphere of one of the country's oldest 'Special Settlement Schemes,' and experience the history that continues to shape us today. Mark your calendars—this is an event that promises to be truly unforgettable!

"Running race for women. Port Albert Sports." Both this and cover image, courtesy Albertland Museum



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NZ History Federation Conference 2025: Programme

Friday 16 May 2025

- 11.00 - 6.00 pm Albertland Heritage Museum - 15 Port Albert Road, Wellsford
Visitor Entry \$5 entry
- 6.00 - 9.00 pm Wellsford RSA Friday night dinner (Bookings essential - phone
Shirley 09 423 8172)

Saturday 17 May 2025

- 8.30 am Assemble at Te Hana Te Ao Marama - 311 State Highway One, Te
Hana
- 8.45 am Pōwhiri and Welcome
- 9.00 am Registration and Morning Tea
- 9.30 am AGM - Society Reports
- 10.30 am Talk given by Te Hana Te Ao Marama
- 11:30 - 11.45 am Assemble for bus trip.
- 11.45 am Bus Trip to Wharehine Hall (Lunch) and Minniesdale Church
historical route of Albertland landmarks
- 12.30 pm Wharehine Hall Lunch
- 2.00 pm Minniesdale Church - performance by Heartsachord and walk
through Minniesdale Cemetery
- 3.00 pm Reassemble and return to Albertland Heritage Museum for a tour.
- 4.15 pm Return to Te Hana Te Ao Marama by bus to collect cars.
- 5.30 pm Reassemble at Te Hana Te Ao Marama for Society reports.
- 6.00 pm Dinner at Te Hana Te Ao Marama followed by a guest speaker (TBC)
- 9.00 pm Conclusion of evening.

Sunday 18 May 2025 – Activities

- 7.30 am - 9.00 am Breakfast at Te Hana Te Ao Marama (bookings essential, see registration form)
- 9.00am Te Hana Te Ao Marama Guided Māori Village tour - A group tour that will take you back in time of our beautiful Princess Te Hana 300 years ago. (bookings essential, see registration form)
- 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Settlers' Market at Port Albert Hall, 980 Port Albert Road, Wellsford.
- 10.00 am - 2.00 pm Druid's Hall - 641 Wellsford Valley Road, Port Albert, Wellsford - Stop in and chat to our volunteer Sean who will tell you the story of steam boats on the Kaipara
- 2.00 pm - 6.00 pm Family afternoon at Port Albert Wharf Reserve - Wharf Road, Wellsford. A relaxing afternoon to relax and share a picnic or fish n chips from the Port Albert Store with locals.



The Albertland Museum in 2017. Photo by L J Truttman



Registration Details

(Registration form sent with this issue)

RETURN REGISTRATION BY 30 April 2025

Conference Fees

Saturday 17 May

Registration:	\$15 per person	\$ _____
Morning tea	Complimentary	
Bus Trip with Lunch:	\$45 per person	\$ _____
DINNER from 6 pm to 9 pm	\$50 per person	\$ _____

Sunday 18 May

Breakfast	\$20 per person	\$ _____
Guided Māori Village Tour	\$15 per person	\$ _____
	TOTAL PAID	\$ _____

Payment can be made via the following bank account:

Albertland Museum 12 -3094-0077415-01

Please advise date and amount of payment made when returning this registration form.
Mailing Address: Albertland Heritage Museum, C/- NZ Post Counter, 199 Rodney Street,
Wellsford 0900

Cancellations must be notified to Albertland Museum as above. Registration closes 30 April 2025 so we have numbers of those attending. Substitute attendees will be accepted at any time.

Accommodation for the 2025 Conference

Castle Court Motel

1643 State Highway One, Wellsford

Phone 09 423 7705

<https://www.castlecourtmotel.co.nz/>



Sun Valley Motel

22 Port Albert Road, Wellsford

Phone 09 423 8829

<https://www.sunvalleymotel.co.nz/>



Wellsford INN

Rodney Street, Wellsford

Phone 09 423 8046

<https://wellsfordinn.co.nz/>



Bridge House (Warkworth)

16 Elizabeth Street, Warkworth

09 425 8351

<https://www.bridgehouse.co.nz/>



Te Hana Te Ao Marama

311 State Highway One, Te Hana, Wellsford

09 423 8701 (offering marae style accommodation and campervan facilities)

Port Albert Popover – caravan and campervan overnight facilities.

Port Albert Wharf Reserve – a maximum of 10 self-contained vehicles can stay overnight in the area designated for freedom camping. If you stay overnight in this area, you must:

Use a certified self-contained vehicle at all times

Use one of the marked spaces in the designated parking area.

Stay a maximum of two nights.

Vacate their parking space by 9am on the third day.

Stay a maximum of two nights in a four week consecutive area.

More accommodation available at:-

Air B and B's – <https://www.airbnb.co.nz>

Book a Bach – <https://www.bookabach.co.nz>

There is also the [Courtyard House](#) at Atiu Creek which a large group could book at a very reasonable price.

We also have 10 billets available – please contact Secretary at 09 423 8181

President's Notes

First, my apologies to you all for the lack of any publication of the *Keeping in Touch* since the middle of last year. The year 2024 wasn't the best for me healthwise, or even in terms of employment to earn my crust (I still have 3 and a half years to go to the National Super, if I make it that far!) Along with this, our Secretary Kenneth Stringer has had his own health issues the past few months. With such a small committee as ours, downturns in personal circumstances can make things challenging when administering the Federation.

All through this, though, we have been in negotiations with the Albertland Heritage Museum at Wellsford in terms of the organising and hosting of the NZHF Conference this year. As you'll see from the preceding pages, Albertland's team have put together an interesting and enlightening programme, which I hope many of you will be able to support and attend.

I'll take this opportunity to remind you that, while there are no limit to observers at the AGM and Conference, each full member of the NZHF is entitled to only one voting delegate. In years past, there has been some misunderstanding that there were two or more delegates per organisation. This isn't the case.

Also, you'll see that there are two sessions for members reports in the programme. The first is for those members who won't be staying for the full day's programme, and the second is for the rest. With a fairly packed programme offered by our hosts, we felt this was the best method to fulfill the important need of our members to be able to present their reports if they wish to do so. We ask, though, that these be kept brief on the day, and if you can please email your reports to me for inclusion in the KIT newsletter immediately following the conference, something which has worked well in the past.

I do hope to get another KIT published between now and then. And yes — we do still have the Constitution special meeting to sort out.

Lisa J Truttman



Enhancing old images

Alan Arnold emailed the NZHF the other day, writing that he is “a retired Professional Photographer, an Associate of the NZ Institute of Professional Photography, a retired Police Senior Forensic Technician, but at 86 years of age no longer work but through 2024 and now 2025 I have been undergoing repairs and enhancements on multi torn, faded or out of focus photographs, many of archival or historical significance, for clients throughout NZ.

“I repair faded, torn, damaged and even out of focus photographs without you leaving home. If you have such a photograph in need of repair, simply copy with care and send in confidence to acsanz136@gmail.com. Originals will remain in your care at all times. I usually respond quickly to discuss your requirements and send an information sheet.”



The path to re-incorporation

During the time when I haven't been producing *Keeping in Touch*, I've been working with my two home societies, Avondale-Waterview and Pt Chevalier, in getting their new constitutions through to re-incorporation. It was surprisingly easy, once we'd arranged the society general meetings, received approval from the members, did some last minute tinkering, then submitted. The whole process, from when the template was released for use by the Ministry, took a year.

For Avondale-Waterview, I submitted the new constitution on a Sunday afternoon last September, fully expecting to receive a response in about three working days' time — but within minutes came the acknowledgement by email that we were successful, along with our new incorporation certificate.

Congratulations to the following NZ History Federation members who have also completed the process to the time of writing.

Auckland Fire Brigades and Museum Historical Society
Avondale-Waterview Historical Society
Franklin Historical Society (members of the Franklin Heritage Forum)
John Kinder House Society
Lower Hutt Historical Society
Onehunga Fencible & Historical Society
Otahuhu Historical Society
Patea Historical Society
Point Chevalier Historical Society
Queenstown & District Historical Society
Silverdale and Districts Historical Society
Tawa Historical Society

Subscriptions for the year 2025/2026

As soon as this issue is complete and published, I'll set to work on sending subscription notices out to you all for the current financial year. Under our existing constitution, memberships remain current until 31 March each year — so generally if you last paid in 2023, your membership lasts until 31 March 2025.

Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga

Draft Statement of General Policy

On 18 February, I was invited by Heritage New Zealand to attend a seminar at their Auckland office on the draft Statement of General Policy for the organisation.

Every 10 years, the organisation is required to reassess their policies — and this time they have also worked to combine over 400 separate policy statements into 189, covering their activities, responsibilities and goals. That sounds very complicated, but the policy document you'll find online is actually an extremely well-written summary, and very much worth the read.

The reassessment has also afforded the opportunity for Heritage NZ to bring their policies in line with the requirements of the current situation these days in terms of heritage, such as more recognition of the importance of local level heritage, and the adverse effects on heritage of climate change. There are also cost recovery provisions included.

This may all sound to the reader like just more semi-governmental verbage, but actually the resulting draft policy simply codifies what Heritage NZ does already, and their explanatory document available online is an excellent summary, clearly defining their policies and procedures, and the many facets of their work for our country's heritage. You'll find it here:

<https://www.heritage.org.nz/about/currently-consulting-on>

To quote from their site:

“Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga is undertaking a review of its Statements of General Policy and is seeking feedback on the new draft Statements.

Our Statements of General Policy set out policies for our major functions:

- statutory advocacy
- the archaeological provisions of our Act
- the New Zealand Heritage List/Rārangi Kōrero
- National Historic Landmarks/Ngā Manawhenua o Aotearoa me ōna Kōrero Tūturu properties owned or controlled by or vested in Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga.”

There is an upcoming webinar you can register for, to be held on 26 February.

Submissions on the draft policy statement close on 9 March.

