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NEXT MEETING: 4 August 2020 - 7.30 p.m.

Rotary Hall - Aotaki St - Otaki.



AGM and Public Meeting 4 August 7.30pm:

The guest speaker at our 2020 AGM will be Diane McAllen from Nga Taonga Sound and Vision.

Nga Taonga Sound and Vision collects, shares and cares for New Zealand's audiovisual taonga, in sound and moving images. In this talk, Diane McAllen, Senior Outreach Curator Kaitoko Kaupapa Totorongia a-Iwi, will speak about local treasures that have been digitally restored from the collections of Nga Taonga Sound and Vision

Please consider joining our friendly and active committee!

All Welcome

Journal



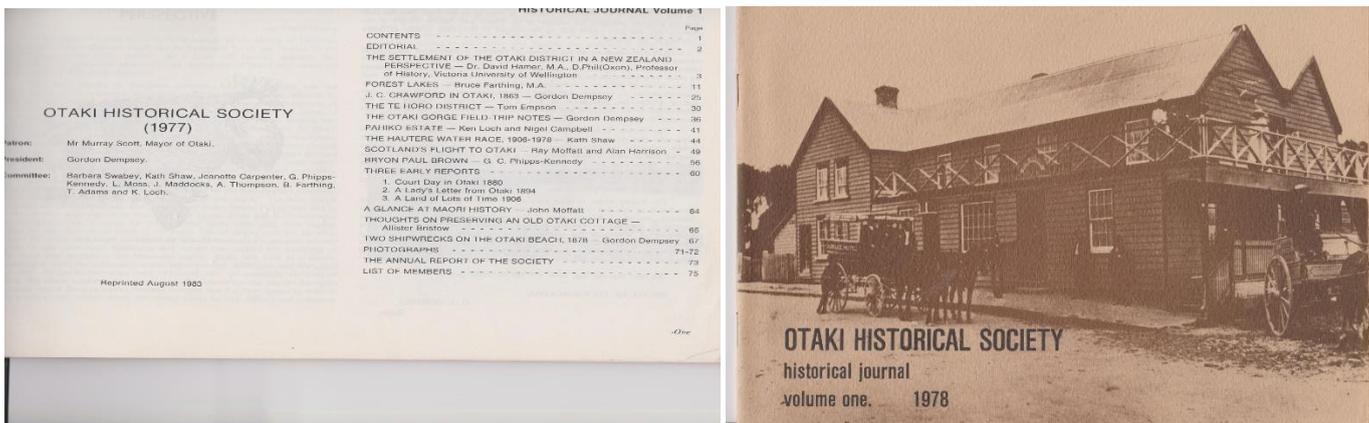
The committee regrets to inform members that due to the impact of Covid-19 and the associated lockdown etc. the society will not be publishing a journal this year. We are continuing to work with contributors and will advise next year's publishing date when finalised.

The society has past journals available for sale at varying prices (from \$5). Please contact us to confirm the availability and cost of any of these journals you are interested in.

Note: Digitised copies of out of print journals and/or articles from any of our journals can be purchased from the society. Contact us for costs and further details.



Follow the link to our website to see all the covers of previous issues, click on the image to view the contents page and make your choice! <https://www.otakihistoricalsociety.org.nz/journals>



Above is an example of the contents and cover page of Vol 1 accessed from the link above. All 41 issues of the OHS Journal are available for viewing

Museum

The 'Health on the Hill' exhibition closed on July 4th. The new exhibition which opened on July 17th is sure to be popular and will be of great interest to long time residents and newcomers to the district alike.

NEW EXHIBITION: AS TIME GOES BY: THE CHANGING FACE OF MAIN ST

The new exhibition will feature some of the shops, businesses, entertainment and people who have lived and worked in Otaki's Main St over the years.



Request For Lockdown Thoughts and Pictures

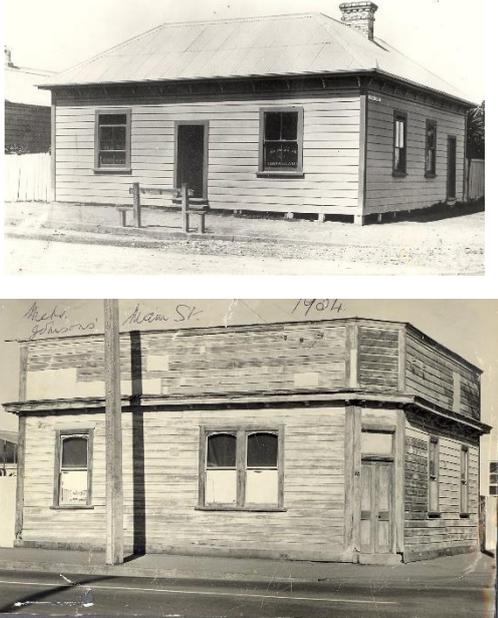


Please consider contributing stories and/or photographs related to the Covid-19 lockdown. We would love to have your thoughts and memories to keep in our archives to share with current and future historians.

Anzac Day, Teddy Bears, empty schools and roads, queues and PPE at retail outlets and family activities are just a few of the topics which were featured during this time. Members are sure to have many more.



	Snippets from the Press Aug - Sep	Courtesy Papers Past et al
1860	<p>'Importation of Stock. — Six very fine pure Merino rams have been imported in the 'Constantino' by the Venerable Archdeacon Hadfield, for the School estate at Otaki. Notwithstanding the long voyage, they have been landed in first-rate condition, and are some of the finest that have been introduced into the colony We are glad to record these importations, since they are so many proofs of the growing disposition of the colonists to improve and keep up the character of the stock in the colony'. — Wellington Independent.</p>	
1865	<p>A large quantity of coal washed up on Otaki Beach. It was confirmed it had come from the ship 'City of Dunedin' which had been wrecked at Cape Terawhiti with the loss of all on board.</p> <p>Despite the efforts of settlers and natives Mr F.J Schulze's store was burned to the ground. A successful business with bakery and stables, an account of the event below.</p> <p>https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/WI18650930.2.13?end_date=30-09-1865&items_per_page=10&query=otaki+%26snippet=true&start_date=01-08-1865</p>	 <p><i>Cape Terawhiti</i></p>
1870	<p>It was reported that typhus had broken out in Otaki and had claimed 8 Maori lives during the month. The Press urged the Government to take urgent action to stem the spread of the disease.</p>	
1880	<p>A man became lost in the bush for four days when attempting to find his way to the farm of his employer, three miles east of Otaki. Interesting article below:</p> <p>https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/MH18800903.2.4?end_date=30-09-1880&items_per_page=50&query=otaki+%26snippet=true&start_date=01-08-1880&type=ARTICLE%2cILLUSTRATION</p>	 <p><i>Te Horo Totaras</i></p>

<p>1880</p>	<p>The article below gives an account of the first attempt to move Otaki and Waikanae to the Wellington district. Interesting that it took another 100 years to eventuate.</p> <p>https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/MH18800813.2.8?end_date=30-09-1880&items_per_page=50&page=2&query=otaki+%s&nippet=true&start_date=01-08-1880&type=ARTICLE%2cILLUSTRATION</p> <p>Right: Early Palmerston North Council building</p>	
<p>1915</p> <p>1920</p>	<p>A farmer at Otaki was fined £50, the maximum for watering down milk. The samples showed 38.3% and 21.3% of water had been added.</p> <p>https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/HNS19150810.2.21?end_date=30-09-1915&items_per_page=50&page=3&query=otaki+%s&nippet=true&start_date=01-08-1915&type=ARTICLE</p> <p>'Before leaving Otaki Mr R J Dando, (manager of the local Bank of Australasia) was entertained by members of the Otaki Club who presented him with a very fine silver-mounted umbrella, suitably inscribed. The presentation was made by Mr T O'Rourke, who referred to Mr Dando's many estimable qualities and expressed the regret of members of the club at his departure.</p> <p>Right: Top: Bank of Australasia 1905. Note the hitching rail.</p> <p>Bottom: The building in 1924, then the home of Mr Meta Johnson.</p> <p>Cnr Mill Rd & Aotaki St, Now Countdown carpark</p>	



The Otaki Rifle Corps photographed on corner of Main and Te Rauparaha Sts. in 1900. The journals of the House of Representatives record the acceptance of a volunteer Corps of 69 men from Otaki.

Radio Interviews

These broadcasts continue on Coast Access Radio and Beach FM. Undertaken by committee members Annie Bythell and Sarah Maclean, these sessions are varied and always interesting. Make sure you tune in or catch up on the Coast Access session via their website. www.coastaccessradio.org.nz . The Beach FM sessions are on the last Thursday of the month.

OHS Website and Index



Our website has recently been refreshed. Click on the 'News and Events' tab to view a feed from our facebook page. This is a great way to see Facebook posts for those who do not use social media.



The new index updated with entries from the 2019 journal is now available.

The index is available on the website. www.otakihistoricalsociety.org.nz The index is a valuable tool for researchers and members seeking information relating to the content of our 40 journals. Use the index to see if your interests (or family) are mentioned. If you find relevant information, refer to your journals or contact the Society to obtain past issues or digitised articles or journals. **Please note the two icons to access the index i.e. 1-40 and 41.**

We have some of our past newsletters available on the website. Click on the 'Newsletters' tab at the top of the home page to view.

The website also has many photographs and an interesting timeline of Otaki's history for your viewing. **Click on a photo to see the description.**

Journals and photographs can be purchased through the website and you can also join the society or renew your subscription. Submission forms for journals, subscriptions, queries are available.

OHS Facebook Page

See our page for meeting information, photographs and other updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/otakihistoricalsociety/>



Please feel free to post memories and photos relating to Otaki's history on our facebook page. The more our history is shared, the longer it will be retained.

OHS Public Meetings

4 August 2020: AGM and Public Meeting. Rotary Hall 7.30pm

October and December meetings TBA.

Reminder

The Society warmly welcomes:

- Ideas and articles for future journals
- Photographs, manuscripts and documents etc. relating to the history of Otaki and its surrounds
- New members
- Contact us at: otakihistoricalsociety@yahoo.com

Thank you!

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