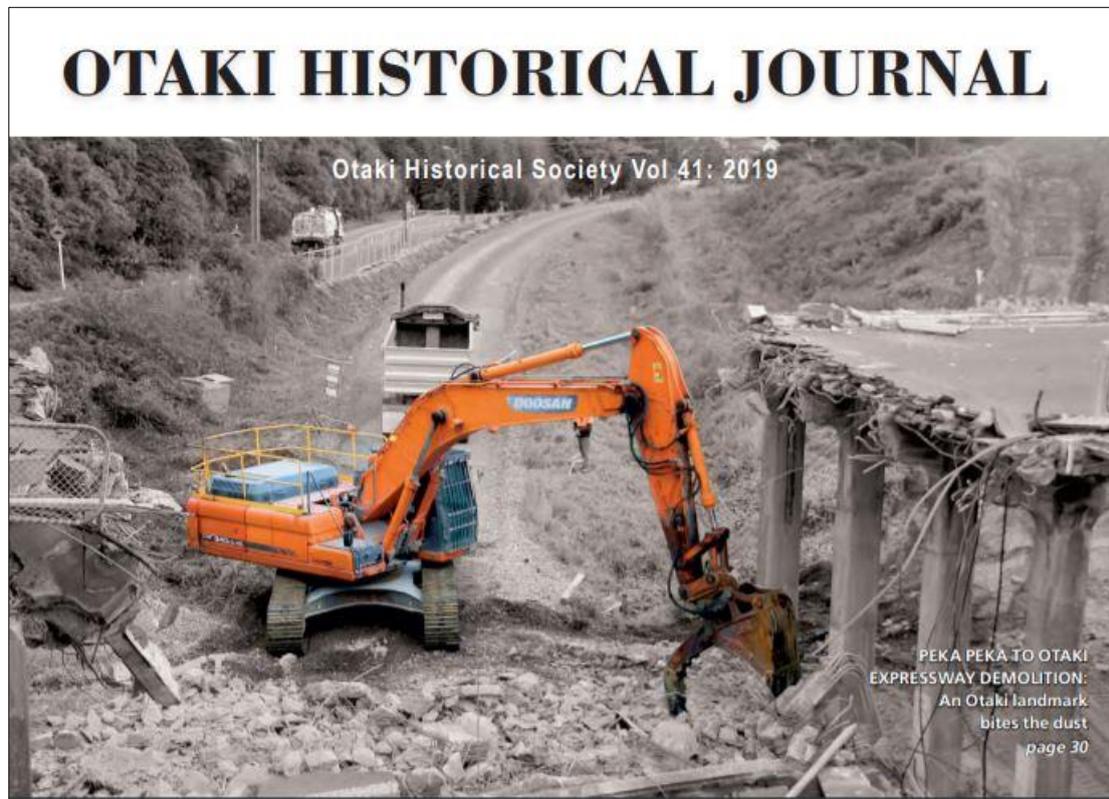


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NEXT MEETING: 3 December 2019: 7.30 p.m.

Rotary Hall Aotaki Street Otaki



Public Meeting

Our 41st journal will be launched at this meeting. Our editor Sarah Maclean together with the many contributors, the hard-working committee and designer Lynn Peck have produced another excellent issue. Once again, the journal contains many historical and more recent articles, memories and facts pertaining to Otaki and surrounding districts.

Our meeting will follow a relatively informal format with several contributors and our editor available to share research experiences, further material and photographs and information with those interested in a particular topic.

A festive supper will be served during the evening.

All Welcome



Meri Kirihimete

October Public Meeting

Our guest presenter at the October meeting was Cath Bishop author of recently released book 'Women Mean Business. Colonial Businesswomen in New Zealand.'

We were privileged to receive the first of 25 presentations Cath was giving throughout New Zealand to promote her book which has had excellent reviews from all sections of the wider community. The audience thoroughly enjoyed this most interesting topic and a number of books were purchased.

For those interested in the lives of early Otaki businesswomen the Historical Society and the Otaki Museum have many photographs and historical documents which can be researched and/or read. Another valuable resource is Rex Kerr's book published in 2016, 'Not only Te Rauparaha & Hadfield, but also...'. This book can be purchased at the museum.



Cath Bishop and Vice President Annie Bythell



An interested audience listening to Cath Bishop

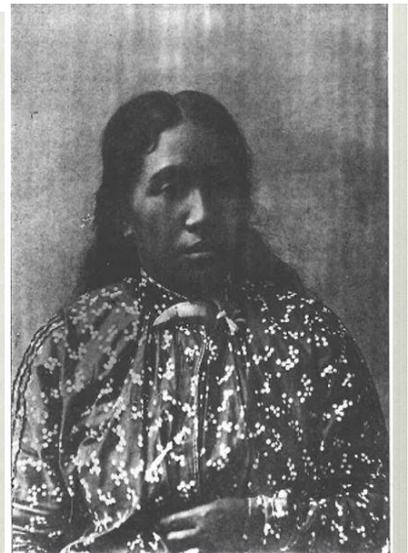


Otaki Historical Society

Emily McWilliam



Mary Small, storekeeper (OHJ)



**Mere Ruiha Hakaraia
hotelier, storekeeper, traditional
medicine...
and temperance worker (OHJ)**

Above are three women influential in the early life of Otaki. There are many others including Mary Ann Bright & Jane Prosser.

Other Updates

The society will again donate history prizes to the two kura. For Otaki College we are this year supporting a class trip to Kapiti Island which will include a focus on history.

Committee members will be selling journals on the street during December.

Museum

'Health on the Hill,' Otaki Museum's new exhibition which opens to the public on 13 December features some of the history of Otaki's two hospitals: The Cottage Hospital and the Sanatorium. These were situated on the higher ground off Mill Rd. The Cottage Hospital became the Maternity Home in 1945 and is now the Otaki Community Health Centre. The Sanatorium closed in 1964. The building was subsequently used by Kimberley Hospital and Training Centre for some residents until 1985. The old buildings were demolished in 1997. The exhibition includes profiles of notable staff, medical and nursing memorabilia and recollections from some users of the services.

The AGM of the Otaki Heritage Bank Preservation Trust was held in October. Chairperson Judith Miller reported on a very successful and busy year.

Below are the trustees and office bearers for the upcoming year.

Neale Ames (Treasurer)	David Ledson (Deputy Chair)
Di Buchan	Liz Delamere
Sue Carroll	Roderick Kinghorn
Angela Hill	Graham Kerr
Judith Miller (Chairperson)	John Peters (Otaki Rotary)
Meagan Roach (Otaki Historical Society)	



Reading Room

In late September this facility was officially launched as the 'Anne Thorpe Room' in recognition of Anne Thorpe who was instrumental in the setting up of the museum.

The back room at the museum has been refurbished as a workspace and research/reading room. Available for public viewing will be artefacts, photographs, family histories, scrapbooks etc. which are in the care of the Heritage Bank Trust and OHS. Visitors can also be given assistance to access the OHS Journal Index. We welcome this facility and encourage members to use these valuable resources for research or general interest.

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.

2019 Journal



This year's journal will be launched at our December public meeting.

As always, we welcome any and all contributions from members, family or friends. **We are already planning the 2020 issue** so if you would like help in putting your memories or ideas into an article for the journal please contact our Editor, Sarah Maclean at otakihistoricalsociety@yahoo.com or otakihistoricalsociety@gmail.com, or speak to any of our committee members.

Previous Journals

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 and make your choice! <https://www.otakihistoricalsociety.org.nz/journals>

OHS Website and Index



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

The updated 1978 -2018 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.

The website also has many photographs and a very interesting timeline of Otaki's history for your viewing.

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/>

Correspondence

Correspondence numbers continue to be steady and include requests for information, photographs and journals as well as business as usual.

Kiwibank to stop offering a cheque service

Kiwibank recently announced they will not accept cheques after March 1 2020. As the society banks with Kiwibank we ask you to remember this in any financial dealings with us after that date. For all financial transactions with the Society you can direct credit to our account bank account No. **38 9004 0987739 00** . ***Please ensure your name is included in reference field.***



Upcoming Events

OHS Public Meetings

Dec 3 2019: Public Meeting and Journal launch.

Feb 4 2020: Public Meeting.

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

	Snippets from the Press Dec - Jan	Courtesy Papers Past et al
1939	<p>Childrens Christmas tree party at Raukawa marae. The following interesting article contains many names familiar to Otaki residents today.</p> <p>https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/OTMAIL19391220.2.18?end_date=20-12-1939&query=otaki+christmas+tree&snippet=true&start_date=20-12-1939</p> <p>Photograph shows opening of Raukawa 1936.</p> <p>Ack: Alexander Turnbull Library & Te Ara.govt.nz</p>	<p>Opening Raukawa Marae 1936</p> 
1939	<p>A unique function was held at the Jubilee Hotel when Mr Chow Kim entertained 60 to 70 European friends.</p> <p>Read more about the event and the comments from the media of 80 years ago.</p> <p>https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/HC19391228.2.52?end_date=28-12-1939&items_per_page=10&query=otaki+chinese&snippet=true&start_date=28-12-1939</p>	<p>Jubilee Hotel</p> 
1909	<p>A very interesting account of a motor accident involving Mr Byron Brown in the Manawatu Gorge. Otaki's history may well have been very different had this gentleman not luckily survived this crash.</p> <p>https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/PBH19091202.2.7?end_date=31-01-1910&items_per_page=10&query=byron+brown&snippet=true&start_date=01-12-1909</p>	 <p>Byron Brown</p>
1909	<p>Certificates were presented to Mrs AJ Knocks and Mrs Hadfield Knocks from the Royal Humane Society for bravery in rescuing Tamati Hakaraia from drowning.</p> <p>Read more:</p> <p>https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/EP19100122.2.85?end_date=31-01-1910&items_per_page=10&query=knocks&snippet=true&start_date=01-12-1909</p>	 <p>Anikatene Knocks</p>
1919	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A cricketer's ball will be held in the Te Horo Hall on Boxing night. All in search of genuine amusement should attend. Good floor, popular music and appetising supper. • During an election address Dr. Newman stated that the women's prison would not be built at Point Haswell but would be built somewhere between Waikanae and Otaki where it was sunnier and brighter and 'more out of the way'.!! 	<p>Te Horo Hall c1935</p> 

1909 13 patients admitted to the hospital during December

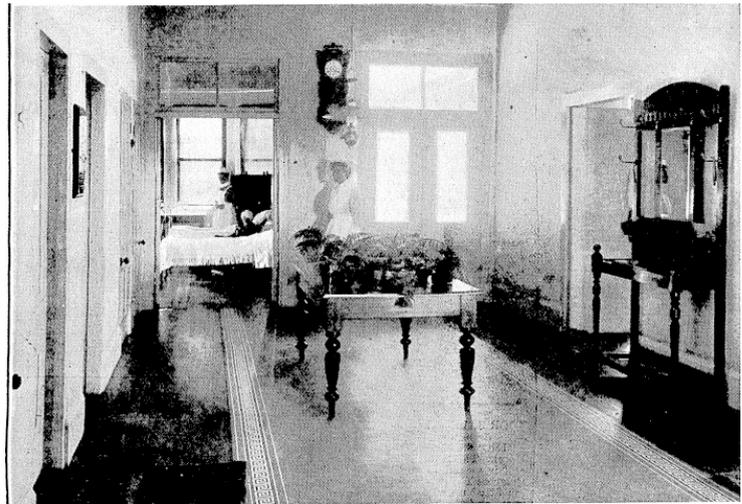
Potato blight has hit local crops causing severe losses

50 snapper and many hapuka and kahawai have been caught off Otaki beach

54 births, 20 marriages and 21 deaths were registered during 1909

Employees of Otaki Dairy Company each received a handsome Christmas box from management

Right: Photo of Otaki Hospital Ward. Taken by P Feeney and published by Otago Witness.



Otaki Hospital corridor and entrance to women's ward

Laboratory, Otaki Hospital. Dr Mason analysing

Photos taken by P Feeney and published by Otago Witness 1909

Thank you!

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