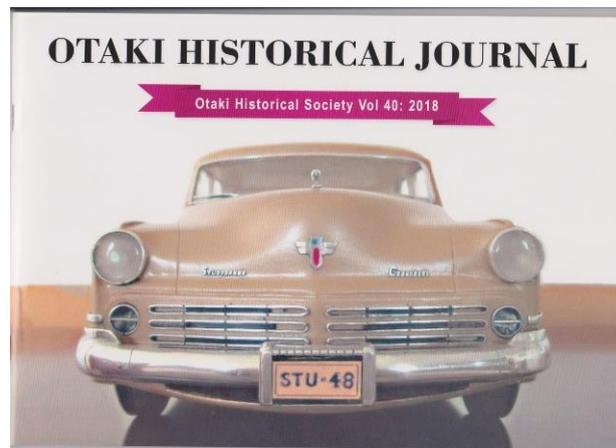


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NEXT MEETING: 2 April 2019: Rotary Hall 7.30 p.m.



Public Meeting

This month we will have speakers from the PP2O Expressway project giving us an update on recent activity as it pertains to historical and community impact.

Te Waari Carkeek - Project Kaiarahi

The project Kaiarahi is tasked with the implementation of the Nga Hapu o Otaki Mitigation Plan which includes 'Accidental Archaeological' discoveries on the site.

Dale Nakhla – Community Liaison Lead

Community Liaison provides the opportunity for community organisations to consult on design and manages the interface between the community and stakeholders and the project programme and construction effects.

This project is affecting all residents of the Otaki area and as such is sure to be of interest to all. Bring your questions on any aspect of the project for the team leaders.

Last Public Meeting

Despite the numbers being down a little due to the Waitangi Day holiday, those present at our February meeting thoroughly enjoyed sharing memories of their schooldays. Boarding schools, rural schools, church schools and going to school in England during WW2 were some of the interesting experiences recalled by the audience. Reminiscing continued throughout supper as amusing, often enjoyable and sometimes unhappy times were recounted.

Thanks!

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Other Updates

2019 Journal

Work is underway for this years journal and a number of articles have been submitted. However, we welcome any and all contributions from members, family or friends. 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.

2018 Journal

The journal has been very well received and sales to date have been strong.

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.



OHS Website and Index

The updated 1978 -**2018** index is now 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 (over 100 added in the last month) 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.

Correspondence

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

Museum

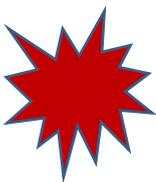
The current exhibition at the museum is “**100 years: The most prepossessing building in the district**” celebrating the centenary of the museum building. The next exhibition will be featuring the centenary of the Otaki R.S.A. More details in our next newsletter.

Email address reminder:

The society now has two email addresses: otakihistoricalsociety@yahoo.com and otakihistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Use either of these addresses, the postal address: Otaki Historical Society, PO Box 50, Otaki 5542, or the contact link on the website: www.otakihistoricalsociety.org.nz to contact the society on any subject.

Upcoming Events



Public Meetings

April 2nd 2019: Public meeting with speakers from the PP20 Expressway project.

June 4th 2019: Public Meeting.

August 6th 2019: Public Meeting and AGM.

Recommended Resources

This month we feature some of our local sources of historical information and memorabilia:

Otaki Museum

Website: <http://www.otakimuseum.co.nz/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/213395349240/>

Kapiti Museum

Website: <http://www.kapiticoastmuseum.org.nz/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/kapiticoastmuseum/>

Paekakariki Station Museum

Website: <http://stationmuseum.co.nz/>

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Te Awahou

Website: <https://www.teawahou.com>

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Otaki Museum



Kapiti Museum



Te Awahou



**Paekakariki Station
Museum**

	Snippets from the Press April - May	Courtesy Papers Past et al
1879	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mrs Simcox advertised for a general servant H Bevan applying for licence to slaughter large & small cattle on Section No.2. Otaki Local Ngati Raukawa residents attending land court meeting in Cambridge Wellington Benevolent Society grants seven shillings and sixpence to Grace Clark a needy 90yr old from Otaki. Distribution to be managed by Rev. McWilliam 140 years ago the west coast road from Otaki to Foxton was under construction. As is the case today many pros and cons were debated. See article below: https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/MH18790520.2.5?query=the%20west%20coast%20road&start_date=01-05-1879&end_date=31-05-1879&snippet=true 	 <p data-bbox="1027 472 1249 499">Old Coach Road Otaki</p>  <p data-bbox="995 674 1281 701">New Expressway Overbridge</p>
1889	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Frank Martin, injured by a tree limb falling on him died a day later in the hospital The barque Weatherfield which was stranded on Otaki Beach sold at auction for 530 pounds William Melia who had accidentally taken a dose of poison died in Otaki 1500 passengers travelled on the excursion train from Wellington to Palmerston North. The majority disembarked at Plimmerton and Otaki to visit the beaches An Otaki man was jailed for a month for using obscene language in the street A child was left behind in Te Horo after the train stopped. (see amusing article) https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/TC18890424.2.33?query=%27a%20plucky%20child%27&phrase=2&start_date=01-04-1889&end_date=31-05-1889&snippet=true 	
1899	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Emily, wife of Rev. James McWilliam died at Te Aute Obituary in NZ Times reads: <i>'Mrs J McWilliam wife of Rev. J McWilliam of Otaki will regret to hear of the death of his wife at Te Aute. The deceased lady had been in ill health for some time and had travelled to Te Aute to visit Archdeacon Samuel Williams in the hope of the change doing some good'</i> Mr W Field M.R.H. for Otaki in addressing his constituents, strongly opposed the purchase of Kapiti Island for acclimatisation purposes. He said it was only fit for a sheep run and he objected to its purchase for the sake of a favoured few. The death of Father Comte, the first catholic priest in Otaki was reported from France. See link for interesting article: https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/NZTIM18990429.2.23?query=Father%20comte&start_date=01-01-1899&end_date=31-12-1899&snippet=true 	 <p data-bbox="1094 1541 1182 1568">Mr Field</p>  <p data-bbox="1094 1910 1182 1937">Fr Comte</p>

1909	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xray apparatus installed at the sanitorium • The sanitorium is full, unable to take more patients this month • Trained nurses are unavailable for vacancies at the Cottage Hospital and Sanitorium • Heavy rain resulted in widespread flooding at Rangiora • Many penguins are to be seen on Otaki Beach 	 <p>Early Xray Machine</p>
1919	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 288 acres at Pukehou for sale by auction • Local men are slowly returning home from WW1 • Anzac Day passed quietly in Otaki • Meeting held to plan the peace celebrations and to agree a suitable memorial to be situated in the town <p>Read about the meeting here: https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/OTMAIL19190407.2.14?query=otaki%20peace%20memorial&start_date=01-04-1919&end_date=31-05-1919&snippet=true</p>	 <p>Troops arriving home</p>  <p>War Brides arriving</p>

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.

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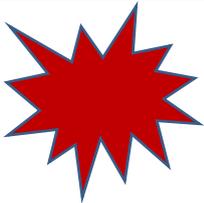
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