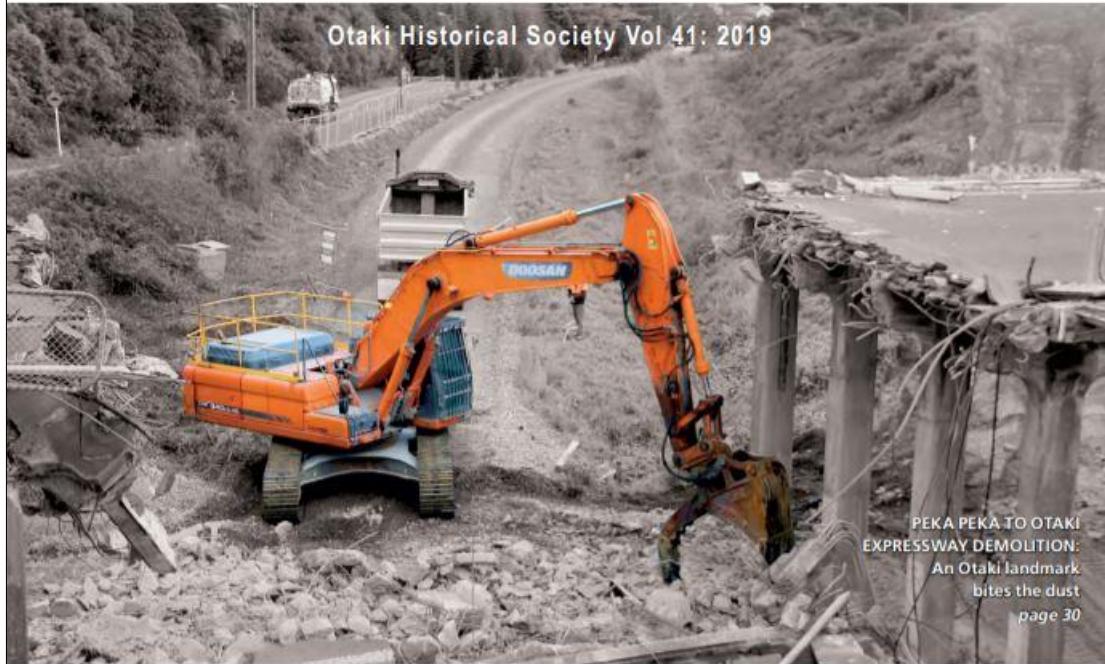


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**NEXT MEETING: 2 June 2020: 7.30 p.m. CANCELLED!**

## OTAKI HISTORICAL JOURNAL



**Public Meeting    2 June 7.30pm: CANCELLED**

***Due to the situation relating to Covid-19 there will not be a June public meeting.***

**Note:**

***The tree planting planned in conjunction with the Friends of the Otaki River for June 21 has been cancelled also due to the Covid-19 situation.***

***We are hopeful that our next public meeting will be the AGM in August***

**OHS Committee**

### ***Reminder.....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. 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.**

### **Museum**

**At time of writing the opening date and times for the Otaki museum have not been finalized.**

**Please see the museum website for updated details. <http://www.otakimuseum.co.nz/>**

'Health on the Hill,' Otaki Museum's new exhibition opened to the public on 13 December featuring 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.



### **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](http://www.coastaccessradio.org.nz). The Beach FM sessions are on the last Thursday of the month.

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

## 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 Facebook.

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

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 index is available on the website. [www.otakihistoricalsociety.org.nz](http://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.**

The website also has many photographs and a very interesting timeline of Otaki's history for your viewing. **Don't forget to 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.**

## Scheduled Events

### **OHS Public Meetings**

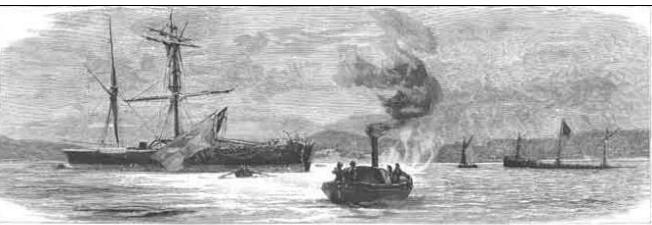
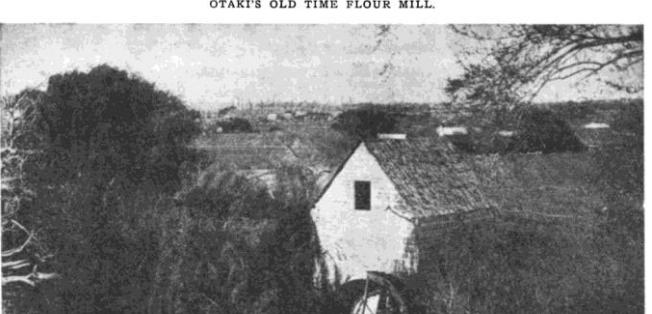
**June 2020: This meeting is now cancelled.**

**June 21 2020: Cancelled!** The society will join Friends of Otaki River in tree planting along the river. All members are encouraged to attend. More details will be provided in the May newsletter and on our facebook and website pages.

## 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](mailto:otakihistoricalsociety@yahoo.com)

	Snippets from the Press June-July	Courtesy Papers Past et al
1850	During a heavy southeaster on 6 <sup>th</sup> June, three small coastal vessels at anchor off Kapiti were driven ashore, and one, which had recently been built at Otaki was broken up. Two men who were on board were drowned.	 <p style="text-align: center;">THE "LARGO BAY" AS SHE SINKED IN OTHERS BOATS, WITH HER HULL TORN AWAY BY THE FORCE OF THE COLLISION. THE COLLISION OFF BEACHY HEAD BETWEEN THE "LARGO BAY" AND THE "GLENCOE".</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Early NZ Shipping</i></p>
1865	An Otaki exhibitor at the Dunedin exhibition received recognition for his excellent flax rope.  Interesting article taken from the paper below:  <b>AN OTAKI EXHIBITOR.</b> —It is always a pleasant task to call attention to any branch of native industry, and we say a word or two on the present occasion about the rope manufactory of Mr. William Davis, at Otaki, all the more readily, because his name has inadvertently been omitted from the list which we republished, of those who received honorary certificates at the Dunedin Exhibition. Mr. Davis exhibited some rope made from New Zealand flax, which was the only thing of the kind that received a certificate. The following was the certificate given:—"Class XIX, 217. William Davies, Otaki, Wellington. Honorary certificate for excellent rope made from New Zealand flax." Mr. Davis was also awarded a medal for specimens illustrative of the native flax manufacture, a circumstance which we congratulate him upon, as any one visiting his pretty little place at Otaki and becoming acquainted with the arrangements he has made to develop the usefulness of flax in his rope manufactory, will be convinced that he fully deserves it. We wish Mr. Davis' flax rope were better known, as it only requires that, to be more universally enquired for.	 <p style="text-align: center;">Flax mill beside Waikawa River Manakau</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>ACK: Kete Horowhenua</i></p>
1870	From the Wellington Independent. 16 June.  The following private telegram was handed to us yesterday for publication by the Rev. Father Petit Jean:  Our mill at Waitohu (Otaki) was destroyed by fire on the 13 <sup>th</sup> instant. Have it published in the papers that the white people may know our misfortune, — Yours respectfully, Tonihī	 <p style="text-align: center;">OTAKI'S OLD TIME FLOUR MILL.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">(Photo, A. P. Godber.)</p> <p>This mill was erected on the Waitohu Stream about 1848, and worked until 1861.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Waitohu Mill</i></p>
1875	From the Wanganui Herald. 10 July.  "We regret to learn that the residents of Otaki are at present suffering a great deal of illness. Measles are of course to be noticed but in a mild form. There are however other forms of sickness that are more trying. Several cases of gastric fever for instance have recently occurred. The native population too is not exempt, and several deaths have occurred amongst them whilst others are very ill. The site of the township is almost a dead level, and it is therefore not the healthiest place in wintertime. It is to be hoped however that in time Otaki will progress like the rest of the colony and then there will a prospect of this state of things being altered"	<p style="color: #0070C0; font-style: italic;">The climate must have improved as within 50 years we had the Sanitorium, followed some years later by the Health Camp!!</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Sanitorium, Ohaki, N.Z.</p>

1900	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Byron Brown advertised for sale 35,000 ft of timber at Hautere.</li> <li>• While riding his bicycle at Otaki on Saturday Mr D. Harrison received a severe fall which resulted in a broken arm and several cuts to his face</li> <li>• Samuel Cook advertised his services.</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SAMUEL COOK, LICENSED INTERPRETER, O T A K I .</b></p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Purchase or Lease of Native Lands on the West Coast, N.I. negotiated.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">CHARGES MODERATE.</p>
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**thank you!**

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