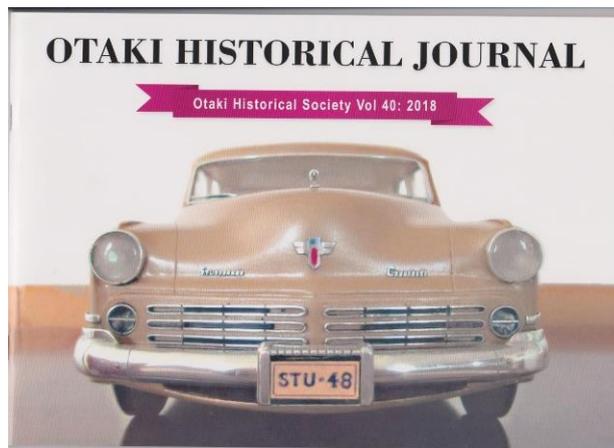


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**NEXT MEETING: 4 June 2019: Rotary Hall 7.30 p.m.**



### ***Public Meeting***

#### **The History of the Dairy Industry in our Region**

**The speaker at our June meeting will be Mr Carl Lutz. Well known identity and dairy farmer par excellence, Mr Lutz will share his experiences and memories of a lifetime farming in Otaki.**

### **Last Public Meeting**

Our speakers Te Waari Carkeek and Dale Nakhla presented us with an outline of the activities and procedures that are undertaken by the local Kaitiaki (guardians), NZTA and landowners to ensure that all cultural and legal obligations are met in the building of the PP20 expressway. They also showed pictures of some of the items found to date.

#### **Interesting facts included:**

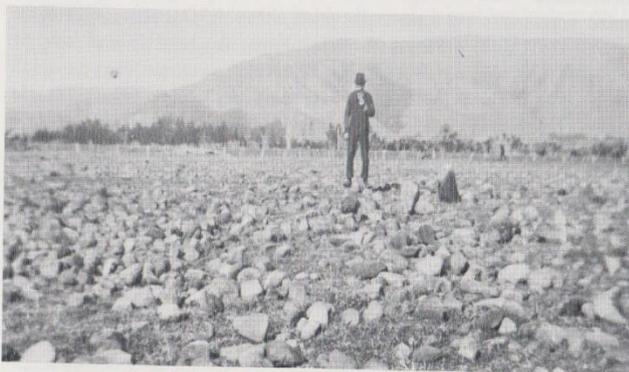
- 10 local kaitiaki ensure that representatives are on site whenever new ground is broken
- Land Court records and publications such as the OHS Journals were used to identify potential sites that require extra attention and care during earth works
- Land and cultural mitigation processes are undertaken with each family
- Agreement is reached with property owners regarding special areas or items of sentimental value
- Old rubbish dumps give an indication of Maori and Pakeha activity
- The relocation of fish from the waterways was explained
- Kahikatea trees from the Te Hapua road area were harvested and distributed for carving

- Large middens found in the vicinity of Marycrest reflected the pattern of Maori settlement in this area
- Two adzes and obsidian flakes which were used for knives were found at Marycrest
- An area of the Ngakaroro block which was landlocked has been unlocked by the construction of the expressway

**From OHS Journal Vol 2 1979**

Below is a copy of the last page of an interesting article regarding the effect of the depression on the Otaki area. Featured is the Te Horo camp where men spent their days picking up stones. (Apologies for the quality of the print.)

TE HORO PUBLIC WORKS CAMP



Sixteen

Mr George Maughan (a cousin of Somerset Maughan) was sent to Te Horo to be in charge of the Single Men's Camp set up there during the depression. There were 80 men housed in the Camp, they lived in tents erected on poles and covered with a canvas fly as a roof. Each one had a tin chimney on the end.

Mr Maughan received a wage of £4 for this responsible job of being in charge of 80 men but was charged £2 a week board. Mrs Maughan was able to milk some cows to help out.

There were 8 cooks to feed the men: one was a Mr Cutty Morgan. Mrs Maughan did not have an official job but there were always men visiting and at Christmas time she made sponge cakes and other little treats. Many of the bachelor men remained firm friends of the Maugham family until they died.

Mr Edhouse, Otaki store keeper was very helpful to the men as he sold them clothing at a discount.

Top Left: View of camp on the Hautere Road.

Middle Left: Where the Maugham family lived. Central part living quarters and bedroom to the side. There were 3 children. The Opposums used to jump down from the large tree and land on the roof of the tent. What looks like curtains on poles by the gate are there to try and stop some of the strong westerly wind.

Bottom Left: General view of stones covering the land at Hautere (with Mr Maughan).

Top Right: One of the large stacks of stones.

## Other Updates

### Museum

- 18 May: BNZ Exhibition closes.
- 25 May–8 June: Museum hired for an exhibition of paintings by Lee Robinson.
- 1 July: Centennial of RSA in Otaki exhibition opens.

### Radio Interviews

These 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. The Beach FM sessions are at lunchtime on the last Thursday of the month.

### **2019 Journal**

Work is underway for this year's 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](mailto:otakihistoricalsociety@yahoo.com) or [otakihistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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](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.

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.

### **Correspondence**

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

## Upcoming Events



### Public Meetings

June 4<sup>th</sup> 2019: Public Meeting. Guest speaker, Mr Carl Lutz.

August 6<sup>th</sup> 2019: Public Meeting and AGM.

	Snippets from the Press June - July	Courtesy Papers Past et al
1929	<p>Ceremony held to mark reopening of Otaki Hospital.</p> <p>Follow link to see an amusing account of proceedings!</p> <p><a href="https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/AS19290613.2.27?query=otaki%20hospital&amp;start_date=13-06-1929&amp;end_date=13-06-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=AS">https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/AS19290613.2.27?query=otaki%20hospital&amp;start_date=13-06-1929&amp;end_date=13-06-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=AS</a></p>	 <p>THE PUBLIC HOSPITAL, OTAKI.</p>
1929	<p>Mrs F Bills, a well known and highly respected resident of Otaki passed away in a Wellington private hospital.</p> <p>See the interesting obituary:</p> <p><a href="https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/HC19290713.2.7?query=bills&amp;start_date=13-07-1929&amp;end_date=13-07-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=HC,EP">https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/HC19290713.2.7?query=bills&amp;start_date=13-07-1929&amp;end_date=13-07-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=HC,EP</a></p>	 <p><b>BILLS &amp; MOORE'S</b> "The Store of The People." You—that's the true name, "The Store of the People." It has proved its ability—it has concentrated its resources to meet all the people's varied wants at any time and all tides. And at the Dawn of 1919, We would thank all those kind people who have shown their confidence in us during the past twelve months and have helped us in the progress of our business. It is very gratifying for us to know that we have given satisfaction to so many, and we trust that by fair and honest trading we will draw round us an even wider circle of pleased customers. Visit Us This New Year and See How Well We Are Able to Serve You. <b>BILLS &amp; MOORE,</b> DRAPERS, OTAKI &amp; OTAKI RAILWAY.</p>
1945	<p>The Rahui Dairy Factory is recorded as having the most up-to-date milk receiving and balancing station in NZ. 4200 bottles per hour are pasteurised and bottled. See article re the Wellington City milk supply capacity:</p> <p><a href="https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/EP19450618.2.89?query=city%20milk&amp;start_date=18-06-1945&amp;end_date=18-06-1945&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=HC,EP">https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/EP19450618.2.89?query=city%20milk&amp;start_date=18-06-1945&amp;end_date=18-06-1945&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=HC,EP</a></p>	 <p>MILK DEPARTMENT WELLINGTON CITY CORPORATION RAHUI FACTORY</p>
1929	<p>The death of another longtime resident, Mrs Matilda Dodds is reported. Mrs Dodds was accidentally knocked over by a cyclist. See obituary:</p> <p><a href="https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/HC19290613.2.17?query=dodds&amp;start_date=13-06-1929&amp;end_date=13-06-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=HC,EP">https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/HC19290613.2.17?query=dodds&amp;start_date=13-06-1929&amp;end_date=13-06-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=HC,EP</a></p>	
1929	<p>The need for a new ambulance to serve Otaki is stressed in an article in June 1929. 'I think any tradesman would be ashamed to use the present ambulance at Otaki as a delivery van' commented the chairman of the Hospital Board. (It has a 1912 chassis!)</p> <p>See article:</p> <p><a href="https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/HC19290624.2.26?query=ambulance&amp;start_date=24-06-1929&amp;end_date=25-06-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=HC">https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/HC19290624.2.26?query=ambulance&amp;start_date=24-06-1929&amp;end_date=25-06-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=HC</a></p>	 <p>WELLINGTON HARBOUR BOARD AMBULANCE</p> <p>Ambulance used during 1918 Flu Epidemic</p>

<p>1929</p>	<p>Strong earthquake felt in the district. It was reported that ‘some of the excitable screamed’, articles fell from shelves, and telephone lines were out. A large crack appeared in the main portion of the Post Office.</p> <p>See articles below for report of this and other news items of the day:</p> <p><a href="https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/MS19290619.2.23?query=down%20the%20line&amp;start_date=19-06-1929&amp;end_date=19-06-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=AS,MS">https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/MS19290619.2.23?query=down%20the%20line&amp;start_date=19-06-1929&amp;end_date=19-06-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=AS,MS</a></p> <p><a href="https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/MS19290619.2.62?query=down%20the%20line&amp;start_date=19-06-1929&amp;end_date=19-06-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=AS,MS">https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/MS19290619.2.62?query=down%20the%20line&amp;start_date=19-06-1929&amp;end_date=19-06-1929&amp;snippet=true&amp;title=AS,MS</a></p>	 <p><i>Westport Post Office following the 1929 Murchison earthquake</i></p>
<p>1929</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5.68 inches of rain fell in Otaki during June. Rain fell on 20 days.</li> <li>• Vital statistics for June: Births 4, deaths 3, marriage 1</li> <li>• A young lady motorist collided with a telegraph post at the Bank of Australasia corner. Only slight damage resulted.</li> </ul>	

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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)



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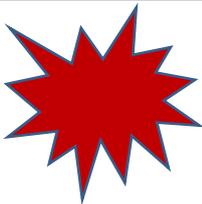
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