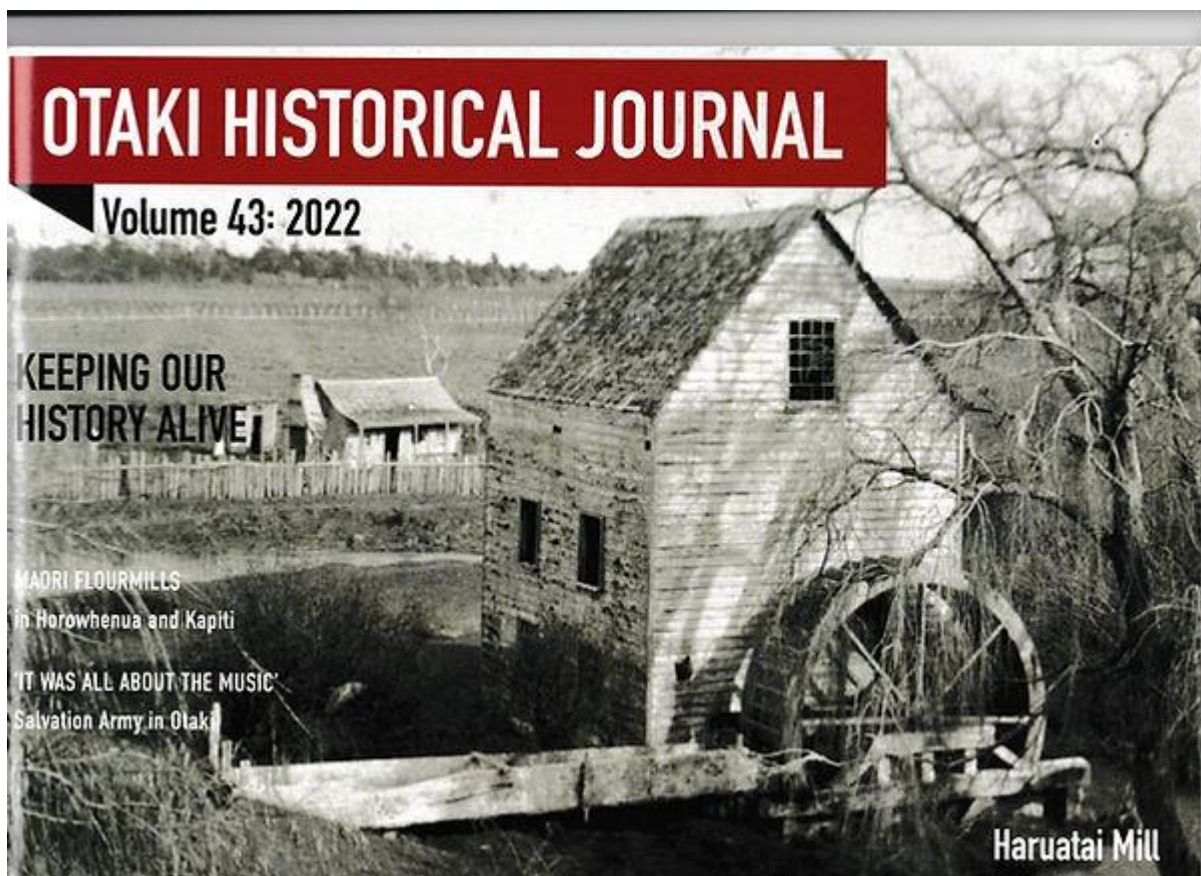


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The Otaki Historical Society exists to foster an interest in Otaki's history. This is achieved mainly by publishing the annual Otaki Historical Journal, which records the town's history through researched and contributed articles that include personal and family memoirs; researched articles about aspects of Otaki history; reprints of relevant extracts from magazines, books, or historical documents; and occasionally personal opinion.

The 43<sup>rd</sup> volume of the society's journal was launched at the AGM on Sunday 18 September.



We acknowledge and thank the Philipp Family Foundation for their generous grant towards the production costs of the 2022 journal

## 43 Years of History

Kia ora

It is important to record the histories of our elders and the people who have gone before us, that's because we can understand historical events and trends more easily, whether worldwide or in Aotearoa New Zealand, when we see them reflected in the stories of our own area. The people we write about have made a significant contribution to Otaki, three in particular gave their talent and energy to preserve our history through the Otaki Historical Society and we acknowledge their work.

Our 43rd volume of the journal is full of interesting material. It ranges from new research about Maori-owned flourmills in the 1800s to features where history is recorded through art. There are many types of pioneers, and we highlight those who brought new ideas and services to our area, along with one who developed new ways of protecting people at work.

Sometimes we are asked why we put out a journal and there are many answers. We want to preserve and publish stories about interesting events and people from our past. Then there is the fun of research, of hunting for clues and finding information that is new or has been lost. We interview people, read, check dates and records and then weave everything together until the story emerges from all the data. But often there are things we can't solve and so we welcome input from you, our readers to fill any gaps and find more pieces of the puzzle.

We'd like to make these stories available for others who enjoy living here and for families and researchers everywhere. We also want to share these stories with our young people as they learn about the past in the new history curriculum. Most of all, we hope that you enjoy what we have put together for you this year.

Noho ora mai ra, Sarah Maclean, Editor



H Eagar Grave Rangiatea



No 2 Main Street



Pulley wheel behind a piece of Waitohu millstone at Pukekaraka

***Images from three of the articles in the OHS Journal 2022***

## AGM

.The following were re-elected at the AGM, we thank them for their continued support.

Please note: Members and interested supporters are invited to assist our committee with tasks relating to the journal (articles, suggestions, photographs etc are welcome)

The members elected to committee for 2022 – 2023 are as follows:

<b>Patron</b>	Meagan Roach	<b>Committee</b>	Ian Cooksley
<b>Secretary</b>	Sarah Maclean	<b>Committee</b>	Jeanette Carpenter
<b>Treasurer</b>	Neil Greenwood	<b>President</b>	Patsy Whenuaroa

### **Important Motion Passed at OHS and Otaki Heritage Bank Preservation Trust AGMs**

The two organisations have always shared many resources such as photographs, documents, artefacts etc. The OHS has the use of a room at the museum, uses the Trust's system, 'Past Perfect' to accession their holdings and during recent times both groups have enjoyed a close working relationship. Museum trustees also appreciate the OHS journal, a great resource built up over 40 years. It has become obvious that amalgamating would be of benefit to continuing the work of protecting and preserving Otaki's history and providing assistance to researchers and students in relation to the implementation of the new New Zealand history curriculum.

The following motions were passed unanimously at the relevant AGM's.

#### OHS

*'That delegated representatives of the Otaki Historical Society (the OHS) work together with delegated representatives of the Otaki Heritage Bank Preservation Trust (the Museum Trust), to develop a proposal for mutually beneficial and new arrangements between the two organisations, including administrative and structural elements, within the next twelve months for, (1) joint endorsement by the Trustees of the two organisations, and (2) approval by a joint special general meeting of the two organisations.'*

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We look forward to working with the Trust during the next few months in the formation of a vibrant and successful organisation.



## Journal

A friendly reminder to those members who have not yet purchased their copy of the 2022 journal.

Cost is \$20. Postage domestic \$5, overseas \$10.

To purchase a copy online use <https://www.otakihistoricalsociety.org.nz/journals> or email [otakihistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:otakihistoricalsociety@yahoo.com)

**Locally the following businesses kindly stock and sell our journals:**

- Otaki Railway Bookshop
- Otaki Post Shop
- Otaki Museum
- Books & Co

**We have adjusted the price of earlier journals we have in stock.**

Price List for earlier issues

- Vol 1 - 38 \$10 (1978 -2016)
- Vol 39 -42 \$20 (2017 -2021)
- Digitised 1-38 \$10
- Overseas post and packing \$10

**Note:** Digitised copies of 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



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 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 42 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 links to access the index i.e. 1-40 and 41-42.**
- **The index for Vol 43 will soon be 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 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 from 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.

## **What we have been doing**

- We continue to contribute a monthly column to the Otaki Mail featuring interesting articles and news items from the early copies of the Mail and other NZ newspapers. The first newspaper was published in Otaki in 1892. If you have missed your copies of the Otaki Mail, they are available online at <https://otakimail.co.nz/> .
- Our editor Sarah has devoted many hours to the production of this year's journal, our other four committee members have assisted with research, article writing and proof reading etc.
- We continue to field a large number of queries and journal purchases. Our distribution officer, Neil Greenwood reports that sales of current and past issues has been high both via online orders and our amazing local sales outlets. We have under 10 issues of Vol. 42 remaining. Once these are sold only digitized copies will be available.

- **Museum**

*Exhibition "The Way We Were: Glimpses of Days Gone By"*

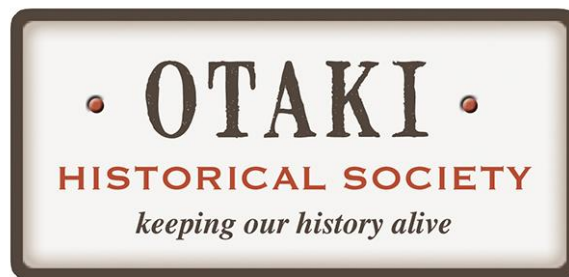
- **Reading Room**

We remind readers of the facilities available in the Anne Thorpe reading room. This room has many records and publications available for public access. The trustees and volunteers on duty can also assist with researching and locating photographs, artefacts, estate collections etc which have been received by Otaki Historical Society and the Heritage Bank Trust. These items have been recorded on 'Past Perfect' and can be viewed on the computers in the reading room.

- When entering the museum turn right for the Reading Room and left for the Exhibition.

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## ***Following fyi is the Annual Report presented at the AGM***



### **Annual Report 2022**

#### **The Committee**

Our small committee of only five members, Sarah Maclean, Jeanette Carpenter, Ian Cooksley, Neil Greenwood and Patsy Whenuaroa have worked extremely hard during the past year. Although we did not hold any public events, the team spent a large amount of time ensuring the OHS continued to function smoothly. I would especially like to acknowledge the great teamwork undertaken to produce the journal.

## OHS Journal

This year saw several changes relating to the production of the journal.

- For the first time we have produced a full colour issue.
- We have a new designer. We were pleased to offer a local business, Nel Design, the contract to undertake this work.
- We are very thankful to the Philipp Family Foundation who generously awarded us a grant to assist with production costs.

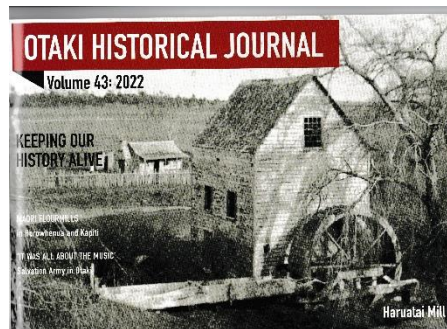
The 2021 journal sold extremely well and is almost sold out.

We had an increased demand for earlier issues both in hardcopy and digital format. We expect this to continue as schools realise the value of the journals in assisting with the new history curriculum being implemented in 2023.

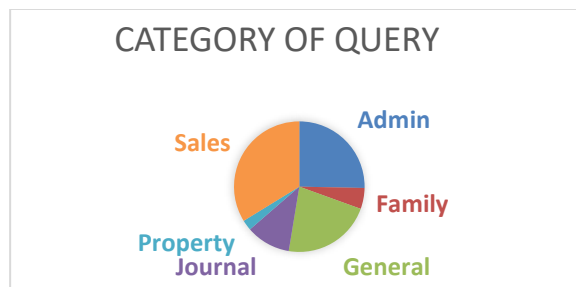
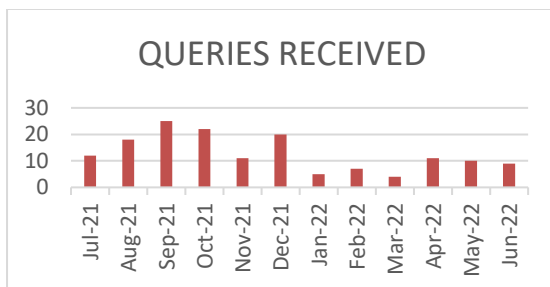
Thanks go to Neil Greenwood who managed the distribution and sales to our outlets.

The support given by these businesses is sincerely appreciated by the society.

- Riverstone Café
- Railway Bookshop
- Otaki Post Shop
- Books & Co
- Maoriland
- Otaki RSA



## Queries



## Website Statistics

2598 Site Sessions

1803 Unique Visitors

Most visitors came from:

- 2398 NZ
- 111 Australia
- 30 U.S.
- 16 U.K.

7 average sessions per day

Photo Gallery – most popular

Otaki History – most time spent



## Facebook

We have 1171 Facebook followers

The majority of facebook accesses were received from:

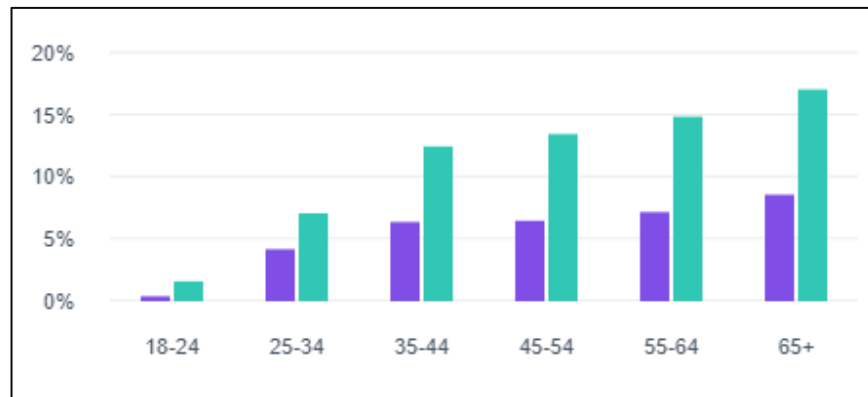
- New Zealand
- Australia
- United Kingdom
- United States



Age and Gender of users

Men 33.20%

Women 66.80%



## Activities

Our small group was kept busy responding to queries, compiling the journal, accessioning items held by the society, distributing, or posting journals to our local outlets and customers in many parts of the world.

Sarah Maclean gave well received presentations to Otaki Genealogy Society and Kapiti WEA

Neil Greenwood erected new shelving in our storeroom. Ian Cooksley and Neil then spent several hours moving and reshelving the past journals and other items and documents held by the society.

Quarterly newsletters were distributed to members and supporters.

Jeanette Carpenter researched and produced articles that were printed in the Otaki Mail.

Many hours were spent researching, proof reading and writing articles for the journal.



President OHS

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