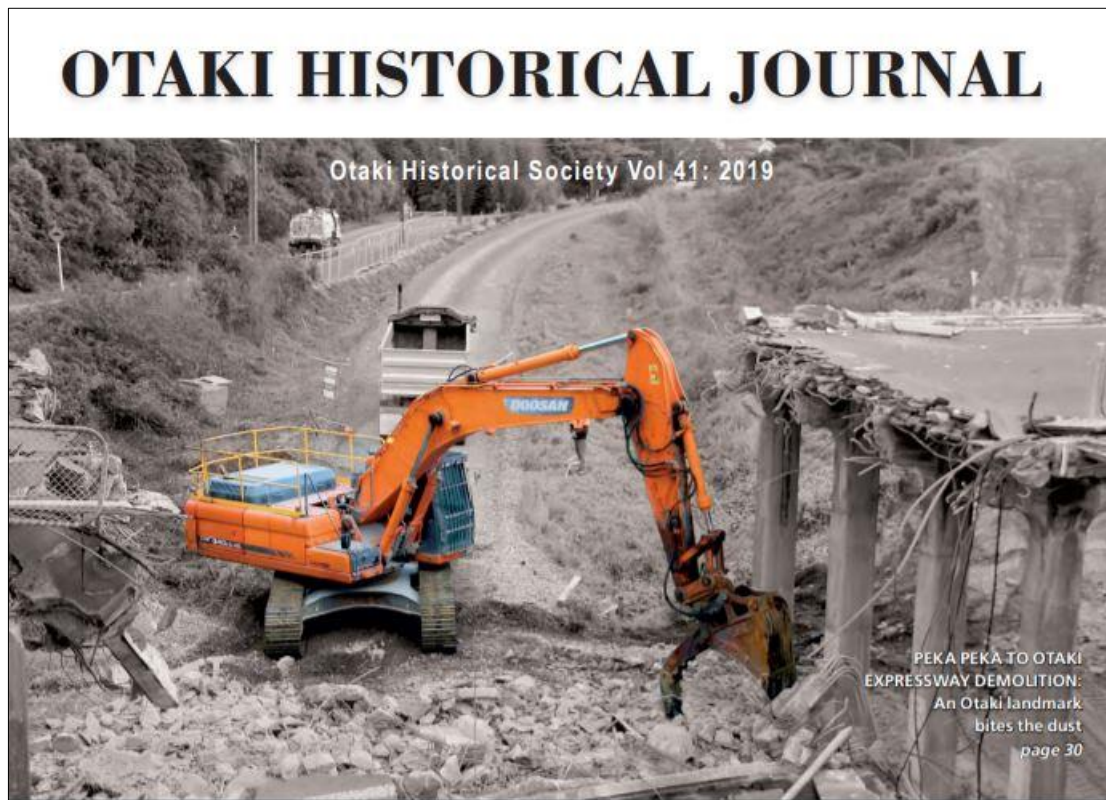


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**NEXT MEETING: 4 February 2020: 6 p.m.**

**Scout Hall – Haruaitai Park – Mill Road – Otaki**



### ***Public Meeting***

Our February meeting will comprise of a walk around the old sanitorium grounds in Mill Road. Please gather at the Scout Hall at 6pm from where we will begin the walk returning to the hall for refreshments at the conclusion of the evening.

Pending inclement weather or a need to cancel the walk members will be advised via our facebook page, website and Beach FM.

***All Welcome***

**December Public Meeting**

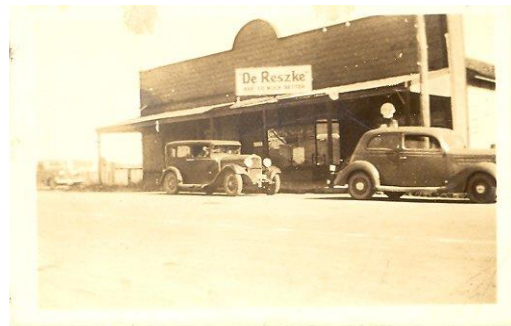
Our final meeting for the year saw the successful launch of the 41<sup>st</sup> Otaki Historical Society journal. Full of memories, history, 2019 local news and many other items of Otaki and district interest, it has received excellent reviews and is selling fast.



***Members at the launch***



***Editor Sarah Maclean, launching the journal***



***Above are three images from the journal***

***Top: Te Horo Store from Alan Stead's article***

***Bottom: Artefacts from the Moonshine Mill From David Smith's article***

## Other Updates

Committee members spent several days during December selling journals on Main Street. This proved popular with the public and good sales resulted.

## Museum

'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.

Visitor numbers over the holiday period have been high.



**Reading Room** *Have you visited this fascinating repository yet!!*

In late September this facility was officially launched as the 'Anne Thorpe Reading 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](http://www.coastaccessradio.org.nz). The Beach FM sessions are on the last Thursday of the month.

## **2020 Journal**



**. We are already planning the 2020 issue**

As always, we welcome any and all contributions from members, family or friends 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](mailto:otakihistoricalsociety@yahoo.com) or [otakihistoricalsociety@gmail.com](mailto: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 newsletters available on the website. Click on the 'Newsletters' tab at the top of the home page to view.

**The new index updated with entries from the 2019 journal will shortly be available!!**

The 1978 -2018 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.

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.

## **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 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**

Feb 4th 2020: Public Meeting. A walk through the grounds of the old hospital and sanitorium, see above notice for details.

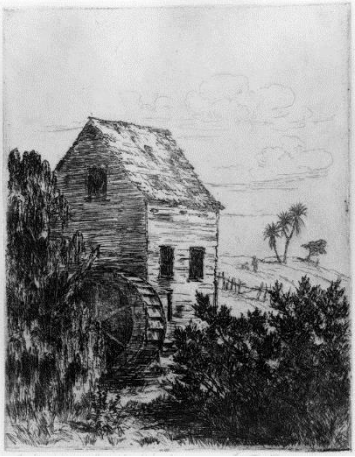

## **Reminder**

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)



**Another journal image - milk tankers at Rahui Factory 1981**

	Snippets from the Press Feb-Mar	Courtesy Papers Past et al
1850	<p>An interesting article recording the statistics of the Wellington Province. Agricultural, whaling, flour milling, flax growing etc are covered. Our coast was certainly a centre of business activity.</p> <p><a href="https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/NZSCSG18500306_2.3?end_date=31-03-1850&amp;query=otaki+%amp;snippet=true&amp;start_date=01-02-1850">https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/NZSCSG18500306_2.3?end_date=31-03-1850&amp;query=otaki+%amp;snippet=true&amp;start_date=01-02-1850</a></p> <p>Right: WF Barraud's painting of Hadfields Otaki Mill.</p> <p>Ack: natlib.govt.nz</p>	
1860	<p>Otaki was obviously an active and busy port in 1860.</p>  <p><i>Wreck of schooner found near Auckland 150 years after sinking.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FOR OTAKI.</b></p> <p><b>T</b>HE fine fast-sailing schooner "S A R A H," 12 tons. William Powel, Master, will sail for the above port on Wednesday next, the 14th inst. For freight only, apply to <b>PLIMMER &amp; SON.</b> Plimmer's Wharf, 8th March, 1850.</p>
1870	<p>An article in the press in March 1870.</p> <p>Early days of Trip Advisor reviews?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>£1000 REWARD!!</b></p> <p>To parties travelling on the West Coast who vouch that the accommodation is not of a first-class character (stabling and paddocking in particular) at</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ANGUS MILNE'S BULL AND MOUTH HOTEL, OTAKI.</b></p> <p><b>W</b>E, the undersigned, having halted and baited at the above establishment, can highly recommend future travellers to give it a trial, as they will find it the</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHEAPEST HOUSE ON THE COAST,</b> where the utmost attention is paid to man and beast, combined with the greatest civility.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FIRST-CLASS LIQUORS AT THE VERY LOWEST PRICES.</b></p> <p>(Signed) <b>HENRY PHILLIPS,</b> Storekeeper, Greytown [Martin &amp; Tolley J. Futter T. Prosser A. Brown Edward Magnus, and others.</p> <p>In reference to the above, A.M. desires to return thanks to those who have supported him since commencing in the above line; and as the House is now replete with every comfort, he trusts that by still catering for their wants with renewed diligence, coupled with the utmost attention and civility, to increase the support already so liberally bestowed on him.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Good Beds, Large Paddock, with Wines, Beers, and Liquors of the Best Brands <b>A. MILNE,</b> Bull and Mouth Hotel, <b>Otaki.</b></p>

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Fees may be paid at the bimonthly meetings, or by mail to PO Box 50, Otaki 5542, or by internet banking. The Otaki Historical Society account no is: 38 9004 0987739 00 (please ensure your Name and 'Subs 2019-20' is included in the reference field).

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