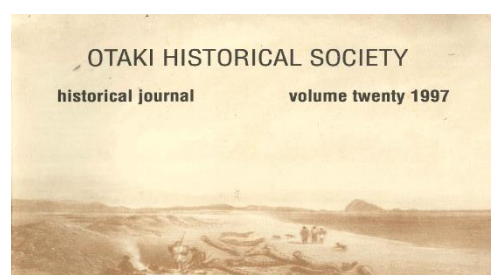
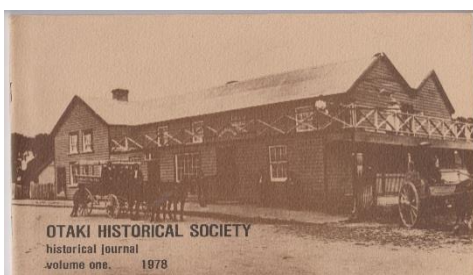
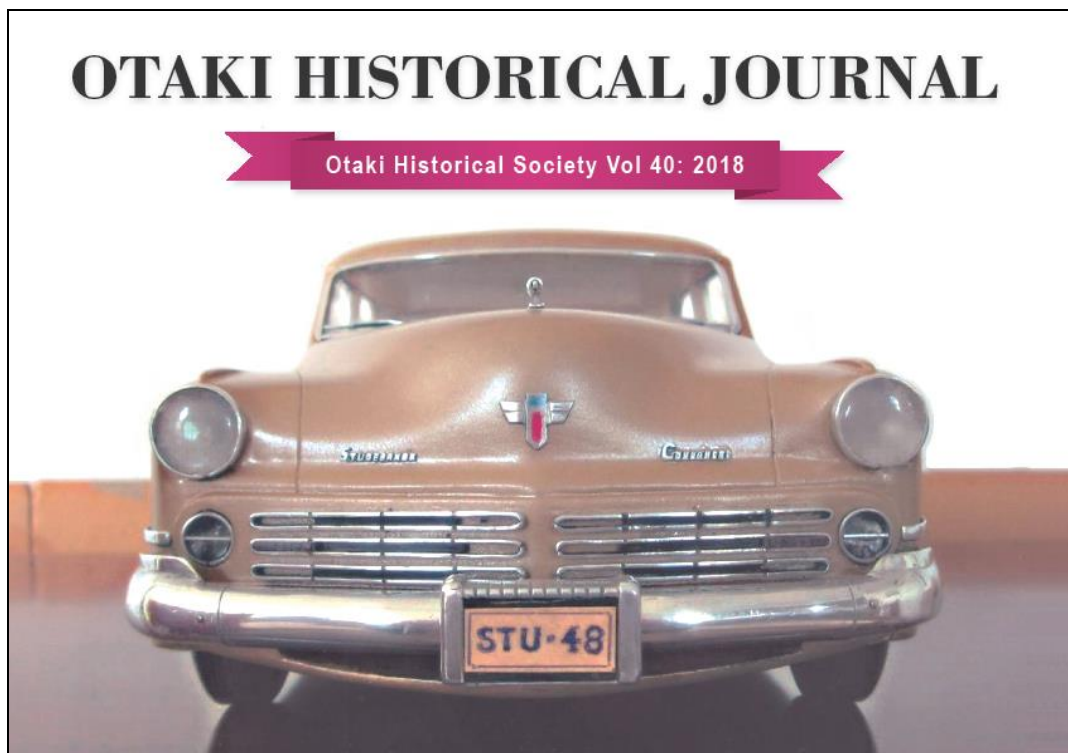
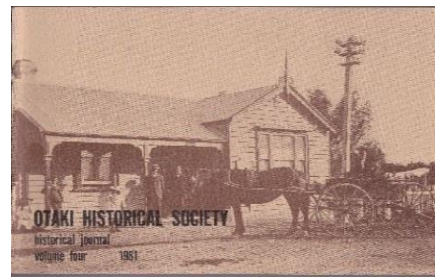
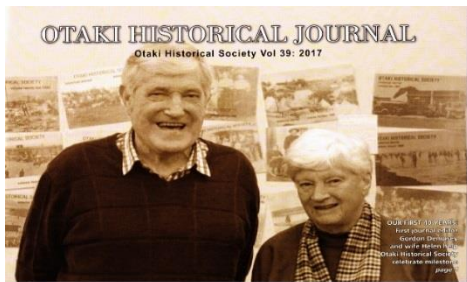
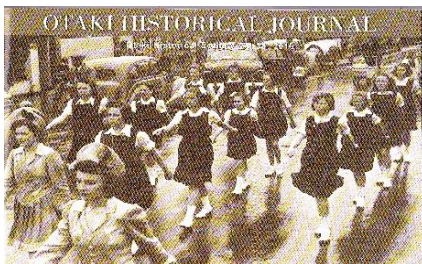


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**NEXT MEETING: 4 December 2018: Rotary Hall 7.30 p.m.**



## **Next Meeting 4 December 2018**

### **Public Meeting & Journal Launch**

The society is proud to advise the 40<sup>th</sup> issue of our OHS Journal will be launched at this meeting. Containing interesting and informative memories, historical and recent facts, fascinating articles and much more, it is sure to once again be very popular. Come along and share the launch with some of the contributors as they talk about the research and history behind their articles.



**All Welcome. Free Admission. Festive Supper.**



### **Last Meeting**

Our last meeting featured a presentation by Emmerson Vandy, Digital Services Manager at the National Library. As advised last month Emmerson has been involved in the digitisation of the Otaki Mail which is now available on the Papers Past website. The original copies of the newspaper are owned by the OHS. The presentation was very informative and well received by those present.

An information and tips document to assist with accessing and using Papers Past was provided and is available by contacting the society at [otakihistoricalsociety@yahoo.com](mailto:otakihistoricalsociety@yahoo.com)

Papers Past also has a useful 'Help' page i.e. <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/help>

### **OHS Committee Update**

- The society is this year again donating a history prize to the three colleges in our town. The schools are Otaki College and our two Wharekura, Te Kura-a-iwi o Whakatapuranga Rua Mano and Te Kura Kaupapa Maori o Te Rito. We are pleased to acknowledge and assist these students. At time of writing the Otaki College recipient has been announced as Zianna McLeod.
- The monthly interviews broadcast by Coast Access Radio are continuing. November's guest was John Mowbray from Mowbray Collectables.
- Committee members have continued to maintain and manage the preservation and security of the many special taonga that have been gifted to us by members, anonymous donors, and descendants of former Otaki residents. We take this responsibility very seriously and will ensure these treasures are here for future generations to enjoy and learn from.
- We have received a copy of the 2019 calendar produced by Kapiti Lions. Among the great photos used are two from the OHS collection. You can obtain copies from the Artel Gallery, Mahara Place in Waikanae and the Westpac Bank in Paraparaumu, Coastlands.



### **Other Updates**

#### **2018 Journal**

As stated above our 2018 and 40<sup>th</sup> issue will be launched at the December meeting. The OHS journal is considered to be one of a kind and we continue to receive plaudits from researchers, regular purchasers and first time readers. Some months ago Ian Carson our editor since 2011, advised that he was unable to continue in the role.

As a result journal responsibilities were re allocated as follows:

- Editor: Sarah Maclean
- Graphic Designer: Lynn Peck
- Advertising Liaison: Annie Bythell

This group with the assistance of the OHS committee are delighted to present our 40<sup>th</sup> issue.

We acknowledge the work done by Ian and Debbie Carson in keeping the content and presentation of the journal fresh and appealing to our readers.

#### **OTAKI HISTORICAL JOURNAL**

Otagi Historical Society Vol 40: 2018



### **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 -2017 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 39 journals. Use the index to see if your interest (or family) are mentioned. If you find relevant information, refer to your journals or contact the Society. We continue to receive an increasing number of queries and new members through the site.

### **OHS Facebook Page**

See our facebook page for meeting information and other updates. It is pleasing to see the continued increase in the number of visitors viewing and commenting on our page. e.g. 474 people read the latest update.

<https://www.facebook.com/otakihistoricalsociety/>

### **Correspondence**

Over 50 contacts were handled during September/October. Several queries resulted in committee members undertaking research to provide the required information.



### **Upcoming Events**



#### **Public Meeting**

December 4 2018: Public meeting and launch of 2018 Journal.

February 5 2019: Public meeting and open forum 'School days'

### **Museum**

The Otaki Scholar and Suffragette exhibitions closed in October. An exhibition relating to the history of the museum building, built in 1918 for the Bank of New Zealand will open on 23 November.



### **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)



**Historical Otaki related snippets from the press: Dec-Jan**

Courtesy Papers Past et al

1918

Two extracts from Feilding Star relating to a mine found in 1918.

'A deal of excitement was caused in this district on Saturday when Miss May Drake of Manukau reported to Constable Satherley that she had discovered a German mine on the Otaki beach (about four miles from the beach end of Rangiuru Road) and just a few yards north of where the Wairongomai stream enters into the sea. Constable Satherley immediately proceeded to the locality, fixed a wire to prevent the mine going out to sea with the tide, labelled it dangerous, and attached a red flag. Despite this, sight-seers, who were numerous, handled it and discussed it generally. The mine is about 4ft 6in long by about 3ft 6in high, has five horns, a screw hole, and a ring. It bears the figures 19395, Constable Satherley communicated with Wellington and reported the matter, but got no definite reply as to when men would be sent to explode it.'

Captain Hall -Thompson accompanied by Petty Officer West (of the Philomel) on Wednesday afternoon exploded the mine found at Wairongomai last week. The spectatcle was witnessed by a large number of people. The explosion was plainly heard several miles off. At Otaki 4-5 miles away, houses fairly shook, and windows rattled. Mr AJ Knocks carefully measured the hole made by the explosion and found the circumference was no less than 84 feet, the diameter 25 feet and the depth 15 feet. Fragments of the casing of the mine were hurled about 800 Yards. There was an eager rush for fragments, which will serve as mementoes.



WW1 Mine found on West Coast of NZ

Ack:Histomil.com

1918

Te Horo school closed due to staff illness (Influenza)

1919

No fewer than six returning drafts of NZ soldiers, in total 5102 officers And other ranks are due to arrive in NZ within the next 4 – 5 weeks

1918

The Otaki hospital received several donations of money towards the provision of 'Christmas Cheer' for patients

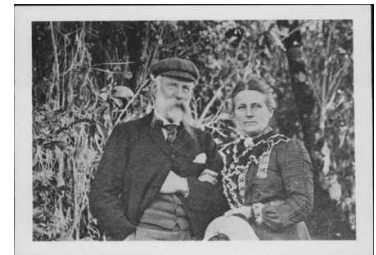
1885

A man was arrested on Christmas Day and brought before Mr WH Simcox, J.P. on a charge of stabbing two men. Apart from this charge and the usual drunks, Christmas in Otaki was quiet in 1885.

Christmas greeting message in the Otaki Mail gives a good insight To the 'mood' of the town in 1928. (read article below)

1928

[https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/OTMAIL19281224.2.10?end\\_date=24-12-1928&items\\_per\\_page=50&query=christmas&start\\_date=23-12-1928&title=OTMAIL](https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/OTMAIL19281224.2.10?end_date=24-12-1928&items_per_page=50&query=christmas&start_date=23-12-1928&title=OTMAIL)



Mr and Mrs WH Simcox



1926

**Christmas in Otaki 1926**

- Heavy rain on Christmas Eve
- Good business reported

Read the interesting article from Otaki Mail below

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/OTMAIL19261229.2.8?query=otaki+christmas&title=OTMAIL&type=ARTICLE%2CILLUSTRATION>



Otaki Beach 1926



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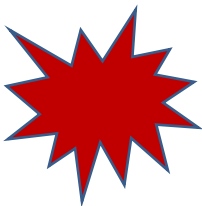
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