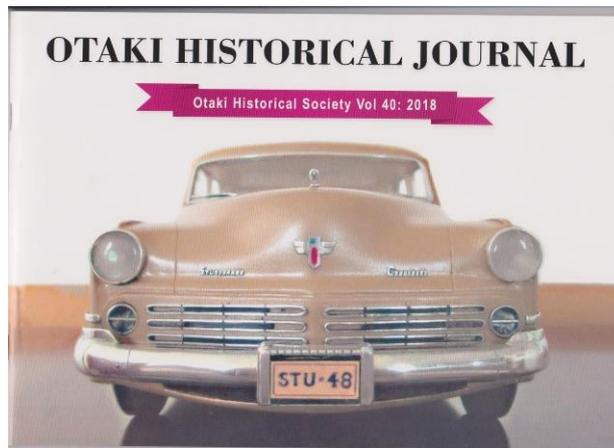


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NEXT MEETING: 1 October 2019: 7.30 p.m.

Rotary Hall Aotaki Street Otaki

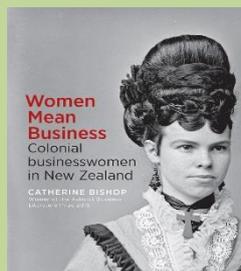


Public Meeting

In the first of 25 talks that are planned throughout Aotearoa, Catherine Bishop will be promoting her book: ***Women Mean Business: Colonial Businesswomen in New Zealand.***

The pages of this book overflow with the stories of hard-working milliners and dressmakers, teachers, boarding-house keepers and laundresses, colourful publicans, brothelkeepers and travelling performers, along with the odd taxidermist, bootmaker and butcher – and Australasia's first woman chemist. Then, as now there was no 'typical businesswoman'. They were middle and working class; young and old; Maori and Pakeha; single, married, widowed and sometimes bigamists. Their businesses could be wild successes or dismal failures, lasting just a few months or a lifetime. In this fascinating and entertaining book, award winning historian Dr Catherine Bishop showcases many of the individual businesswomen whose efforts, collectively, contributed so much to the making of urban life in New Zealand.

Dr Bishop grew up in Whanganui. She completed her first degree at Victoria University in Wellington, before working as a maths teacher, bookseller and mother in the UK and Australia. She finished her PhD at the Australian National University in 2012. Her first book 'Minding Her Own Business: Colonial Businesswomen in Sydney' won the prestigious Ashurst Business Literature Prize in 2016. She currently holds a research fellowship funded by the Australian Research Council at Macquarie University, where she is writing a history of women in business in 20th century Australia.



August Public Meeting

Sir Kim Workman was our guest at this meeting and gave an enlightened presentation titled 'talking about whanau'. He outlined his whakapapa and connection to the Kapiti – Otaki area. His great grandfather, John Stanton Workman was a scottish whaler and member of the Wellington Early Settlers Association. His great grandmother was Rewhaunga a captive who had ended up on Kapiti Island. Sir Kim explained the role of Rewhaunga and the difficulties she must have endured living in two worlds.

He told of his own boyhood in Masterton, being one as it was for many, of mixed heritages, of cultural confusion. After leaving school he joined the police force experiencing many of the racial differences which were prevalent then.

He is now retired, living at Waikawa Beach and studying Te Reo at Te Wananga o Raukawa.

Other Updates

AGM

Anne Thorpe remains our patron and Neale Ames accepted the auditor appointment for another year.

All office bearers from last year generously offered their time and efforts for another year. Consequently the following were duly elected.

President	Meagan Roach
Secretary	Sarah Maclean
Treasurer	Neil Greenwood
Vice President	Annie Bythell
Vice President	Patsy Whenuaroa
Committee	Jeanette Carpenter
Committee	Alan Stead
Committee	Ian Cooksley

Museum

The RSA centennial exhibition continues to attract visitors from near and far. It is an excellent exhibition with many stories, artefacts and videos, and if you have not viewed it yet, we recommend you call in before it closes.

The summer exhibition will feature the Cottage Hospital and the Sanatorium.

The AGM of the Otaki Heritage Bank Preservation Trust will be held at 11 a.m. on 9th October at the museum. The trust is seeking trustees and volunteers to assist with the governance and operation of the museum.



Reading Room

In late September this facility will be officially launched as the 'Anne Thorpe 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. 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 . The Beach FM sessions are on the last Thursday of the month.

2019 Journal



This years journal is progressing well and will be launched at our December public meeting.

As always, we welcome any and all contributions from members, family or friends. **We are already planning the 2020 issue** 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 or 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 last nine newsletters available on the website. Click on the 'Newsletters' tab at the top of the home page to view.

The updated 1978 -2018 index is available on the website. 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. There has been a lot of activity on the page during the past two months as viewers enjoy the photographs and information that have been posted. E.g. in just two days, 2nd-3rd September we had 31 comments and 6 shares.

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

Correspondence

Correspondence numbers continue to be steady (35 received during August) and include requests for information, photographs and journals as well as business as usual. Our committee does a sterling job in responding as some queries can take several hours to resolve. During August these included:

- Do we have a photo of a specific house
- How to find info relating to Marycrest and the sanitorium
- Query re a photo in an early journal
- Three requests for info relating to ancestors
- An offer of information and documentation
- Query re 1830's flood of Pakakutu Pa
- Journal related etc,etc.

Your thoughts please !! We look forward to your response!!

The committee is aware that our activities have changed little in recent years. We are interested in hearing what you, our members, would like to see changed or improved. Please give some thought to the following (and any other ideas you may have) and we will run a short survey later in the year. Please also feel free to approach a committee member at any time with feedback. You do not need to wait for a survey.

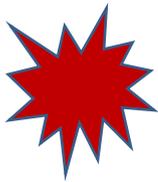
- Times of meetings
- Venue
- Speakers Topics
- Should we cover only Otaki or the wider Kapiti Coast – Horowhenua



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.

Upcoming Events



Wellington Heritage Week Oct 28 to Nov 3

A week of amazing walks, tours, presentations etc See link below for details:

<https://wellingtonheritageweek.co.nz/>

OHS Public Meetings

Oct 1 2019: Public Meeting and presentation by Cath Bishop.

Dec 3 2019: Public Meeting and Journal launch.

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



Ideal Milk Bar - Otaki Railway

	Snippets from the Press Oct - Nov	Courtesy Papers Past et al
1849	<p>Bishop Hadfield returned to Otaki after an absence of five years due to ill health. Ngati Raukawa turned out to give him an emotional welcome.</p> <p>Read the article below.</p> <p>https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/DSC18491030.2.9?query=otaki%20&start_date=01-10-1849&end_date=30-11-1849&snippet=true&type=ARTICLE,ILLUSTRATION</p>	 <p>A sepia-toned portrait of an elderly man with a full white beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit and a white shawl or wrap over his shoulders. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera. The portrait is mounted on a light-colored card with some faint handwriting at the bottom.</p>
1899	<p>Otaki Races postponed due to bad weather</p> <p>An Otaki celebrity rejoicing in the euphonious name of Ornamental Bill is said to be the lucky holder of a Tattersalls Sweep ticket worth 1500 pounds on the 3rd horse in the Melbourne Cup</p> <p>A 600-acre farm is being sold on Nov 1st for MacDonal, Wilson & Co. 350 acres in grass the rest being light bush. Six miles from Otaki Railway fronting the Otaki River. Carries 2 ½ sheep to the acre</p>	 <p>A black and white illustration of a man in a top hat and riding gear, sitting on a horse and holding a whip. The horse is in a trotting or galloping motion. The illustration is framed by a simple border.</p>
1909	<p>Maori College opening. The platform collapsed during the opening ceremony, the Governor and party were precipitated to the ground, but nobody was injured. The ceremony proceeded without incident.</p>	 <p>A black and white photograph of a large, two-story building with a gabled roof and multiple windows. The building appears to be a school or a large residence. There is a fence in front of the building. The photograph is mounted on a light-colored card.</p>
1919	<p>A fire destroyed a block of four shops owned by Mrs Inill. They included a billiard saloon, a hairdresser and two other shops. The insurances were small</p>	 <p>A color photograph of a vintage red fire truck. The truck has "OTAKI FIRE BRIGADE" written on its side. It is parked on a paved area, and there are some trees and buildings in the background.</p>
1929	<p>Vital statistics for Otaki during October were 4 births, 5 deaths and 1 marriage</p> <p>The rainfall for the month was 2.46 inches and there were two frosts</p>	 <p>A circular logo with a yellow background and a blue border. The words "SUNNY OTAKI" are written in a stylized, bold font. The logo is superimposed over a background image of a beach and the ocean.</p>
1939	<p>Mr McFetridge is suffering from a badly poisoned hand due to handling hemlock</p> <p>Some person deliberately cut portions of the boundary fence at the racecourse the night before the races</p> <p>Small quantities of whitebait were netted and sold readily for 5s a pint</p>	 <p>A color photograph showing several people wading in a shallow river or stream, using nets to catch whitebait. The water is clear, and the surrounding landscape is green and hilly.</p>



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Chairs Hair Design	Watsons Gardens Ltd
Telegraph Hotel	Kapiti Coast District Libraries
Riverstone Café	Penray Gardens
Agar Fenwick Limited	Otaki Commercial Park
Concrete Doctors	First National Real Estate Otaki

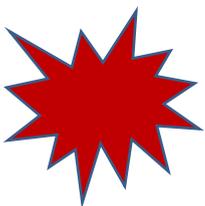
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Email address reminder:

The society now has two email addresses: otakihistoricalsociety@yahoo.com and otakihistoricalsociety@gmail.com

Use either of these addresses, the postal address: Otaki Historical Society, PO Box 50, Otaki 5542, or the contact link on the website: www.otakihistoricalsociety.org.nz to contact the society on any subject.

MEMBERSHIP YEAR AUGUST 2019 TO JULY 2020		
Please note that yearly fees for the Otaki Historical Society are set at the AGM in August and all fees are due thereafter. Single membership is \$15, family membership is \$20.		
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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