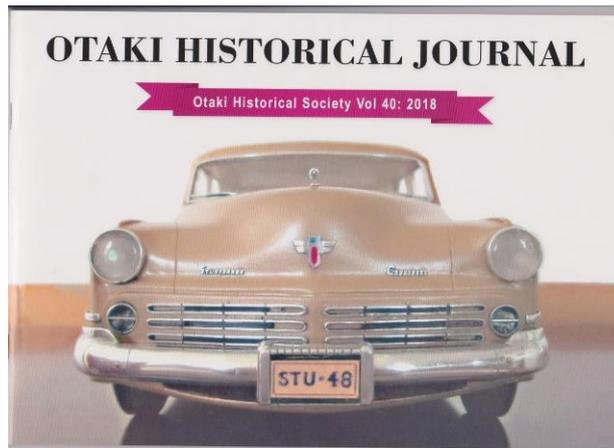


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NEXT MEETING: 5 February 2019: Rotary Hall 7.30 p.m.



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Public Meeting Open Discussion

The theme for this meeting will be 'School Days'. Come along and share your experiences of school days, memorable or otherwise! You do not need to have gone to school in Otaki, any and all contributions welcome. These open forums have proved to be very enjoyable at past meetings and this evening should be no exception.

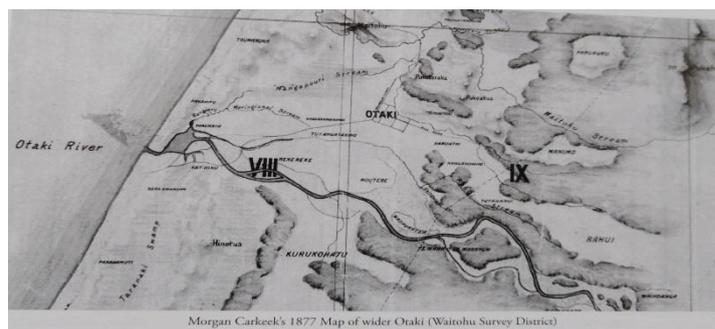
Last Meeting

Our December meeting saw the launch of our 40th OHS Journal. This is an amazing achievement and is certainly unequalled in New Zealand.

Two of our contributors spoke to the very large attendance. Pataka Moore spoke to his excellent lead article 'Nga mahinga kai o Otaki – The gardens of Otaki'. Pataka's presentation was of great interest and the use of modern-day maps superimposed over the old maps of Carkeek and Adkins made recognizing the locations of these early gardens much easier. The number of gardens and cultivations in Otaki was a surprise to many.

Rupene Waaka's contribution to the journal related to the visit of Toscha Seidel's visit to Ngati Raukawa in 1922. In his presentation Rupene stressed how the lack of knowledge of custom by recipients of gifts from the Maori people has resulted in the loss of many taonga over the years.

See the journal for these informative and interesting articles relating to Otaki's past.



At the beginning of a new year it is timely to give an update of some of the history related organisations in Otaki.

Otaki Genealogy Society

Follow the link to see details of meetings, copies of newsletters, research assistance (every Wednesday at Otaki Library), available resources and contact information. https://www.genealogy.org.nz/Otaki_142.aspx

Otaki Museum

The Otaki Museum on Main Street, Otaki is governed by the Otaki Heritage Bank Preservation Trust. The Trust was established in 2003.

The goal of the Trust is to collect, preserve and share Otaki's history through a programme of changing exhibitions of stories, images and other artifacts. The museum also holds a collection of objects and records relating to the town's history which is catalogued for easy reference.

Admission is free and the museum is open Thursday to Saturday 10am to 2pm.

More information can be found at <http://www.otakimuseum.co.nz/>

Otaki Historical Society

Formed 41 years ago, 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 OHS is an incorporated society and holds public meetings on the first Tuesday of February, April, June, August, October and December.

The Historical Society rents a room at the museum for the storage of their resources and records and monthly committee meetings are held at the museum. All photographs and documents etc belonging to the society are also entered into the cataloguing system owned by the museum for the use of both organisations.

A memorandum of understanding exists between the society and the museum ensuring the valuable memorabilia etc housed at the museum is stored and cared for as carefully as the original owners would have wished. Historical information and artefacts held by both organisations are used in exhibitions.

The three organisations have worked together on several projects with the Genealogy Society providing valuable input to the Women's Suffrage and WW1 exhibitions. They also contributed to the Historical Society's 40th anniversary by providing an informative exhibition and being on site for the three weeks of the celebrations held at the museum.

<https://www.otakihistoricalsociety.org.nz/>

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

Other Updates

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 -2017 index is now 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 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. **The updated index containing entries from the 2018 issue will be available shortly.** We continue to receive an increasing number of queries and new members through the site.

OHS Facebook Page

See our page for meeting information and other updates.

Correspondence

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

Donations

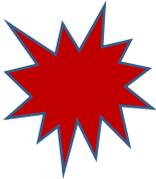
Thanks to Mr. Geoffrey Monks who contacted us through our facebook page with a query and then kindly donated a number of photographs relating to his time at the Feltham Childrens home

Museum

The current exhibition at the museum is “**100 years: The most prepossessing building in the district**” celebrating the centenary of the museum building



Upcoming Events



Public Meeting

February 5 2019: Public meeting and open forum.

Some interesting dates taken from the Otaki History feature on OHS Website

1839 – 180 years ago

Tamihana Te Rauparaha, son of the great warrior, and his cousin, Matene te Whiwhi, travelled north to request a missionary for their district. Octavius Hadfield arrived in November 1839 and established a little church and school.

1849 – 170 years ago

Death of Te Rauparaha.

1859 – 160 years ago

The Catholic church of St Mary was built below and to the south of the hill of Pukekaraka.

1869 – 150 years ago

A telegraph office opened in Rangiuuru Road, later becoming a post office.

1899 – 120 years ago

The Cottage Hospital opened, for the Wellington Hospital Board. Boer War began; Otaki sent a contingent in 1900.

1909 – 110 years ago

A new Maori Boys' College (sometimes called the Native College) and boarding house opened. Bank of New Zealand (BNZ) opened.

1919 – 100 years ago

Rahui (Wellington Municipal Milk Department) dairy factory built. Otaki Branch of RSA formed.

1929 – 90 years ago

The sanatorium and hospital returned to the Palmerston North Hospital Board; the hospital now included a maternity ward.

1939 – 80 years ago

Beginning of World War II. Maori Boys' College was closed and buildings later used for a variety of purposes including a ballroom and factory.

1959 – 60 years ago

Otaki District High School (later Otaki College) opened.

1989 – 30 years ago

Re-organisation of local government. Otaki Borough Council disappears and Otaki becomes part of Kapiti Coast District Council.

<p>1849</p>	<p>New boarding establishments in Otaki were advertised by Thomas Bevan and William Dodds <i>Pictured right: Telegraph Hotel</i></p>	
<p>1869</p>	<p>Dr Featherston was in Otaki on Land Court business</p>	
<p>1869</p>	<p>A barn belonging to J Schulze burned down destroying 600 bushels of wheat and oats</p>	
<p>1869</p>	<p>A man was executed in Wellington for the murder of a Danish pedlar at the Waikawa creek <i>Pictured right: Terrace Jail-Wellington</i></p>	
<p>1879</p>	<p>Joseph Nugent, cook at the Telegraph Hotel was found dead at the bottom of the stairs. He had fallen and suffered a broken neck</p>	
<p>1889</p>	<p>Three men died after a rocket fell during a fireworks display on the balcony of the Telegraph Hotel and tore up the road resulting in the men suffering shrapnel like fatal injuries</p>	
<p>1899</p>	<p>Mr J Cootes seven roomed house at Hautere was burned whilst family was absent in Otaki. Lost were athletic trophies and Maori memorabilia <i>Pictured right: Hautere- Te Horo</i></p>	
<p>1899</p>	<p>Approval granted by the Government to build the Whirokino bridge over the Manawatu River and the Otaki. Also to extend the telephone services to Otaki</p>	
<p>1869</p>	<p>AJ Hadfield reported seeing a taniwha in a lake near Otaki. There was great activity as many locals attempted to catch the elusive creature. (see following article, one of a number available on Papers Past) https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/ST18690210.2.15?query=otaki%20taniwha%20hadfield&start_date=01-01-1869&end_date=31-03-1869&snippet=true</p>	
<p>1909</p>	<p>Local clergyman Rev C. Smith requested that all graves at Otaki cemetery be dug east-west not north-south as was the current practice https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/DOM19090316.2.60?query=otaki%20Rev%20Smith&start_date=01-01-1909&end_date=31-03-1909&snippet=true <i>Pictured right: Otaki Public Cemetery</i></p>	
<p>1909</p>	<p>A party of four men including Percy Simcox were returning from fishing when their boat capsized. Despite the presence of a shark two women were able to save them https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/EP19090208.2.87?query=boating%20accident&start_date=01-01-1909&end_date=31-03-1909&snippet=true</p>	

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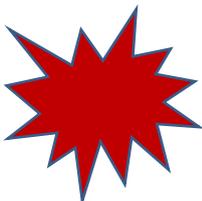
The Society warmly welcomes:

- Ideas and articles for future journals.
- Photographs, manuscripts, and documents etc. relating to the history of Otaki and its surrounds.
- New members.

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