

## **KARORI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER**

**The Society's Next Meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 September June 2012 at St Ninians, Newcombe Crescent, Karori at 7.45 pm.**

**Our speaker is Professor Lydia Wever who is Director of the Stout Research Centre for New Zealand Studies. As September is Heritage Month and in keeping with the theme of 'Our Heritage – Our Stories' we have invited Lydia, a distinguished researcher and writer, to talk to us. The title of her talk is 'Sensation Novels and Colonial Readers' – about reading in the nineteenth century in relation to her book Reading on the Farm.**

**In addition, the Wellington Region Heritage Promotion Council is organising a Short Story Competition. Stories can be fiction or non-fiction based on a real person, an historic event, building or place. There are 3 categories: primary school, secondary school, and senior open and prizes will be awarded. Further details are at [www.wellingtonheritagepromotions.org.nz](http://www.wellingtonheritagepromotions.org.nz)**

**We hope members will be inspired to enter the competition, and encourage any children and grandchildren to send in their stories.**

### **AGM June 2012**

The following were elected:

President – Judith Burch

Vice-President – Jan Heynes

Secretary – Henry Brittain

Treasurer – Valerie Carter

Hon. Auditor – James Graham

Committee – Peter Anderson, Elizabeth Bradford, Jeni Bryant, Jo Elworthy, Mike Foster, John Harper, Margery Renwick

John Harper, a committee member, then spoke about the transits of Venus which was particularly appropriate as the transit took place the day after the meeting. His talk emphasised matters of historical interest rather than

astronomical technicalities and was a very interesting .....

### ***The Stockade***

Our editor, Jo Elworthy has a number of articles suitable for the next edition, but needs some additional material [jelworthy@paradise.net.nz](mailto:jelworthy@paradise.net.nz)

### ***Karori and its People***

Good news - the reprint has arrived. Booksellers have been advised and orders are coming in. If you know anyone who would like to purchase a copy please contact Valerie Carter - [vecarter@paradise.net.nz](mailto:vecarter@paradise.net.nz) – or get one at the next meeting for \$50.

### **Review of *Karori Streets 1841-1991***

The committee has agreed that Judith Burch will revise and update this Karori classic. Steele Roberts will be the publishers in association with the society. The first task is to contact WCC to check how many additional streets, have been developed since the book was originally published. If anyone is interested in being involved in this project please contact Judith phone 476 4400 or email [artybees@actrix.co.nz](mailto:artybees@actrix.co.nz).

### **The Wellington Historical & Early Settlers' Association**

The Association's Centenary book: *100 Years, The story of the Wellington Historical & Early Settlers' Association 1912-2012* written by Judy Siers will be launched on Thursday 27 September in the Wellington City Council Chambers commencing at 5 pm. Anyone interested in purchasing the book at a pre-publication price of \$43 plus \$8 postage, should contact WHESA, 25A Elliott Street, Johnsonville, Wellington 6037. And members wishing to attend the launch should ring Vonnie 838 9811 or Judy 478 5386.

### **'The White Mouse'**

A Remembrance Service is being held for Nancy Wake at Old St Paul's, Mulgrave Street, Thorndon on Thursday 30 August 2012 at 12.15 pm. Members are invited to attend.

### **Registration under the Historical Places Act 1993**

The society has been advised that St Patrick's Church (Catholic (Former), Makara and War Memorial, Makara are registered as Category 2 historic places.

**Maritime Memories of Mount Street (Cemetery)**

Ken Scadden, maritime historian will give a presentation at 7 pm Thursday 27 September, Connolly Hall, Guildford Terrace, Thorndon. \$10 includes supper