

## **Chairman's Report for the Annual General Meeting 12/10/2016**

The Wellington Regional Heritage Promotion Council increased its membership in 2015-16 with one new organisation joining. We now have an almost complete geographic coverage over an area similar to the old Wellington provincial boundaries.

The opening of Heritage Month 2015 took place at Pataka Art+Museum in Porirua which was having its 50th year as a city celebrations and an exhibition. Around 20 people came and two locals (the Penmans) had written a book on the history were able to show us samples. The book is still available at Pataka. Attendees were able to visit the exhibitions afterwards.

Our Heritage Today publication continues to be the main focus of WRHPC to promote heritage throughout the year and events during Heritage Month. Our thanks to Anne Taylor who does a great job so keep up the communications to her about events and stories about your area.

Our website [www.wrhpc.org.nz](http://www.wrhpc.org.nz) is also working well and provides archival storage for newsletters where organisations want this service. Our thanks to Don Picken (also our treasurer) for his work throughout the year.

Heritage Month 2016 has just finished and again some had weather affected events but in general there was good attendance. Otari-Wilton's Bush had a perfect day and good numbers of people visiting.

It was great to see following renovations, the reopening of the Petone Settlers Museum on the waterfront at Petone. Please take the opportunity to pop in if you are out that way.

Wellington is still getting good numbers to museums and gardens and the two WW1 exhibitions are still attracting many visitors to the city. Visit the new ATTIC at the Wellington Museum if you are in the city.

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Chairman