

# KARORI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The Society's next General Meeting will be held on

Tuesday 5 March 2013

at St Ninian's Hall, Newcombe Crescent, Karori

at 7.45 pm.

Members and friends welcome

## ***Talk:***

With the construction of a motorway flyover proposed around the Basin Reserve, it is a good time to reflect on its unique heritage. Joanna Newman from Mt Victoria Historical Society will give an illustrated talk about aspects of Mt Victoria's history and its importance to Wellington. The title of her talk is:

## ***Held In Trust: Basin Reserve Heritage***

This is a great opportunity for members to learn about the heritage and the values of this iconic part of the Wellington landscape so please come along on the 5 March and bring your friends and neighbours.

## ***Our Speaker:***

Joanna is an archives and records management consultant by profession and convenor of the Mt Victoria Historical Society. She has been researching local history for many years and for the last two years she has run a series of lectures for Victoria University Centre for Continuing Education on Victorian buildings in Wellington. Currently she is also a member of the Save the Basin Campaign.

## ***December meeting:***

Trevor Morley was a very entertaining speaker and as well as giving an excellent account of policing in Wellington around one hundred ago he also brought along some of his collection of artefacts, including old UK Police truncheons. His account of the events leading up to Constable Dudding's murder reminded us of the changes which

have taken place in policing. We also heard that it was due to Trevor's persistence that policemen who had been murdered in the course of duty were recognised by the police force.

### ***The Stockade:***

Our editor is currently preparing material for Issue 45. There is always room for more, especially from those members we have not heard from before. Contact Jo at 934 7608 or [joelworthy@paradise.net.nz](mailto:joelworthy@paradise.net.nz)

### ***Karori Lions Karnival & Fair:***

This was held in Ben Burn Park on Sunday 17 February. The Society shared a stall with the Karori Red Cross to publicise and promote the Society and the work it does. Copies of *Karori & Its People*, *Terawhiti & the Goldfieds*, *The Wreck of the Penguin* and an assortment of the most recent *Stockades* were available for sale. While our takings were not large, \$100, there were a number of people who will hopefully order from our website. But it was an opportunity to remind the people of Karori about the Society and its history. Thanks to Valerie Carter, Jan Heynes and Peter Anderson for their help during the day and a special 'thank you' to Jan for the very attractive poster she made.

### ***Urgently Required:***

Someone with the skills to design a smart new membership form and Newsletter format is required.

### ***The proposed visit to Government House is postponed:***

Jenni Bryant has been advised it is not possible to visit Government House until the new Visitor Centre has been finished which is likely to be sometime in April. As soon as we know something more definite we will advise members.

### ***Other possible visits:***

We would like 'Expressions of Interest' for the following:

Visit to the Truby King House (and garden)  
Jenni Bryant will give more details about dates and times etc.

Visit Chevening - the Arts & Crafts/ Art Deco apartment building in Kelburn Parade on a Sunday afternoon and see what the Price family achieved in restoring this 1929 building. When the Price family bought it they had to make a decision as to whether it would be demolished or restored. With the required earthquake strengthening it is now has a Category I.

We would be very lucky to have Judy Siers as our guide. Numbers 16-18 - 25 maximum  
Afternoon tea will be served.