



September 2017

Dear Members

Yes, spring IS here! Seeds are sprouting, bulbs are blooming and birds are busy! It will certainly be very nice to enjoy some warmer, *dryer* weather!

In fact, despite a dire forecast, the weather treated us well last month when we had a stall at the Parnell Farmers' Market. We were placed in the heart of the action beside the library side entrance and enjoyed the lively stream of market-goers, many with poodle-crosses in tow!! A pair of excellent musicians were next to us whose music was a delightful addition to the activities.

As we prepare for the Annual General Meeting on Thursday 7th September, we have been reflecting on the many activities of Parnell Heritage Inc. Our active participation in local affairs continues to ensure the heritage values are maintained as much as possible, in these times when land and housing are at such a premium.

In addition to the journals and cards we have on sale, we are very pleased to be marketing Graham Bush's acclaimed book *From Survival to Revival: Auckland's Public Transport since 1860*. Full details follow in this Newsletter.

We are looking forward to our event to mark Heritage Week and its focus on public transport. We have chosen to show the life-saving aspects of transport and we will have an AFS WWI ambulance on display, along with other artefacts, at the Selwyn Library on Sunday 1st October. Also, our event to celebrate the life of Lindsay Kennett, Parnell milliner extraordinaire, will take place in November – full details of both these events are over the page.

As you know, our team of Executive members meet each month to address current local issues and to plan events. This year we have enjoyed greatly Martin Putterill's input and company, but sadly Martin has decided to step down at the end of the year.

So we encourage you to offer to join our Executive team – with its diverse members our meetings are always inspiring and helpful to the wider community. Also we welcome new members to the society and, of course, your input on any relevant matter and your suggestions for future events – please contact us by email on enquiries@parnellheritage.org.nz or call secretary Sue on 09 846 7661.

With best wishes,

Co-Chairs Mary Barry and Julie Hill



Our stall at Parnell Farmers' Market



It was a lovely friendly morning at the market meeting so many people, some local and some visiting from further afield. Our *free* 'Parnell Heritage cupcakes' were well-received and encouraged people to come and chat with us. Several bought journals, books and heritage cards, and we all got home before the rain!

Use of Ayr Street Reserve protected

We should all be grateful to Gloria Jenkins, one of our members, for her prompt action and hard work to protect this Reserve. It had been requisitioned by the developer who wanted to store heavy machinery and vehicles there while local works were underway. With the volume of rain that has fallen this winter, undoubtedly by now the area would be a quagmire, had this arrangement taken place. Gloria galvanised local action to oppose the council's plans, and thankfully an alternative storage area was found.

Parnell Street Names

We are planning a publication to give an inventory of all the street names in Parnell, with interesting background details when possible. This will comprise the date the street was formed or dedicated, the origin of the name, any changes in the street's name and anything else of interest regarding the street or its name. When completed, the research will be published, probably in the form of a booklet.

For purposes of the project, Parnell is defined generally as the suburban area of inner Auckland bounded by The Strand on the north, Hobson Bay on the east, Cowie Street on the south and The Domain on the west.

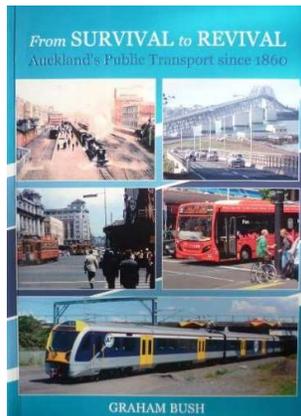
If any of you can offer information on the naming of specific roads, please let us know (our contact details are at the end of this newsletter).



Packard Motor Museum

If anyone is travelling around the Whangarei area, you might be interested in taking a tour of the Packard Motor Museum at Maungatapere. The tour takes around two hours and they are happy to accommodate groups or individuals. Full details are on their website www.packardmuseum.co.nz.

Opportunity to buy *From Survival to Revival*



To support the 2017 Auckland Heritage Festival's theme of the history of Auckland transport, Parnell Heritage is selling the acclaimed book *From Survival to Revival: Auckland's Public Transport since 1860* (Grantham House, 2014) by Executive member, Graham Bush.

This 364-page book covers all aspects of Auckland's public transport throughout its history and is offered at a **special price of \$21.50**, including postage.

To order your copy.....

EITHER: -

- Email enquiries@parnellheritage.org.nz giving your name, postal address and the number of copies required
- Please pay \$21.50 per copy:
 - online to: **06 0237 0114081-00**, using your surname + 'transport book' as reference
 - or by cheque made out to "**Parnell Heritage**" and mailed with order details to **PO Box 37 100, Parnell, 1151;**

OR please order via the mail order section of our website www.parnellheritage.org.nz

Dr Limbrick's 2nd Edition of *A History of St Stephen's Chapel, Judges Bay*

If you are interested in this book and would like to be invited to its launch next year, please email your details to enquiries@parnellheritage.org.nz.



Future Parnell Heritage Events include:

Thursday 7th September 2017 – Annual General Meeting

Parnell Heritage Inc. Annual General Meeting will take place in the Brasserie Room at the Quality Inn, 20 Gladstone Road, Parnell. We will start at 7.00pm with a 'happy half-hour' and a complimentary drink, and the AGM will start at 7.30pm. Following this, we look forward to a presentation by Mr Andrew Moyes, CEO of Nicholson & Co. Ltd, UK, who will tell us all about the refurbishment of the Holy Trinity Cathedral organ.

Auckland Heritage Week 13th September to 15th October 2017 Sunday 1st October at 3.00pm

This is an event to celebrate the Heritage Week theme of transport from days past. We will display an AFS WWI ambulance along with presentations and photographs featuring local early transport. The venue will be the unique Selwyn Library, 8 St Stephen's Avenue, and afternoon tea will be served.

Saturday 4th November 2017 - Hats off to Heritage

If you are in the Parnell Road shopping area you won't have missed Hattitude - a shop with stylish displays of quality men's and women's hats of all sizes and styles. Sharon, the manager of the shop, advised us about a book, *A Passion for Fashion*, featuring Lindsay Kennett, known as the Master Milliner. After living in the Bishop Selwyn's Deanery for four years Lindsay moved to a salon with living available above on 492 Parnell Road during the mid-1950's. After some sleuthing we managed to source the book and traced the Dunedin-based author, Hilary Hunt.

We are very pleased to announce that Hilary has agreed to come to Parnell to present at our late afternoon event, the Saturday before the Melbourne Cup, and we hope members will attend wearing their best hat finery and enjoy a glass of festive bubbles! We hope to display hats vintage (Lindsay's) and modern (Hattitude's). This is definitely a not-to-be-missed event and is the time to celebrate Parnell Heritage's achievements of 2017. We will send fuller details closer to the date but please note this in your pre-Christmas events' schedule.

Sunday 19th November - Parnell Rose Festival

Come and enjoy the beauty of the Parnell Rose Gardens and visit us at our stall where we will be offering plants of the outstanding Parnell Heritage Rose for sale. This could be the last opportunity to buy this sought-after variety as the land where it has been grafted and grown will shortly be ploughed up for other uses.