



September 2018

Dear Members



SPRINGTIME !!!

The parks and gardens around Auckland are looking beautiful and some roadsides too, especially those lucky enough to be lined with cherry trees. So, a great time to be out and about! The roses in the Parnell Rose Gardens will be full of leaf, preparing for their amazing display in time for the Parnell Festival of Roses on Sunday 18th November. Again, we will have a stall at this lovely event.

We now have another publication to add to our list of journals and books on offer: Dr Warren Limbrick launched the 2nd edition of his booklet on St Stephen's Taurarua – details of this enjoyable event follow. If you would like to buy a copy (\$20), or any of our journals including our latest Journal No. 7, please email enquiries@parnellheritage.org.nz or call 09 846 7661/022 647 5155.

Our Annual General Meeting took place earlier this month at the Quality Hotel where we had a very pleasant evening. We were grateful to our two speakers who followed the formal part of the meeting, Bill McKay and David McGregor, and full details of their presentations follow.

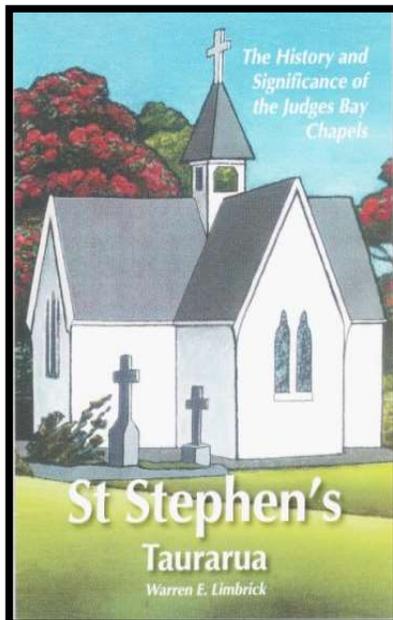
We always welcome new members to the society and, of course, your input on any relevant matter and your suggestions for future events are very valuable. Please do contact us by email on enquiries@parnellheritage.org.nz or call secretary Sue on 09 846 7661.

With best wishes,

Co-Chairs: Mary Barry and Julie Hill



St Stephen's Taurarua: The History & Significance of the Judge's Bay Chapels



Around sixty people gathered at the Selwyn Library in July for the launch of the 2nd enlarged edition of The Revd Dr Warren Limbrick's extended essay on the Judges Bay Chapels of 1844 and 1856. We welcomed the Dean of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland, Revd Anne Mills, who launched the booklet.

In his address, Warren thanked both Parnell Heritage and Sir John Logan Campbell Residuary Estate Trust, and acknowledged that without the grant from the latter, the publication would not have been possible. Warren gave special thanks to Amy and Tim Burton who had done such a great job with the printing of the booklet.

In elaborating on the content of the booklet, Warren spoke about the lives of the people who lived in and around St Stephen's in the 1800's. Even for Bishops' wives, life was

very different in those days and Warren referred to Sarah Selwyn who must have been a most remarkable woman. The booklet gives delightful details about the lives of those who were part of the St Stephen's story and he brings to life that period of Auckland's history. The first chapel was built of stone in 1844. Sadly, either due to beach sand used in the mortar or to insufficient foundations for the weight of the stone, the chapel crumbled and finally collapsed in a north-easterly gale in June 1845. Bishop Selwyn turned to his friend and architect, Frederick Thatcher, to design the current chapel, which was built on the same site in 1856.

In her address, Dean Anne said she had learnt so much about the history of Parnell from the booklet, and especially the iconic St Stephen's Chapel that has been both an anchor-point and a place for new beginnings for Maori and European church society. The relationship between Maori and Europeans in those days was so useful and inspiring, as they offered each other different aspects of their heritages. She felt we should make sure this aspect continues today so that all people can meet and gain from each other. Rota Waitoa was the first Maori priest who was ordained in 1853, having trained at St John's Theological College at the request of Bishop Selwyn.

Dean Anne said the Chapel continues as a place of worship today. She thanked Warren for giving us such a full and lively picture of the history of the Chapel. His booklet reminds us that it is a place to treasure and honour.

The booklet contains lovely illustrations and photographs and Warren's words give a wonderfully human look at the life of those times. To get your copy and enrich your knowledge of the history of Parnell, email or telephone Parnell Heritage at the details given below.



2018 Annual General Meeting

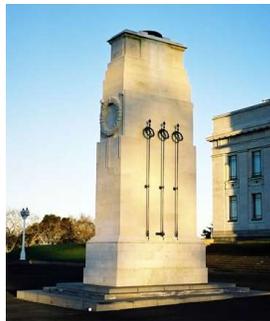
We met on the evening of Thursday 13th September for our Thirteenth AGM at the delightful Quality Hotel in Gladstone Road. With nearly forty people attending, Co-Chair Mary Barry gave her report and after the formal part of the meeting, we welcomed David McGregor, Chairman Te Araroa Trust (The National Pathway). Established to honour those New Zealanders who served overseas in WWI, David spoke about The Fields of Remembrance Trust and outlined the work done, especially with schools. Nearly 80,000 white crosses have been supplied to 2,531 Primary and Secondary schools and mini white crosses were supplied to 4,600 Early Childhood Centres with the aim of informing and inspiring younger generations.



David spoke about the plans for The Domain to commemorate the 100th anniversary of Armistice Day when a Field of over 18,000 white crosses will be established, each bearing the name of a man or woman who died in the conflict. The Field will be below the Court of Honour and Cenotaph in front of Auckland War Memorial Museum and will be on display from 22nd October to 21st November 2018. A separate Brothers' Field will be established by the lone Gallipoli Pine to commemorate those families who lost more than one son or daughter. There will be light boxes to talk people through the various aspects of the War. The Service of Remembrance will be held at 11am on Sunday 11th November 2018.



Mr Bill McKay, BArch Hons, Senior Lecturer, School of Architecture and Planning, University of Auckland, gave us an in-depth look at war memorials through the years. The Crimean War and the US Civil War were the first modern wars when news of the carnage suffered was spread directly to the public, thus triggering the war memorials. The first memorial was built in London in 1861 for the fallen in the Crimean War [right]. In New Zealand, the memorials commemorated the fallen in the South African wars, WWI and WWII, the memorials to the Land Wars in NZ occurring later, about 15 years post Boer War.



The first Auckland cenotaph was a temporary structure made of wood and plaster, a scaled-down replica of the cenotaph designed by Edward Lutyens in Whitehall, and first erected in front of the Auckland Town Hall in time for Anzac Day 1922. The permanent cenotaph, the plans for which were drawn up by Grierson, Aimer and Draffin, was also a replica of the Whitehall cenotaph, but this time was set on a foundation of Coromandel granite and was constructed of concrete faced with Portland stone [left].

Utilitarian, or 'living', memorials were encouraged in New Zealand, where people can walk in each day and remember their dead. There are many War Memorial halls, libraries, hospitals, bridges, swimming pools, parks, maraes and school entrances, that continue to serve this purpose. It was hoped that these places would prevent future wars and encourage peace through a sense of community. The first Labour government donated a 'pound for pound' subsidy to encourage this process.

Events to come: -



Organ Recital at St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity – Part of Auckland Heritage Week

Cathedral organist, Dr Philip Smith, will give a short presentation and recital in St Mary's on Sunday 30th September at 1.30pm. Afternoon tea will follow in Bishop Monteith Visitors' Centre – no charge for the event but donations welcomed.

Parnell Festival of Roses

Come and see us at our stall in the Parnell Rose Gardens – Sunday 18th November.

Parnell Farmers' Market

We will be holding another of our stalls in November – a great opportunity to buy Christmas gifts from our range of unique publications. We will advise the date of this shortly.