



December 2022



St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity

Dear Members

On the whole, we have enjoyed a 'normal' year during 2022 – quite a relief after the previous two years. Our attempt to run an event on the Domain in March was just a bit too soon after the Covid restrictions and failed to attract much interest. However, we hope to run a similar event next year - perhaps to enjoy the beautiful autumn colours on the Domain.

Our event at the Parnell Returned Services Club was most enjoyable, and it was a delight to be together again for the Annual General Meeting. We report on our Heritage Festival event at St Mary's in this Newsletter.

Remember, if you would like to take a more active role in Parnell Heritage or to help in any way, please contact Sue (who looks after our administration) at andreassensue@gmail.com / 09 846 7661 / 022 647 5155.

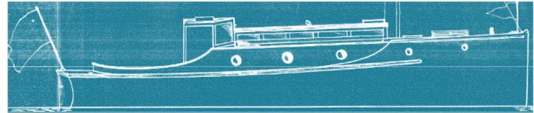
With best wishes to you all for a Very Merry Christmas,

Members of the Executive Committee



2022 Annual General Meeting

This took place at The Parnell Hotel on Thursday 15th September. Over thirty people attended and we all enjoyed a 'Happy Half-Hour' socialising before the actual event. Following the meeting, Paul Slattery, grandson of the acclaimed Judges Bay boat-builder Joe Slattery, spoke about his grandfather and showed some fascinating pictures.



Troy Churton spoke next and outlined the implications of the government's housing intensification amendments. Full details of both these presentations, along with the AGM minutes, were sent out in lieu of our September Newsletter.

Auckland Heritage Festival



In conjunction with the Holy Trinity Cathedral, on Sunday 2nd October, we enjoyed a delightful Organ Recital in St Mary's-in-Holy Trinity (pictured left).

Dr Philip Smith has been the cathedral organist since 2008. Born in North Staffordshire, UK, he became a Chorister at the Parish Church of Stoke-on-Trent and studied the organ with Michael Rhodes.

Following a period of study with the late Roger Fisher at Chester Cathedral, he became a Student of The Royal Northern College of Music, gaining Diplomas in organ performance from Trinity College of Music and The Royal College of Music. The Degree of Bachelor of Music followed from The University of Huddersfield.

In 1990 Philip was appointed as Assistant Organist of St Asaph Cathedral before taking up the position of Organist and Director of Music at The Collegiate Church of St Peter in Ruthin from 1994 to 2007.

Moving to Auckland in 2008, he became Cathedral Organist at Holy Trinity. Now he presides over the new, 122-stop instrument which he designed for the Cathedral in 2017.



In 2018 he was conferred with the degree of Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Waikato, submitting a thesis on The Life and Works of French Organist and Composer, Léonce de Saint-Martin.



In addition to his work at the Cathedral, Dr Smith is also Visiting Organ Teaching Fellow at The University of Waikato, Organ Teacher at The University of Auckland, Baradene College, Dilworth School, Diocesan School, Auckland and at St Paul's Collegiate School, Hamilton.

At the recital, Dr Smith spoke about each piece he was about to play, and we all enjoyed a very beautiful selection of music, ending with *Pomp and Circumstance March No. 4* by Sir Edward Elgar.

After the recital, we all walked over to the Bishop Monteith Visitors' Centre and enjoyed a delicious lunch. Over seventy people attended this event and we all agreed that it would be lovely to repeat it next year.

Parnell Rose Festival



Another event that has been cancelled for the past two years, so it was lovely to be back at the Festival this year. We had our Parnell Heritage stall and welcomed many people interested in local heritage. Sadly the Parnell Heritage Rose itself is no longer available, but Executive member Lynne Abram took the initiative and hand-made some most beautiful Christmas tree decorations. Many people bought them so no doubt they are displayed now in lots of homes around Auckland!

Parnell Heritage Executive



Some of the Executive members met recently for a Christmas drink – from the left: Lynne Abram, Alastair Bell, John Waterson, Carolyn Cameron and Beth O'Loughlin.

Carolyn was a member of the Parnell Heritage Executive Committee from 2008 to 2011 and left to concentrate on writing three booklets on the early history of Parnell and Mechanics Bay, which were published between 2013 and 2015. She has now re-joined the Executive team. As a welcoming gesture to new arrivals in Parnell, one of her booklets is being gifted to each new property owner, with an accompanying invitation to join Parnell Heritage. Also, sets of the three publications are now available through Parnell Heritage at \$50 per set.

If you have any suggestions for future events, or local places/history/people in which you are interested, and which might be suitable subjects for events, please don't hesitate to contact Sue via the details given below.

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