



ONSLow HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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Newsletter

April 2021

Dear Members,

Well the months are speeding by and we have had three OHS events already this year. Coming up is our presentation from Gabor Toth on Wednesday 21 April.

But looking back at our March gatherings it is a huge pleasure to report great presentations, good attendances and fulsome discussions. We served a splendid supper and an afternoon tea – a special thank you to Helen Wilson, Clare Gleeson and Heather MacFarlane.

The evening with Heritage NZ was presented by Jamie Jacobs, Area Manager, Alison Dangerfield, Central Area Manager and architect, and archeologist and senior planner, Joanna Barnes-Wylie. It was a longer evening than usual as there was much content to cover, including aspects of the controversial WCC Spatial Plan. The extended conversation continued over supper. The consensus was “a great evening” and a wish to meet with Heritage NZ more often.

Joanna screened the list of buildings, areas and sites in our area and has since forwarded this for our publication, titled: **Listed heritage buildings and scheduled places, 2021**, see pages 4, 5 and 6. This is most informative and a good base for us to work from and to talk about additions. Also, using this information we have an opportunity to conceive how identified heritage buildings and areas could be a useful tool for city planners, they could blend them with the proposed densified housing areas into well designed landscapes for the best future environment. With your input we could produce concept plans and put a proposal to Council.

We did it many decades ago and achieved the Tarikaka Street Settlement that we have today, we can do it again!

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It was a joy to welcome author, Cristina Sanders, to KATE on Sunday 28th and to talk about young Jerningham Wakefield a major figure in Wellington’s earliest colonial days. Cristina’s book *Jerningham* sparked the invitation – we were keen to hear how she had taken this real-life character and created a fictional story. Sales were good; some in the audience had already read the book, and came to hear the author. Cristina’s reputation is growing and she has just published a new historical fiction work *Displaced*. Vonnie Nunns, OHS Member and President of the Wellington Historical & Early Settlers’ Association spoke, and thanked Cristina.

The event was staged in the afternoon, purposely in addition to our evening programmes, on the request of those that cannot make the evening functions. It was well received, so, I am planning to schedule another later in the year.

Best wishes everyone and I hope to see you soon.

Judy Siers

President

Events Programme OHS March – May 2021

Wednesday 21 April

Gabor Toth presents his much admired and most interesting illustrated talk *The Thorndon Motorway*.
K.A.T.E. ■ 7.30pm for a 7.45 pm start.

Wednesday 26 May

AGM followed by a talk by Bruce Murray, Chair of the Tawa Historical Society, about writing and publishing his new book *The History of the Old Porirua Road*.
K.A.T.E. ■ 7.30pm for a 7.45pm start.



Loretta Lander – a friend we will miss



Loretta Lander, 8/2/41 – 20/3/21, on the occasion of her son, Derek’s wedding to Liz in 2004.

It was with great sadness I heard that Loretta had died on 20 March 2021.

She had been a close, personal friend and although she had been unwell for a long time, her death was unexpected. She was a member of OHS for many years and a

milestone was her research and writing the edition of *The Onslow Historian*, titled *Three Decades in Woodmancote Road, 1930–1960*, Volume 37, 2008.

In another historical endeavor, in 2005, she researched and wrote *Twenty years of Opera in Wellington: 1973–1992*, published by Crescendo, the Bulletin of the International Association of Music Libraries (New Zealand Branch).

Loretta and her partner, David Beattie were regular attendees at OHS functions. They initiated and contributed to events in their special ways, particularly when musical input was required. They were always generous, and worked collegially

with our volunteers and the programmes we initiated. Last year they hosted us at their home in Woodmancote Road, Khandallah, to a full-house performance of a silent movie screening of *The Toll of the Sea*, 1922, the story of *Madam Butterfly*. David performed the piano accompaniment compiled to his personal selection of musical scores.

Old memories go back to the days when we still had the original 1840’s portable organ, rescued from the old Johnsonville Methodist Church, at KATE. David repaired it to a point that it could be played (a miracle!) and he and Loretta provided a number of performances with sing-alongs at our Christmas parties.

A fitting musical goodbye service for Loretta was held on 26 March 2021; and OHS was well represented.

We will miss you Loretta.



A picture of Loretta in London in an appropriate location for a music lover. She travelled overseas with her family in the 1970s.



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The Foothills Route : the history of the Wellington Urban Motorway, 1966–1976

Wednesday 21 April 2021 at K.A.T.E. – 7.30 for a 7.45pm start

Presented by Gábor Tóth

Local & NZ History Specialist, Wellington City Libraries



The main motorway trench being excavated through the former Bolton Street Cemetery, 1972.

I was at a Wellington Early Settlers' function when I first saw this remarkable presentation. Gabor has assembled the history and photography of one of Wellington's major landscape alterations that saw the demolition of most of our first city suburb of the 1840s, including the historic Bolton Street Cemetery.

One of the largest and most complex works of infrastructure development in Wellington's history, this talk uncovers the history of the Wellington motorway, the thinking behind its

design and the controversy surrounding its construction. The talk is primarily based around a set of photographs commissioned by the Ministry of Works documenting the building of motorway over a 10-year period.

You won't want to miss this event. An historical change to Wellington city that has affected all of us.

RSVP is essential – we can only seat 50 attendees. siersjudy@gmail.com

Supper will be served.

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Heritage NZ

Listed heritage buildings and scheduled places, 2021

Name	Address	Entry on NZ Heritage List	Scheduled in District Plan
GLENSIDE			
Greer House	420 Middleton Road, Glenside	Proposal for entry on the List as a Category 2 historic place	Yes
Halfway House	246 Middleton Road, Glenside	Nomination for entry on the List	Yes
Nott House	400 Middleton Road, Glenside	Proposal for entry on the List as a Category 2 historic place	Yes
Braid Cottage	1 Westchester Road, Glenside		Yes
OHARIU VALLEY AND JOHNSONVILLE			
Holy Trinity	639 Ohariu Valley Road, Johnsonville	List No. 1367, Category 2 historic place	Yes
Daisy Hill Farm House	15 Truscott Road, Johnsonville	List No. 4110, Category 1 historic place	Yes
Old Coach Road	Old Coach Road, Johnsonville	List No. 7396, Category 1 historic place	Yes
Ohariu Valley Community Hall	550 Ohariu Valley Road, Johnsonville		Yes
Former Johnsonville Town Board Building	30 Ladbrooke Drive, Johnsonville		Yes
Lawrence Laboratory	3 Hardy Street, Johnsonville		Yes
St John's Anglican Church	18 Bassett Road, Johnsonville		Yes
Masonic Lodge	25-19 Philip Street, Johnsonville		Yes
Johnsonville Cemetery	Johnsonville Road, Johnsonville		Yes
Trooper Retter Memorial	22 Moorefield Road, Johnsonville		Yes
KHANDALLAH			
House	146 Khandallah Road, Khandallah	List No. 2903, Category 2 historic place	Yes
Puketiro	15 Cockayne Road, Khandallah	List No. 1418, Category 2 historic place	Yes
Athfield House and Office	99A, 105-107A Amritsar Street; 3 Onslow Road	List No. 9662, Category 1 historic place	Yes
Khandallah Automatic Telephone Exchange (Former) (K.A.T.E.)	86 Khandallah Road, Khandallah	List No. 4425, Category 1 historic place	Yes
Khandallah Bowling Club (Inc)	24 Woodmancote Road, Khandallah	Nomination for entry on the List	No
Former Custodian's House, Woodshed, Stables	86 Clark Street, Khandallah		Yes
House	38 Box Hill, Khandallah		Yes
Khandallah Library	8 Ganges Road, Khandallah		Yes



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Name	Address	Entry on NZ Heritage List	Scheduled in District Plan
Arts and Crafts House	19 Torwood Road, Khandallah		Yes
Moorsun Arts and Crafts House	99 Cockayne Road, Khandallah		Yes
Arts and Crafts house	80 Simla Crescent, Khandallah		Yes
Khandallah Town Hall	11 Ganges Road, Khandallah		Proposed
Horse trough	Khandallah Road, Khandallah		Yes
NGAIO			
Chew House	19 Ottawa Road, Ngaio	List No. 1348, Category 1 historic place	Yes
Crofton House	21 Kenya Street, Ngaio	List No. 1363, Category 1 historic place	Yes
Kahn House	53 Trelissick Crescent, Ngaio	List No. 7633, Category 1 historic place	Proposed
Kaiwharawhara Magazine	Kaiwharawhara Road, Ngaio	List No. 7215, Category 2 historic place	Yes
Tarikaka Street Settlement Area	Tarikaka Street, Ngaio		Yes
Ngaio Town Hall	1 Ottawa Road, Ngaio		Yes
Otari Arts and Crafts House	5 Makererua Street, Ngaio		Yes
All Saints' Church	Abbott Street, Ngaio		Yes
Arts and Crafts House	12 Abbott Street, Ngaio		Yes
Queen Anne House	4 Imlay Crescent, Ngaio		Yes
House 'Donisthorpe'	12 Kenya Street, Ngaio		Yes
KAIWHARAWHARA, WILTON AND WADESTOWN			
Fort Buckley Rifle Muzzle Loading Fortification	166 Barnard Street, Kaiwharawhara	List No. 7544, Category 1 historic place	Yes
Goldie's Brae	4 Goldie's Brae, Wadestown	List No. 216, Category 1 historic place	Yes
Wilton Farmhouse & Outbuildings	116 Wilton Road, Wilton	List No. 1390, Category 2 historic place	Yes
Levin and Co Warehouse	11 Kaiwharawhara Road		Yes
Horse Trough	Hutt Road, Kaiwharawhara		Yes
Kaiwharawhara School	7 Fore Street, Kaiwharawhara		Yes
House	15 Fernhill Terrace, Wadestown		Yes
Fairlight House	29 Pitt Street Wadestown		Yes
House	35 Pitt Street Wadestown		Yes
Bus shelter	Cnr Oban & Sefton Street, Wadestown		Yes
MAKARA			
Pits/midden	Makara	List No. 6047, Category 2 historic place	Yes – (M22)?
Midden	Makara	List No. 6048, Category 2 historic place	No
Midden/Made Soil	Makara	List No. 6049, Category 2 historic place	No
Terraces	Makara	List No. 6050, Category 2 historic place	No

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Te Ika a Maru Pā	Makara	List No. 6045, Category 2 historic place	Yes
Terraces	Makara	List No. 6053, Category 2 historic place	No
Midden	Makara	List No. 6051, Category 2 historic place	No
Terraces	Makara	List No. 6052, Category 2 historic place	No
Makara Pā	Makara Road	List No. 6143, Category 2 historic place	Yes
St Patricks	376 Makara Road, Makara	List No. 2911, Category 2 historic place	Yes
St Matthias	379 Makara Road, Makara	List No. 5483, Category 2 historic place	Yes
War Memorial	379 Makara Road, Makara	List No. 1442, Category 2 historic place	Yes
Albion Gold Mine Company Battery and Mine Remains	Terawhiti Station	List No. 9032, Category 2 historic place	Proposed area
Former School House	29 South Makara Road, Makara		Proposed