



ONslow HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

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Newsletter

September 2018

Onslow Historical Society 1968 – 2018

The next couple of months are shaping up to be very busy with a number of events planned to commemorate 125 years of Women's suffrage, the annual Wellington Heritage Week, Onslow Historic Society's 50th anniversary and 100 years since Armistice Day in November.

We welcome new members and also appreciate any members that can assist the committee in organising events, staffing open days at K.A.T.E and communications/social media. Please contact us on onslowhistorical@gmail.com if you want to find out more about assisting our volunteer run society.

An invitation to commemorate 125 years of Women's Suffrage – *Whakatū Wāhine*

Sunday 30 September 1 – 4pm

At K.A.T.E we will have a small display celebrating the contribution of Onslow Women gaining the vote along with a general display about the history of women's suffrage, kindly prepared for us by women from Wellington City Council.

Councillor Diane Calvert, who is on our committee, has arranged this event to also celebrate the contribution of local women leaders to our city.

There will be a drop-in afternoon to meet and hear from some of these local women leaders and to chat with fellow guests. Each speaker will speak for about 10 minutes followed by a short question & answer session.

Confirmed speakers are Judy Siers, historian and previously a City Councillor, Bernice Williams (Wellington Branch President, NZ Council of Women), Ann Rewiti (a local librarian who will talk about Māori Wāhine) and a local entrepreneurial business woman Kathleen Wright (CEO & Co-Founder of SubUrban Co-Working). We aim to have a different speaker every half hour.



Check out our Facebook page for up to date details on the schedule of speakers

www.facebook.com/groups/OnslowHistorical/

Between speakers you are very welcome to browse our extensive range of records and artifacts and chat with fellow guests.

Non-members are very welcome.

Afternoon tea is provided.

A gold coin/koha will be appreciated to defray costs.

Useful additional links

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/womens-suffrage>

<https://women.govt.nz/about/new-zealand-women/history/suffrage-125>



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OTHER EVENTS



Lecture on 'Exploring the Terawhiti Goldfields' by Vivienne Morrell.**

Tuesday 25 September at 7pm
VUW School of Architecture
139 Vivian Street, Lecture Theatre 2
Doors open 6:30pm.

Terawhiti is the mostly rural area to the west of Wellington that most Wellingtonians would only know by flying over it or seeing it from the Cook Strait ferry. At various times from the 1850s to the 1910s the area was a site for gold prospecting – it is the lower North Island's only example of a large area that includes a range of gold-related sites.

Vivienne researched the history of this area for Heritage New Zealand (formerly Historic Places Trust) and wrote the report for the historic listing of the Albion Goldmining Company remains. She will give a presentation on the history of the area and, in particular, the goldmining.

Vivienne is on the committee of Historic Places Wellington and once a year teaches an evening class at Wellington High School called 'City Stories: Wellington's Architectural Heritage'.

The Great War Exhibition

<https://www.greatwarerexhibition.nz/>

The Great War exhibition is due to close on 2 December 2018. If you haven't already visited, make time to go as it really is a fascinating experience.

The Quinn's Post trench experience is a new addition and is a realistic enactment of what it must have been like for the ANZAC soldiers in Gallipoli. Guided tours are available.

Wellington Heritage week

22 – 28 October 2018

Over 30 events across Wellington City, Upper Hutt, Lower Hutt and Kapiti Coast including walks, talks, open properties, films, and exhibitions.

You can find out more details on their website <https://wellingtonheritageweek.co.nz/> or pick up a flyer at Wellington Museum.

Save the Date

Wednesday 24 October 2108 at K.A.T.E

'The relevance of historical archives for a community' presented by Adrian Humphris, Archives Manager, Wellington City Council 7pm welcome with guest speaker at 7.15pm.

This is one of the events we are organising to celebrate the society's 50-year anniversary this year. We will also be launching the 50th anniversary edition of the Onslow Historian.

Sunday 11 November 2018 at K.A.T.E

An event will be held at KATE during the morning of 11 November 2018 to commemorate 100 years since the Armistice took place. Details to follow.

Friendly Reminder

– payment of subscriptions

Apologies we were a bit late in sending out our annual subscription notices earlier this month. Early payment of the annual membership fee of \$35 is much appreciated. Payment can be made to;

Direct Credit to ANZ Bank 01 0527 0006628 00
(Please quote your name in the reference field) .

By Cheque to The Treasurer, Onslow Historical Society Inc, 86 Khandallah Road, Wellington 6035