

REPORT FROM
WAIROA

There was a big day at the Wairoa Museum recently, celebrating the centenary of the Museum building, which first opened as the Union Bank of Australia, more recently the ANZ Bank. The Museum purchased the building in 1996 and after much fundraising and hard work moved from a very small space at the back of the Library into its present home on the Marine Parade in 2001.

This celebration was followed by a commemoration and memorial service to open the new exhibition on World War I, "Lest We Forget", focusing on our local monuments and identifying some individuals with their biographies. One of the exhibits is the work of Elizabeth Tong, nee Mackay, who spent many months assembling a panel in memory of her great uncle Alexander Mackay who had belonged to the Hiram's Mounted Rifles. He was the oldest of ten children and his parents Murdoch & Mary Mackay did not talk about him and what happened in the war. He died during the second battle of the Somme in 1918.

Visitors are very welcome - Tues to Fri 10am - 4pm and Sat. 10 - 12 noon. Keep up-to-date on the Wairoa Museum website (www.wairoamuseum.org.nz) and/or Facebook page.

The Wairoa Maori Film Festival celebrates its tenth birthday this year with a documentary which looks at the festival's history. Over 160 entries have been received, of which only 20-30 will be screened at the Gaiety Theatre in Wairoa and Kahungunu Marae at Nuhaka over Queen's Birthday weekend. Check out the programme on-line at <http://www.kiaora.tv>.

From Gail Menzies in Wairoa

NEW HISTORIC
MARKER PANEL

Historic Places HB's latest historic marker panel has just been erected at Duart House. This has been made possible by a grant from the Hastings District Council, and the research has been carried in association with the Council and the Duart House Society. We are very grateful to HDC for its support and we are hopeful that we can continue to work with the Council on further historic signs at other heritage sites in the Hastings District.

The panel provides a great deal of information about the house, starting with the purchase of the land from Maori by Donald McLean, the building of the house by Allan McLean (no relation), its later use as a school and guest house, its ownership by the Greenwood family from 1926 to 1975 and its purchase by the then Havelock North Borough Council.

The sign is to be unveiled by Hastings Mayor, Lawrence Yule on Sunday 24th May at 10:00 am. The ceremony will include morning tea at Duart House and members and friends are invited to attend. We will also be joined by

members of the Duart House Society and neighbours of the property. We would be grateful if those who plan to be there could RSVP for catering purposes. Contact the Secretary Philip Irwin phone 8700513 or e-mail philipirwin@xtra.co.nz



HERITAGE ITEMS IN
HASTINGS

Late last year, HPHB Committee Members Rose Mohi and Maxine Anderson started a check of the buildings and trees listed as Heritage Items in the Hastings District Plan. Commencing with the category 1 Municipal Chambers in Hastings Street South and working through a section of the CBD to Cornwall Park, a small number of the listed heritage items were photographed.

During this initial visit it soon became clear that there are a number of interesting structures that are not listed on the District Plan and warrant further research. For example, the crazy paving walls, seats and bridges in Cornwall and Windsor Parks and dotted throughout the city that are reputed to have been made from concrete slabs salvaged from demolished or destroyed buildings after the 1931 earthquake. But undoubtedly the most interesting unlisted building was the newly renovated Art Deco House in Fitzroy Avenue backing on to Cornwall Park. Designed by the post-earthquake architect Harold George Davies for his wife in 1934, on a large back section, this house is not visible from the street which is why it has not been well known. It has some features in common with the 1934 wing at Woodford House School, strikingly at odds with the Arts & Crafts style of the earlier buildings there.

The work continues.



FAR LEFT: The extraordinary Art Deco house at 809 Pepper Street.

THIS PAGE, TOP TO BOTTOM, LEFT TO RIGHT:
The quirky asymmetrical building in King Street which was originally Tong & Peryers' Funeral Parlour.

The Hawke's Bay Electric Power Board building of 1912.

The house in Fitzroy Avenue designed by Harold Davies for his wife in 1934.

The 1934 wing at Woodford House.

Rush Munro's Ice Cream Parlour.

Bridges in Windsor and Cornwall Parks, and the concrete seat at the corner of Heretaunga and Hastings Streets.

The Westcourt Flats in Nelson Street North.



ANZAC HERO HONoured

One of the local events which marked the Centenary of the Gallipoli landings was the unveiling of a statue of “the forgotten General”, Major General Sir Andrew Russell, in Civic Square, Hastings. The Russell homestead, Tunanui, was a memorable stop on the Taihape Road coach tour organised last year.



Major General Sir Andrew Hamilton Russell (1868 – 1960) is one of the New Zealand’s most prominent military figures. His gallant leadership of New Zealand forces at Gallipoli led to his appointment as commander of the NZ division in France. This was a position he held with distinction for the remainder of WW1. The sculpture will preserve the heritage and memory of this local identity, and there is an information board alongside the sculpture to tell his story.

Hastings Deputy Mayor Cynthia Bowers says “Sir Andrew Russell is one of the districts most prominent war heroes and this is a most appropriate way to honour his memory. It will be a lasting tribute to a man who gave distinguished service at Gallipoli and in other theatres of war during WW1.”



Tunanui

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The AGM will be held this year at Kohupatiki Marae on Sunday 6th September. We hope that members can keep the afternoon free for an interesting visit. Another more detailed notice will be circulated closer to the time.

AN INVITATION TO JOIN US

Historic Places Hawke’s Bay is your regional heritage preservation organisation. It is working to protect Hawke’s Bay’s important heritage, to provide information and to organise bus tours to historic places,

- Our objectives are to –
- Promote the identification, protection, preservation, conservation and advocacy of historic and cultural heritage in the society’s area generally for the benefit of present and future communities and generations.
 - Promote the education of the public in its appreciation of heritage values.
 - Work in conjunction with Historic Places Aotearoa Incorporated (HPA), other regional societies, local and central government agencies to create better understanding and importance of heritage in the Society’s area.
 - Actively promote participation in heritage events, historic tours and educational seminars.
 - Do any act or thing incidental to the attainment of the above objects.

The society’s area of concern includes the Wairoa District Council, Napier City Council, Hastings District Council and Central Hawke’s Bay District Council.

Subscriptions are:	
Single	\$30
Family (includes two children)	\$45
Corporate	\$100
Lifetime	\$300

To join, phone 870 0513 to request an application form or go to

<http://historicplacesaotearoa.org.nz/join-hpa-2/>.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

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HISTORIC PLACES
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2015

H B HERITAGE NEWS

WAIMARAMA HISTORY TOUR
SUNDAY 17 MAY 2015

This is a rerun of the successful trip we ran two years ago. If you were unlucky enough to miss out on the day or heard about it too late here is your opportunity to catch up on the history of Waimarama and the scenic and historic Hakikino Conservation Reserve. The tour will be led by local resident and kaumatua, Robert MacDonald who will meet us in Havelock North. There will also be input from Pat Parsons and Rose Mohi.

Hakikino is the 15th century ancestral site occupied by the ancestors of the Waimarama Maori people situated on private property near Waimarama. We will traverse the archaeological remains of the ancient village, and visit protected wetlands sheltering native eels. Robert will also acquaint us with local Maori myths, legends and custom. We will also be visiting historic sites in Waimarama. A box lunch will be served at Hakikino.

The bus departs from;

Napier:	Dalton Street, beside the Library, 8:40 am
Taradale:	Lee Road bus stop, 9:00am
Hastings:	Women’s Rest Rooms, Heretaunga Street, 9:20 am
Havelock North:	Old Nimons Depot, Martin Place, 9:30 am

Bookings: Please contact Philip or Cath by phone (8700513) or e-mail (philipirwin@xtra.co.nz), or mail the enclosed registration form with your cheque.

Cost: \$45.00 per person (including lunch) for members of Historic Places Hawkes Bay or \$55.00 for non members of Historic Places Hawke’s Bay Inc.

Name:

Address:

Phone: Payment \$..... for.....seats

PREFERRED PICK-UP POINT:

Napier	<input type="checkbox"/>	Taradale	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hastings	<input type="checkbox"/>	Havelock North	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please reply with your pickup point ASAP to Coach Tour, 2 Arthur Close, Clive 4102, before 31 May 2015. Alternatively, payment can be made by direct credit to HBS Bank 031355 0727668 00 but please phone the Secretary so that he can confirm your booking. We hope you can join us.

BELOW: The Hakikino Conservation Reserve and the entrance to Hakikino Pa.

