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# HB HERITAGE NEWS

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 2019 AGM of Historic Places Hawke's Bay will be held on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September at Taruna College, 33 Te Mata Peak Road, Havelock North, at 2pm.

*Taruna* was originally the home of Ruth Nelson and her sister Gwen Malden, who not only founded Taruna College, but also several other longstanding, landmark organisations in Hawke's Bay, and who were also the owners of the Kereru Station, where the farm's income was earmarked to provide the financial support for their other projects. The present house at *Taruna* was built in 1931 after the original brick house was destroyed in the earthquake.

The programme for our meeting will include a talk by Rosie Simpson of the Taruna Membership Council and Director of the Rudolph Steiner Education Programme

The meeting will conclude with afternoon tea.

There is a car park on the right hand side of the drive requiring a short walk up to the house. There is also some parking available in front of the house for anyone with limited mobility.

For catering purposes, we would be grateful for an RSVP from those planning to attend.

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## The End of the Story for Clive Brewery

By Elizabeth Pishief

The former McGlashan's Brewery was built c. [1876-1877](#) at Clive. Most of the buildings have been removed for many years, but the last building remained on the corner of the Main Road and Hellyers Lane until it was demolished on or about 8 February 2019. The walls of the building were said to have been filled with pumice, but although patches of crushed pumice and some larger broken lumps could be seen after the demolition where the build-

this little building was unexpectedly demolished. This building was a well-known landmark; its original history as a brewery was remembered; it is in the latest Heritage Trails brochure and it was the oldest building in Clive. So why was it pulled down? It was demolished because it had no legal protection. There are three methods to protect historic places but for protection to be effective, a place must be scheduled on a District Plan either as a heritage item or as an archaeological site. The three methods are:

- 1 Listing with Heritage New Zealand  
Pouhere Taonga



McGlashan's Brewery in the 1890s. Source: *Picture Book of Old Hawke's Bay* by Kay Mooney & Margaret Henderson

ing had been, it has since been discovered the walls were not filled with pumice. But the remains of a pumice fireplace were under the floor and there was another fireplace on the eastern wall.

The part of the building on the left of the photograph was built in 1865 and was known as the "Mud Hut". It was constructed of pumice blocks from the beach with a cement of clay mud and sand. The brewery building is on the right in the photograph was built of timber in the mid 1870s.

In February 2019 many people were upset because

Recording with the New Zealand  
Archaeological Association in their database  
Archsite

- 3 Scheduled on a District Plan.

It is important that the places that are significant to the community are identified, researched and put forward to be scheduled on the District Plan. As reported in the previous newsletter the review of the District Plan has provided Napier City and the community with the opportunity to add historic places to the new Plan and fifty-five new places are being suggested for protection. Some are small items like





The Clive Brewery as it was at the time of its demolition. Source: Heritage Trails Brochure

Jas. J. Niven manhole covers in Waghorne Street, or monuments such as Pania. Other places of interest are historic houses, the Napier Water Tower, St John's Cathedral and the War Memorial Hall. Small groups of buildings such as the houses designed by Rush in Shakespeare Terrace are also included. Some of this work was facilitated through the employment of Scott Flutey a recent Victoria University graduate in History and Museum and Heritage Practice from Whanganui. Scott's work was funded by the City Council to carry out research and documentation supervised by Elizabeth Pishief from our committee. The focus of this work had been largely outside the CBD which is already

well documented and Scott commented about the distinctive character of various older parts of Napier including the Hill, Ahuriri and Napier South. The revision of the District Plan is a major task with a lot of work still to be done. There are many more interesting and significant places in Napier and we haven't identified everything, just a few noteworthy new places, but we have made a start to protect the irreplaceable places from our past and we continue to work with the Council to this end.

### The Hawkes Bay Heritage Network Meets for the Fifth Time.

The meeting in Havelock North in May was the fifth such gathering and well attended by a number of groups including a group from Heritage New Zealand's Central Region team. Reports from the various groups in attendance included the following;

The Founders Society remains one of our largest membership groups who continue a varied programme of activities for their members together with donations to the Knowledge Bank and the Settlers Museum in Waipawa. Another strong membership group is HB Genealogy with over 100



Scott Flutey outside on of Napier's oldest houses

members whose activities include regular monthly meetings including guest speakers. (It is noted that this group was subsequently addressed by a group from Historic Places Hawke's Bay on researching the history of your home.)

Megan Williams reported that the Heritage Trails group was in the process of updating their newest Farndon Trail following the initial print run being quickly taken up and the need to update the trail route following the opening of the new Whakatu Arterial route. The group is also working on a new Clive Trail.

The Editor can comment that in spite of many local heritage trail groups having long since disappeared there appears to be a renewed interest in heritage trails all over the country. As a result a number of new groups have appeared promoting trails in their area. We even have two in Hawke's Bay following the establishment of the Cape Coast Trail from Haumoana to Clifton and a proposed new privately funded trail in Ahuriri which also has some City Council input. It will be interesting to see how the new product compares to the existing Ahuriri Heritage Trail

We also heard from Garth Cowie who had just taken up the position of General Manager of the Art Deco Trust two weeks before. The Trust is faced with major restructuring to maintain the viability of this important operation.

The Hastings District Council was represented by Planner, John O'Shaughnessy and Archivist, Chris Johnson. John Spoke about the proposed new walkway and carpark between Queen Street and Heretaunga Street in Hastings. The initial proposal had been to demolish part of the former Farmers' Co-op Garage building fronting onto Queen Street for carparking. However he noted the submissions from our organization to retain the whole of this iconic building to enhance the heritage value of the project and the final outcome still remains to be seen.

Chris Johnson currently has a major project in scanning the numerous old building plans on the Council files with a view to making them more

readily available. He is also reviewing Council data bases to make them more accessible.

Veronica Hogan of the Hastings Library sent a report on talks on the recently acquired collection of rare and valuable books that had been collected by former Hastings Mayor George Ebbett. Interest in the collection was so great that further talks are planned to showcase this important collection.

The Napier City Council was represented by Planner, Fleur Lincoln who spoke about the current District Plan Review in Napier.

Elizabeth Pishief of our committee also updated her report from the previous year indicating that about fifty heritage properties had been identified for proposed listing on the District Plan. She showed us a few examples on the Napier Hill.

Gisborne architect James Blackburne, the President of our umbrella organization, Historic Places Aotearoa spoke about the involvement of the organization at a national level. This includes working closely with Heritage New Zealand, ICOMOS and the New Zealand Archaeological Association. He promoted this year's October AGM and associated events being held in Gisborne in the year of the celebrations to mark 250 years since Cook's landing in Gisborne. One item on the Agenda will be the proposal to hold a national heritage conference next year.

Katrina Barrett reminded us that the Hawke's Bay Digital Archives at Stoneycroft have now been in operation for nine years and the organization continues to thrive. A recent open day produced some new volunteers and the new website is now up and running providing improved access to the ever growing archives of local history.

Denis Schaw told us that the Onga Onga Historical Society continues to grow. A recent highlight was the well attended opening of the West wing of the Coles Joinery Factory which is now open each Sunday from 1 pm to 4pm.



Guest Speaker for the evening was Jamie Jacobs from Wellington, Director of the Central Region of Heritage New Zealand. Apart from Hawke's Bay, the Central Region extends from Mahia and Taranaki to the Nelson and Marlborough Districts in the South Island and to the Chatham Islands.

The Region has a huge work load in listing new properties and upgrading older listings in terms of available information on the properties. Staff have been increased to catch up with this work.

Local highlights include the Category I listing of the

Church of the Immaculate Conception at Paki Paki and the District Council heritage listing of the former Vidal house in Havelock North. Important



The Vidal House at 291 Te Mata Road, Havelock North

for its association with the Vidal and Chambers families and architect William Rush.

He also mentioned GIS mapping of Archaeological Hazard Zones in Napier.

Jamie introduced members of his team who also appear in the photograph below.

Heritage awareness and promotion remains alive and well in Hawke's Bay and it is pleasing to see these activities being reinforced by the involvement of local councils.



Barbara Arnott( Centre) and Dorothy Pilkington (right) with Speakers, Jamie Jacobs Geraldine Baumann, James Blackburne, Fleur Lincoln, Brian Ruawai-Hamilton, Caroline Rachlin, , Garth Cowie and Laura Kellaway



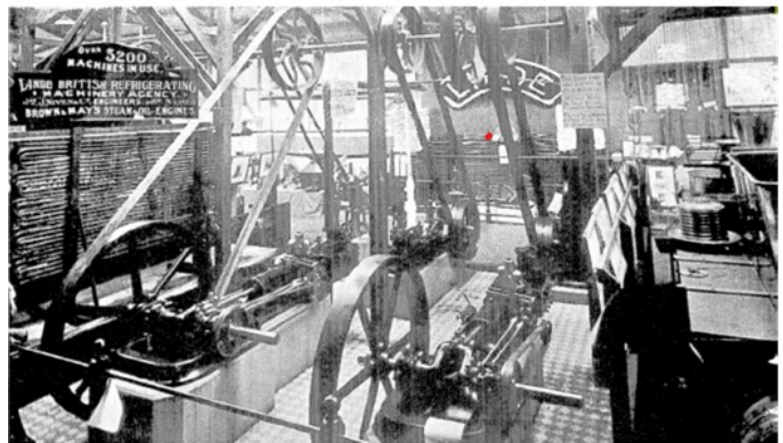
## Look Where You Step

The letters “J J N & Co N” might not mean much to the modern pedestrian in Napier, but manhole covers with this stamped on them are a reminder of the more than 90 year-long operation of JJ Niven & Co in Waghorne Street, Ahuriri. Examples are scattered around Napier, with the odd one also in Hastings and Havelock North. In 1912 Nivens won the contract to supply manhole covers for a major sewerage scheme in Napier and some of the existing covers probably date from that time, with a number of these located along the stretch of



Waghorne Street where Nivens building used to be.

Scotsman James Just Niven and his friend Charles Galloway bought an existing small foundry business at Ahuriri in 1886, in 1893, when Galloway returned to Scotland, George Nelson joined Niven in the business. By the time Niven retired in 1903, the company was already taking on major contracts in other areas of New Zealand, with a particular emphasis on refrigeration plant installation as the meat freezing industry got underway and expanded. Under the Nelsons' ownership Nivens went on to become a major national enterprise involved in manufacture and supply of engineering and refrigeration equipment



*Nivens' display at the Palmerston North Winter Show of Linde refrigerating plant – and Brown and May's Steam and Oil Engines (New Zealand Mail, 12 August, 1903, p. 37)*

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