



# *Keeping in Touch*

Newsletter for New Zealand History Federation Inc

Te Kotahitanga o nga Hitori o Aotearoa

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## **These Extraordinary Times**

Well, I never thought I'd be back here putting together even a very brief KIT for you folks again, but here I am. David Verran has had to step down as KIT editor due to pressure of the amount of community work he is involved with, including assistance and involvement with North Shore heritage groups and societies. As Federation is in the unprecedented situation the events of 2020 so far have led us to, I volunteered to take up the reins, even briefly, until the Executive Committee gets together again.

Our apologies to you all regarding this being a year with no Annual General Meeting or Conference, but we felt the safety of attendees was paramount, and still remains that way. Sadly, it doesn't look like there will be any regional gatherings this year, either.

At the moment, the executive committee is operating in a caretaker role, and that certainly includes myself as President. With no AGM for an official election/appointment of all officers bar our patron, we will need to operate beyond the Constitution, without formal mandate — and the proposed changes to our Constitution will likely have to be put on hold. Your executive has put in many hours of work so far on the changes, and that effort won't be lost, but — we will need to prioritise actions at our next committee meeting, hopefully in July when the levels drop further.

We will be looking to arrange an AGM as soon and as safely as possible in 2021. There was the very kind offer made last year by the members of the Waiuku Museum to host that AGM/Conference. Hopefully something can still be arranged, and we look forward to renewing contact with them and the Franklin Heritage Forum later this year.

Meanwhile, as historical societies around the country start to organise regular meetings again, as museums and other institutions work with the guidance of the Government as to public interactions, please do continue to pay attention to the information that's out there with relation to Covid-19 and safe measures we all need to be aware of.

Health and safety information for community groups (including historical societies):

<https://covid19.govt.nz/communities/community-groups/community-groups-faith-based-groups-clubs-and-societies/>

Health and safety information for businesses, services, and charities:

<https://covid19.govt.nz/businesses-and-employees/businesses-and-services/>

The Executive Committee, when we meet, will discuss each of our roles as part a caretaker committee, and assign temporary positions for the intervening period until a formal Annual General Meeting is arranged. Anyone who would care to volunteer to be part of the caretaker committee — we really would appreciate your help during this time, so if you would like to, please get in touch.

To you all, I wish continued health and good things. Stay safe — we'll all meet again as soon as we can.

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# ASSISTANCE NEEDED

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## ANNUAL AGM AND CONFERENCES

THIS IS AN APPEAL TO ALL MEMBERS FOR INFORMATION AND PHOTOGRAPHS OF FEDERATION'S ANNUAL CONFERENCES/ANNUAL MEETING EVENTS – PARTICULARLY PRIOR TO 1983.

THE REASON BEHIND THIS APPEAL IS THAT THE YEAR 2012 WILL BE THE FIFTIETH YEAR SINCE THE FOUNDING OF OUR FEDERATION. IT IS THE INTENTION OF YOUR COMMITTEE TO PUT TOGETHER A PUBLICATION TO CELEBRATE AND MARK THIS ACHIEVEMENT.

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