



Newsletter of the New Zealand History Federation Inc Te Kotahitanga o nga Hitori o Aotearoa Patron: Robin Astridge QSM <http://www.nzhistoricalsocieties.org.nz/>

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### **From the President.**

Dear members,

With this first issue of Keeping In Touch for 2020, you will find the invoice for your 2020 subscription for membership of the New Zealand history Federation. Please pay this by 31 March 2020. We will be sending out reminders in April 2020 to those who appear, from our records, to have missed that deadline.

Without your subscriptions, the Federation would grind to a halt. As it is after the past few years of loss to our saving account balances, the future of *NZ Legacy*, the largest expense we have by far, is in question and will have to be decided at this year's Annual General Meeting on 30 May. If we don't continue with *NZ Legacy* in the short-term, subscriptions will likely be reduced, again depending on decisions reached at the AGM.

We have had some success with a recent drive to remind some members to pay their 2019 subscriptions over the summer, and your committee will continue to work to reverse the Federation's financial situation as best as we can.

Thank you,

Lisa J Truttman,  
President

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

9.30 Saturday 30 May 2020 at St Ninians Hall, 17 St Georges Road, Avondale (opposite Hollywood Cinema. NB – On-street parking only.

Agenda and papers to come. There is no charge or registration cost to attend the AGM, but there will be charges to cover morning and afternoon tea refreshments, and a light lunch - to be advised. There will be no conference this year.

### **In search of the last World War Two soldier.**

'Stuff' website and RSA New Zealand are collating a national database of the last surviving World War Two veterans. The project will also include stories, photographs and videos. The contact is [Nicole.johnstone@stuff.co.nz](mailto:Nicole.johnstone@stuff.co.nz) (027 243 1976) and they require the veteran's full name, location, force, theatre of war and service number.

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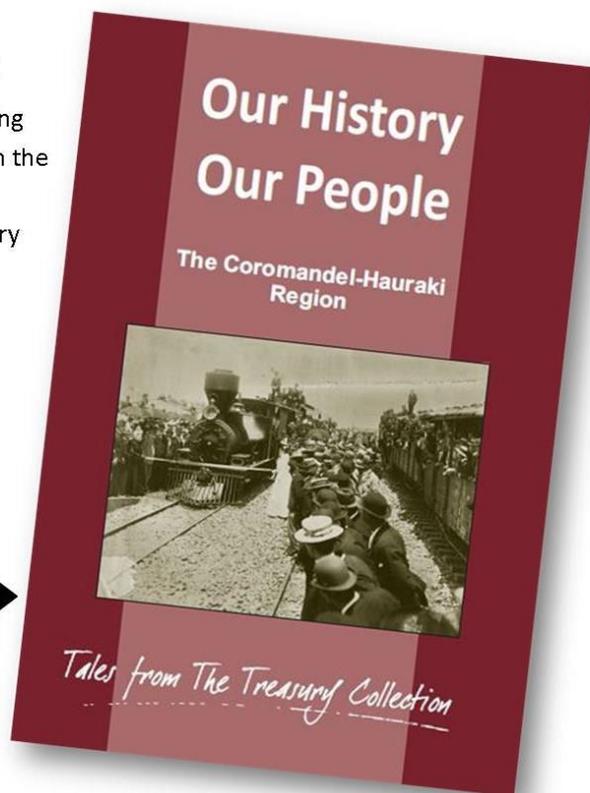
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## **Report from the Waikato/Bay of Plenty regional conference.**

About 35 people attended the Waikato/Bay of Plenty Regional Conference of the New Zealand History Federation, which was hosted by the Raglan Museum Society on Saturday the 5<sup>th</sup> of October 2019.

These people represented seven societies, which were: Bella Street Pump House in Thames, Cambridge, Kawhia, Pirongia, Pukekohe, Raglan and Waikato.

Heather Thomson from Ngatai Mahanga and Ngatai Hourua gave an excellent address about the Maori History of the area, while Lynn Williams, who is a Heritage

Consultant, presented an interesting account about the Wallis Family, who were local Wesleyan Missionaries.

People were interested in the addresses, but members desired more time to learn about these matters. Perhaps a day of learning could be held in the future in co-operation with Raglan Museum.

Kenneth Stringer, Vice President and Secretary of the New Zealand History Federation, spoke about the Annual General Meeting in 2020, which will be held in Auckland, because of changes to the constitution.

Also, he discussed the government's plans to make history a core curriculum subject in schools by 2022. This change will have an impact on member societies through such factors as obtaining the new police clearance requirements for individuals, who are working with children.

John Thomson from Kawhia Museum offered to host the Waikato Regional Conference in 2020.

Participants enjoyed their time at the conference and the Raglan Museum Society must be praised for the excellent manner in which it ran this event. Also, Kathryn Parsons and Neil Curgenvin, committee members of the Federation, must be thanked for the work that they did to make this conference into a successful occasion.

Kenneth Stringer – Vice-President.

#### **Change in Archives New Zealand reading room hours.**

Following a number of submissions, including from the New Zealand History Federation, Archives New Zealand have now decided to update their 'half-day' proposals and now from Monday 2 March 2020 will trial these hours:

Auckland: Monday & Tuesday – closed; Wednesday to Friday – open 9.00am–5.00pm

Wellington: Monday & Tuesday – closed; Wednesday to Friday – open 9.00am–5.00pm

Christchurch: Monday to Friday – 9.00am–1.00pm

Dunedin: Monday to Friday – 9.00am–1.00pm

#### **Collaborative digitisation for Papers Past.**

Please note that decisions for the July 2020 to June 2021 year are now being made. <https://natlib.govt.nz/librarians/national-library-services/collaborative-digitisation> is where you need to go.

#### **Henderson history online.**

Note <https://www.westhistory.org/> which presents 175 years of Henderson history.

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