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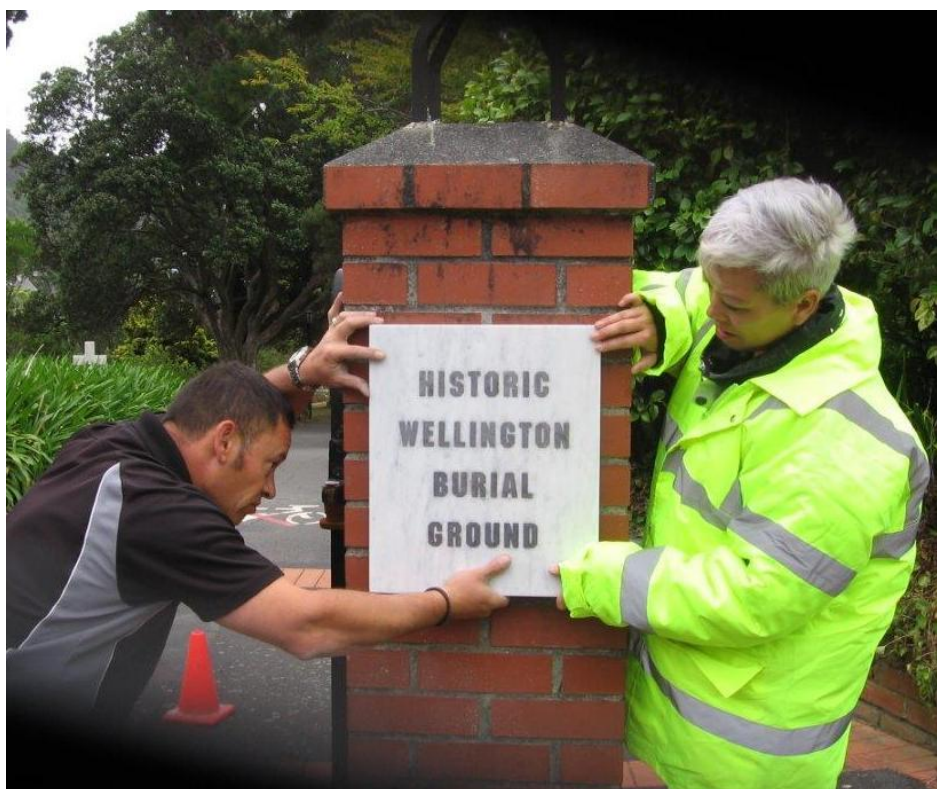
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NOTICE OF 39TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 5.45pm Tuesday 23 June 2015 (with refreshments from 5.15pm) AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, 30 THE TERRACE

Disabled access is available. *Please bring this newsletter with you as it contains essential information for the AGM.*



After the AGM, **Barbara Mulligan** will present some **illustrated highlights of Karori Cemetery** which is one of the largest burial grounds in New Zealand. Barbara, a Karori resident and an historian, has researched the history of the cemetery and now offers guided walks through it.

One of the new plaques recently installed: Kim Stops of Headstone World is assisted by his wife Cynthia (See President's Report , p3, and back page.) Photo: Priscilla Williams

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AGENDA FOR AGM

The agenda for the 39th Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Bolton Street Cemetery Incorporated (see cover for date and time)

1. Apologies
 2. Minutes of the 38th AGM (see page 8 of this newsletter)
 3. Matters arising from Minutes
 4. President's report (see page 3 of this newsletter)
 5. Report by the Manager of the Botanic Gardens, Wellington City Council
 6. Treasurer's report and financial statements (see page 10 of this newsletter)
 7. Election of Committee
 8. Proposed rule change (see Notice of Motion below)
 10. General business
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NOTICE OF MOTION

The Committee of the Friends of the Bolton Street Cemetery give notice of the following motion for consideration at the AGM:

That in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of the Society, the following changes be made:

Rule 8: Delete the sentence "*An auditor shall be appointed but will not be a member of the committee.*"

Rule 12 Finance: Add the following: "*12.6 The committee may from time to time appoint an auditor to audit or review the Society's accounts.*"

Explanation

The Society's current Rules require that an auditor be appointed at the AGM but quaintly do not stipulate that an audit (or review) be conducted. However for many years our Society has had an annual audit and this has been possible by the generosity of auditors who have made their professional services available with reduced fees or pro bono.

Recently the Charity Services Rules have changed so that Registered Charities with total operating expenditure of less than \$500,000 are not required by law to have an audit or review. They may however be required by their Rules or as a condition of receiving a grant to have their financial statements audited or reviewed.

As our operating expenditure is well under the cap set, and as our accounts are straight-forward, the Committee believes there is no need to enshrine in the Rules a mandatory requirement for an annual audit or review. In reaching this decision, we have been prompted also by the fact that pro bono services are no longer readily available and that for a charity of our size payment for an annual audited review may

not be the best use of charitable funds. The Committee will of course need to ensure each year that its funds are being properly managed. There also may be times when an audit is warranted or is required, for instance when applying for a grant.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2014 - 15

On the cover of this newsletter is a photograph showing the installation of the new name plaques at the Seddon Entrance following the change of name from "Memorial Park" to "Cemetery". These plaques are a gift to the cemetery from the Friends and have been designed to match the Victorian material of white marble and lead lettering used on many of our tombstones. The plaques also give the date of the cemetery and place it in its historical context which we hope will be helpful to the many daily visitors passing through these gates. Such high quality work is not cheap but has been made possible in large part through donations given by members of the Society over recent years. Thank you all for your generosity.

How we gain and how we husband our money is shown through our financial report, published as usual in this newsletter. However the careful reader will notice a difference from the traditional form. New rules for financial reporting are being implemented by the Charities Services which require smaller charities such as ours to produce financial statements in the form of a 'performance report' which must contain certain non-financial information, such as its mission or purpose and what it does. Our full performance report will appear in due course on the Charities Services website but we are including in this newsletter the most useful part which is our "Statement of Service Performance" covering what we did and when. This is matched up against our aims and objectives – a useful exercise for any charity.

This mandatory performance report shortens and may in due course supplant entirely the President's annual report. Nevertheless there are a few additional comments about our work during the year which may be of interest to members.

Mere facts and figures do not necessarily measure the quality of outcomes. The Committee continues to set high targets for the repairs on the heritage graves, consulting closely with Wellington City Council staff on the best use for the annual grant by the WCC. For some years the marble and granite repairs have been in the capable hands of Headstone World, Hastings, who have also tackled for the first time a cast iron headstone. Sandstone and wooden memorials have required the services of a specialised conservator. At last we seem to have found a solution to the problem of our wooden railings; three sets have been repaired recently by a Whanganui-based firm. The Friends paid for half the costs of the first two repairs and fully-funded the third one which is the Jackson grave on Lyon Path. Although the railings surrounding the in-ground graves are often regarded as less important than the memorials, they are nevertheless part of the built heritage of the cemetery and worthy of some restoration effort. The Jackson railings, illustrated in this newsletter, are of special interest given their unusual design.

“Murder and mayhem” has proved to be our most popular themed tour and will be repeated during the Spring Festival. “The Lads that never came home” tour, marking the Centennial of World War One, attracted fewer participants but the research on these memorials of soldiers who died overseas and were remembered on their family graves is being included in our newsletters over the next four years. Members’ working bees have been supplemented by teams of volunteers supplied by Volunteer Wellington and drawn from business firms or Government departments. This is a great way of introducing the cemetery to a wider number of Wellingtonians. More inscriptions have been added to the burial list on the website but there is still a formidable amount of material to be checked and digitalised.

Our next exciting project is a “sculpture garden” to be built over the mass vault in order to mark this area as a special place for remembrance. Work will start soon on the foundation of limestone onto which will be put those memorials for which we can find no other place of connection within the cemetery. We are grateful to the WCC for picking up this idea and funding it.

As any society thrives on renewal, I shall be stepping down as President this year after ten years in the position. I have been looking back at the special highlights over the past ten years, for which the credit goes to many people. These include the production of maintenance and repair guidelines, launching a Friends’ website with the popular burial list, upgrading our newsletter, more ground-penetrating radar work for locating graves, discovery of several more memorials through better cemetery clearance, introducing better cleaning methods, systematising annual repairs, strengthening our finances, revising the WCC Management Report, expanding our tours programme, changing the cemetery name, and (thanks to the garden staff) revitalising and relabelling the heritage rose collection. Such work is only possible due to the close and enjoyable relationship between the committee and the garden staff, especially the manager David Sole. Thank you all.

Priscilla Williams (President)

THE LADS WHO NEVER CAME HOME

In the cemetery are thirteen memorials inscribed with the names of soldiers who died overseas during World War One. Some of these have unknown graves, others are buried in war cemeteries and one died at sea. In each of these cases, the grieving family at home decided to erect a memorial to their loved one or to add his name to a family gravestone.

During the centennial period of the “war to end all wars” we shall remember them by a series of articles in our newsletters. These have been researched by committee member Ian Jolly. The first in the series was about Lance Corporal Philip Tattle and was published in newsletter #78 in November. Most of their stories are simple ones, reflecting their ordinary backgrounds and brief but tragic lives, like the many thousands of others who died during the Great War.

Priscilla Williams

LIEUTENANT WINDER: A LAD WHO NEVER CAME HOME

Lieutenant Holloway Elliott WINDER of the Auckland Mounted Rifles was born in Wellington in 1888, the son of George and Florence Winder of 58 Pirie Street, Wellington. George was a well-known businessman and ironmonger with premises on the corner of Cuba and Manners Street. He was also a Wellington City Councillor for a number of years.

Holloway Winder was educated at Clyde Quay School, Wellington College and Victoria College (University). After graduating, Winder joined the staff of the City Solicitor. After several years there he obtained employment as a law clerk in Stratford, Taranaki, where he was living when he enlisted in August 1914.

There is some confusion between sources about when he embarked for overseas. The most likely source, however, states that he departed Wellington on 14 February 1915. His last letter to his parents was dated 5 July 1915



and sent from Egypt. Until they received notification of his death his parents had no idea he had been sent to the Dardanelles.

Lieutenant Winder was killed in action at Gallipoli on 8 August 1915. His commanding officer, Colonel Mackesy, writing to his bereaved parents from Zeitoun Camp, near Cairo, stated *“young Winder turned out all you could ask of him. A fearless leader, he was well liked by his troop. He died a soldier’s death while leading a charge on Chunuk Bair, where so many of my brave men went down. The bullet that robbed the regiment of a gallant young officer took him through the heart killing him instantly. God grant you comfort. I know what you feel like. Yet, think – in the flush of victory, at the head of his men, cut off without a second of pain or regret! What better ending to a young life could a father ask for. More, you can be proud of your son as I am of my officer”* - (printed in the *Colonist*, 26 October 1915).

Like many, Lieutenant Winder has no known grave. His name is commemorated on the Chunuk Bair New Zealand Memorial, in the Auckland Museum World War One Hall of Memories and on his parents’ gravestone located on the Lyon Path (grid reference I08-19).

Ian Jolly

WOODEN RAILINGS CONSERVATION

Bolton Street Cemetery has an unusually wide variety of wooden grave surrounds, all in varying degrees of decay, after some 120 years of service. Collectively they form part of the unique character of the Cemetery and in many cases are the only surviving indicator that a grave exists in a particular spot. We are fortunate that so many wooden surrounds survived *in situ*, as elsewhere many have fallen victim to removal by local authorities seeking to make cemeteries under their control easier to maintain.

Although some restoration work was undertaken circa 2010 progress has been stalled for some time due to factors such as a lack of suitable totara timber and trouble finding a firm willing to undertake the work in accordance with accepted conservation standards. As noted elsewhere in the newsletter we have now found a firm willing to undertake the work, although we have had to accept that replacing missing or damaged components in totara is not feasible. We have, however, been very pleased with the results so far and are confident that the restored surrounds will continue to mark the last resting places of some of Wellington's earliest residents for many years to come.

Next time you are in the cemetery take the time to check out the some of the surrounds and take pleasure in seeing them restored to completeness. While some of the replaced components look rather fresh and new, they will weather over time until the only distinguishing features between old and new are the splicing joins.

Ian Jolly



The newly restored Jackson grave with its unusual five-pointed gothic posts, on the Lyon Path in the upper Cemetery (grid reference I10 04)

Photo: Priscilla Williams

Right: *The Ellison grave on the Lyon Path (grid reference J10 09) was one of the extreme cases of dilapidation in 2013 when Ian Jolly took this photograph.*

Below: After repair work by Heritage Gates and Fences, the wooden surrounds have been restored.

Photo: P Williams



Below: From left, Ian Jolly, Dan (from Heritage Gates and Fences) and Neil Christensen, Team Manager, Botanic Gardens, inspect a new post for another wooden railings project – an unknown grave on Benjamin Smith Path (grid reference M09 08). In contrast to this modest fence, the Hannah grave behind is a magnificent obelisk of red granite.

Photo: P Williams



MINUTES OF THE 38TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Held on Monday 7 July 2014 at St Andrew's on the Terrace Church Hall at 5.45 pm.

1 Present

31 members were present. Chair: Priscilla Williams, President. Secretary: Ian Jolly.

2 Apologies

David Sole, Dennis Bush-King, Ian & Jenny McKinnon, Melva Wood, Alan Martin, David Kiddey, Malcolm McKinnon, Ilona Bowron, Paul Ell, William Aliaga-Kelly, Jocelyn Brandon and Diana Marsh.

MOVED that the apologies be received (P. Williams/ I. Jolly)

CARRIED

3 Minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting

There were no corrections requested.

MOVED that the minutes of the 37th Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday 10 July 2013 be approved as a true & correct record (P. Williams/K. Fortune)

CARRIED

4 Matters Arising from the Minutes

No one had matters to raise under this item.

5 President's Report

The President referred members to her published report, making mention of the following:

- The Botanic Gardens Management Plan and the committee's submissions regarding this, particularly in relation to the more recent history of the cemetery.
- New reporting standards being implemented by the Charities Commission will require a different style of annual reporting in the future, more matched against the aims of societies. Next year's annual report will follow this format and feature more statistics.

MOVED that the report be received (P. Williams/N.Perrin)

CARRIED

6 Report by Manager of the Botanic Gardens, Wellington City Council

In the absence of David Sole, Leanne Killalea presented the Manager's report (*a summary to be published in the next newsletter*). Priscilla thanked the Botanic gardens team and made mention of the recent welcome rejuvenation of the heritage rose collection in the cemetery.

Karl Bale enquired whether the priorities noted in the Botanic Gardens Management Plan were still up for further discussion. The Chair responded that the Plan has yet to go through the complete Council process and oral submissions on it are still to be heard.

7 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements

Kate Fortune presented the Treasurer's Report and referred to the financial statements published in newsletter #77 of June 2014 noting a typographic error in the annual membership fee for HCCTNZ (should be \$30, not \$90 as shown).

Mention was also made that only a small number of members had indicated on their membership renewal that they were happy to receive the newsletter by email in future. As a result a printed copy will continue to be produced.

After inviting questions on the report it was **MOVED** that the Treasurer's report be received (K. Fortune/P. Williams). *CARRIED*

8 Election of Committee

The following people, having been nominated for office, were elected:

- Priscilla Williams, President (K. Fortune/J. Robinson)
- David Dunsheath, Vice-President (I. Jolly/K. Fortune)
- Ian Jolly, Secretary (J. Robinson/K. Fortune)
- Kate Fortune, Treasurer and Membership Secretary (D. Dunsheath/P. Williams)
- Karen Adair, Nick Perrin, Judy Bale, Jennifer Robinson, (K. Fortune/I. Jolly)
- Jennifer Button (P. Williams/K. Fortune)

CARRIED

9 Appointment of Auditor

David Underwood who has audited the accounts is now fully retired, making it necessary to find a new auditor. **MOVED** that it be left to the committee to find another auditor (K. Fortune/P. Williams) *CARRIED*

Members expressed their gratitude to David who has done the work pro bono for the past nine years.

10 Proposed name change

A brief outline was given of the background to the name change and reference made to the explanation on page 2 of the June 2013 newsletter. **MOVED** that in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules of the Society, Rule 1 be amended to change the name of the Society to "Friends of Bolton Street Cemetery Incorporated" and that consequential alterations be made to the Rules. (P. Williams/I. Jolly) *CARRIED*

11. General Business

There being no general business items tabled, the meeting was declared closed at 6.15 pm.

Following the Annual General Meeting there was a presentation by Priscilla Williams and Kate Fortune on the history of Bolton Street Cemetery.

PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

PART I: Statement of Service Performance:

- The Society held nine guided tours during the year, including a school group, Probus Club members, Rose Week, WW1 Centenary ('The Lads That Never Came Home'), and Spring Festival ('Murder and Mayhem') tours.
- Our website holding a searchable burial database of more than 8600 names can be accessed online free of charge. It was updated this year to include about 200 more burial inscriptions and photographs. Visitors to this site regularly send us enquiries about ancestors; this year we have answered 40 separate and more detailed enquiries.
- Donations and accumulated funds were used to pay for the cost of new marble name plaques at the Seddon Memorial (Kinross Street) entrance to the Cemetery.
- The Society arranges four working bees each year for members keen to work in the Cemetery. In the past year we have also been pleased to be able to host three groups of community volunteers for three additional sessions. Work undertaken includes headstone cleaning, weeding and grave tidying. We liaise with WCC Botanic Gardens staff prior to each session and we also assist with specific tasks at their request.
- The WCC provides a financial allocation each year for repairs on the heritage graves. The Society assists by identifying and prioritising the most urgent repairs, advising on the methods to be used and assessing the results. Six tombstones and one grave surround were repaired during the year. In addition two sets of wooden railings were repaired, the costs for these being met in equal shares by the WCC and by the Society's funds.
- Two issues of the Society's newsletter were published during the year. These newsletters contain information about the Society's work and also historical research, both on burials and related biographical material.

PART II: Statement of Financial Performance:

INCOME & EXPENDITURE STATEMENT – YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH

N.B. Due to the high cost of an audit, these accounts remain unaudited.

		<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Income	Book sales	40	40
	Donations (individual supporters)	2,087	1,908
	Donations (tours koha)	506	412
	Interest	428	130
	Subscriptions – current + arrears	<u>1,763</u>	<u>1,850</u>
	Total Income	<u>\$4,824</u>	<u>\$4,340</u>

Continued over

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
LESS Expenses		
Annual General Meeting	185	237
Cleaning products	155	171
Library (books and images) purchases	0	50
Membership HCCTNZ	30	30
Membership Heritage Promotion Council	30	25
Membership Volunteer Wellington	45	45
Postage	0	0
P O Box rental	52	52
Printing, stationery, copying	434	5
Project: Plaques and signage	3,010	3,458
Project: Wooden structures repairs	1,954	0
Website, incl. Burial list inscriptions	<u>139</u>	<u>369</u>
Total Expenses	<u>\$6,034</u>	<u>\$4,442</u>
Surplus (deficit) for the year	<u>(1,210)</u>	<u>(102)</u>

STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY AT 31 MARCH 2015

Accumulated Funds – at start of year	16,080	16,182
Plus Surplus (Less Deficit) for the year	<u>(1,210)</u>	<u>(102)</u>
Accumulated Funds – at end of year	<u>\$14,870</u>	<u>\$16,080</u>

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 MARCH 2015

Accumulated Funds	<u>\$14,870</u>	<u>\$16,080</u>
Represented by:		
Current Assets		
Westpac Trust Banking Corporation – Current	1,245	2,317
– Savings	3,265	14,058
– Term Deposit	<u>10,256</u>	<u>0</u>
	<u>14,766</u>	<u>16,375</u>
PLUS Sundry Debtors	<u>169</u>	<u>0</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>14,935</u>	<u>16,375</u>
LESS Current Liabilities		
Unpresented cheques	0	210
Subscriptions in advance	<u>65</u>	<u>85</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>65</u>	<u>295</u>
<u>Net Assets and Working Capital</u>	<u>\$14,870</u>	<u>\$16,080</u>

Signed: Priscilla Williams
(President)

Kate Fortune
(Treasurer)

22 May 2015

PRIVATE BENNETT: A LAD WHO NEVER CAME HOME

William Bradford Bennett was born on 8 July 1882 at Wellington. His parents were William Henry and Phoebe Emily Bennett of 350 The Terrace, Wellington. William Bennett senior seems to have been a prominent Wellington personality, being on numerous charitable boards and committees and later becoming a city councillor.

Prior to enlisting on 22 February 1917 William was a Foreman Joiner. After military training he embarked for England on 14 July 1917 with 3rd Battalion, Wellington Regiment, entering into active service in the field on 8 November 1917. In just under seven weeks he was dead, killed in action at Ypres, Belgium on 20 December 1917.

Private Bennett was buried at Buttes New British Cemetery, Polygon Wood, Zonnebeke, Belgium. His name was then recorded on the Bennett family grave, which was one of those removed for the motorway. The tombstone was reinstated on Robertson Way (grid reference J08 04).
Ian Jolly



The two new name plaques at the Seddon Memorial entrance to the Cemetery (see also President's Report p3)
Photo: Priscilla Williams