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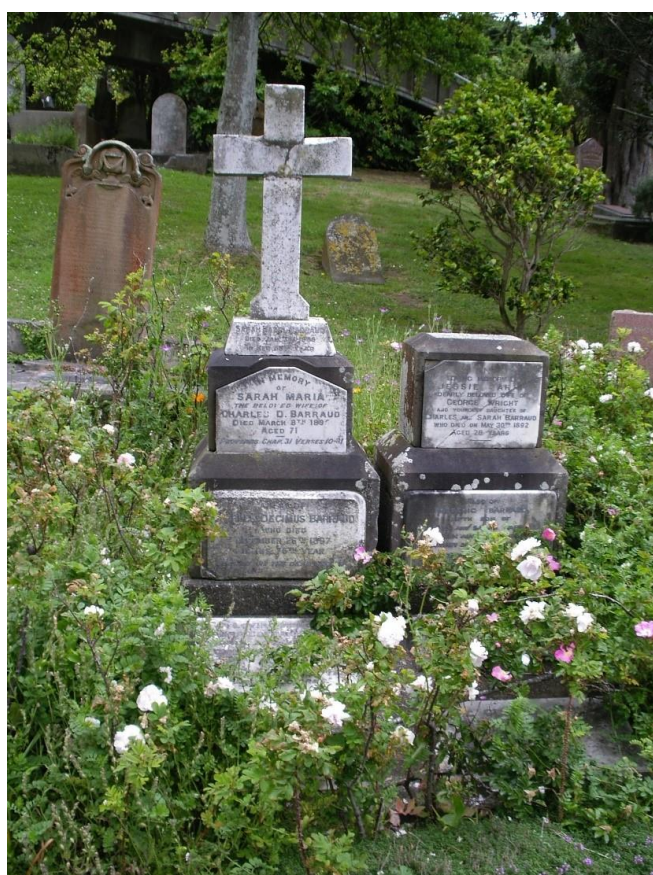
Editors: David Dunsheath & Kate Fortune

## NOTICE OF 40TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**6.15 pm Tuesday 12 July 2016 (with refreshments from 5.45 pm) at  
ST ANDREW'S CENTRE, 30 THE TERRACE**

(disabled access via right hand side of ST ANDREW'S CHURCH)

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



*The Barraud Grave illustrating one of the links between Old St Paul's and Jane Aim's family. (N16-01 Governors' Way).*

*Photo: Priscilla Williams*

Following the AGM:

## PRESENTATION

**Jane Aim QSM** will talk to us about Old St Paul's which is celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Consecration of the Church during this month, June.

Refer to page 2 for further details.

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## AGENDA FOR AGM

The agenda for the 40<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Bolton Street Cemetery Incorporated to be held at 6.15pm on Tuesday 12 July (see cover for venue)

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of the 39th AGM (see page 10 of this newsletter)
3. Matters arising from Minutes
4. Report from the President (see page 5 of this newsletter)
5. Report by the Manager of the Botanic Gardens, Wellington City Council
6. Performance Report and Financial Statements (see page 8 of this newsletter)
7. Election of Committee (see below for current committee)
8. General Business

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## AGM GUEST SPEAKER: JANE AIM QSM

Jane Aim was Chair of the Friends of Old St Paul's for 20 years and stepped down only last year, to become Deputy Chair. We extend our congratulations to Jane on being recognised in the 2016 New Year Honours List for her services to the community and particularly for her contribution to the preservation of this historic church with which she has strong family connections. We look forward to hearing about these together with her work for Old St Paul's, and also exploring the firm links between Old St Paul's and the Bolton Street Cemetery.

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## ARTHUR TREADWELL: A LAD WHO NEVER CAME HOME

Rifleman Arthur TREADWELL of the New Zealand Rifle Brigade, 2nd Reinforcements 3rd Battalion, G Company, is the fifth of thirteen 'Lads' associated



with Bolton Street Cemetery that we are featuring in successive newsletters from 2014 to 2018, as part of the centenary of WWI.

Arthur's military record states he was born on 28 December 1877 at Charleston on the West Coast. However, at the time of his death his age was given as 46 making his birth

year circa 1870. He was the only surviving son of Richard and Charlotta (or Charlotte) Treadwell who were married in Victoria in 1865. Sometime after that the family moved to New Zealand and Richard is noted as being an undertaker and carpenter in Charleston. Richard Treadwell appears on the electoral rolls for Buller from 1875 – 1881 but then disappears. By 1896 Arthur's mother was living in Wellington, describing herself as a widow. There is, however, no record of either the death of her husband, Richard, or of the birth of Arthur.

At the time Arthur enlisted for the army on 16 December 1915 he was working as a printer and living with his mother at 17A Shannon Street, Mount Victoria. He embarked at Wellington for Suez on 1 April 1916 and continued from there to Marseilles.

He entered into the field in France on 29 June 1916. It was while fighting on the Somme that he suffered a gunshot wound to the abdomen on 15 September of that year. He was admitted to the 38th Casualty Clearing Station on the 16th but died later that same day and was buried at Heilly Station Cemetery, the Somme, France.

He is listed on the Treadwell family's relocated headstone and on his own memorial stone at the upper end of Robertson Way (H04-03).



Ian Jolly

Photos: David Dunsheath

## TOURS REPORT 2015 - 2016

The eight tours we ran during the year from April to March reflected the interesting variety of tour requests which we are able to cater for.

Special requests included tours for the Kilbirnie Genealogical Society, the Wellington Ladies Probus, the Benge family, and Sacred Heart College. These tours ranged from small groups to groups of up to twenty.

Other larger tours held in conjunction with other Wellington organisations, were the Spring Festival *Murder and Mayhem* Tour, the *Wellington Walks* Tour and the *Original Gangsters* Tour. We are always grateful for the wonderful publicity which Raydeen Cuffe at the Botanic gardens arranges for the Spring Festival Tour which makes it our most popular for the year. We also had help with publicity from the Botanic Gardens for the *Walks Week* Tour resulting in a substantial increase in numbers over the previous year.

The Original Gangsters tour (see following) was part of a joint venture with Wellington Museums Trust who handled the publicity and the bookings. Our guide for the day, Nick Perrin, researched the content and handled a large group on his own. Well done, Nick.

Our latest was *The Boys Who Never Came Home* Tour held on ANZAC Day morning. Although attendance was low, this is a tour we hope to build on and improve next year.

Planning is already underway for the Spring Festival Tour this September and any other tour requests are always welcome.

We now have a good team of experienced and very capable guides in Nick Perrin, Kate Fortune, Jennifer Robinson, Jenny Button, and Judy Bale. A big thanks for their constant enthusiasm to volunteer to lead the tours.

*Judy Bale (Tours Organiser)*

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### ‘ORIGINAL GANGSTERS’ TOUR

Some of Wellington’s earliest and notable characters were featured on this tour held on 12 March. It started at the Cable Car Museum, passed through the Botanic Gardens to Bolton Street Cemetery, and ended at the Thistle Inn. The Bolton Street part of the tour included **Richard Seddon, Lipman Levy, Isaiah Fake, W B Rhodes, William and Edward Gibbon Wakefield, George Hunter** and **C J Pharazyn**, who were amongst the earliest “movers and shakers” of early Wellington. The walk was booked out, and a sound system on a luggage trolley with a wireless microphone worked well enough that a single guide could be heard by all of the crowd of between 20 and 30.

Immediately following the Bolton Street section, the guide for the last part of the tour spoke about early duels in Honeyman’s Gully – an area filled in to form Anderson Park in 1906, and previously part of the cemetery reserves.

*Nick Perrin*

## REPORT FROM THE PRESIDENT 2015 - 16

It gives me great pleasure to present this report on the year since our last AGM as we continue our focus on the preservation of the Bolton Street Cemetery: as an early burial ground, as a record of New Zealand's social history and as a green space to be enjoyed in the heart of Wellington (outlined by Margaret Alington in '*Unquiet Earth*'). The Performance Report gives overall information on our progress in activities, but I should like to highlight a few achievements and items of progress.

The year has seen the continued high standard of restoration of a number of graves, highlighted by the completion of work on the crumbling Cassels grave. In this respect I thank Priscilla Williams for her ongoing, conscientious work in liaison with the restorers, other committee members, and the Wellington City Council. I take this opportunity to thank Priscilla for her tremendous and wide-ranging contribution as President over the past ten years, and to say how delighted I am that we have her experience and expertise in this important aspect of our work.

We are grateful to Volunteer Wellington and the teams from the BNZ and the Parliamentary Counsel Office for their willingness to assist on working bees, though on occasions inclement weather has prevented the work scheduled. However, the long summer enabled committee members with the help of other volunteers whom we greatly value, to have a working bee in May in addition to February. Many have said how very satisfying it is when inscriptions on headstones become legible through careful cleaning and when graves are cleared of debris. I hope that others will feel inspired to join us.

Noteworthy again this year have been the conducted tours which publicise and promote wider awareness of the value of the cemetery as a social record while delighting participants with stories that provide insights into the hardships and hazards of life in early Wellington. A new initiative was our collaboration with the Cable Car Museum for a tour from this Museum to the Thistle Inn via the Cemetery, known overall as the *Original Gangsters Walk*. It was good to be able to take a small group on an ANZAC Day tour of graves, marked by a poppy where soldiers who fell in WWI are commemorated on the graves of family members. The popular *Murder and Mayhem* tour noted in our last newsletter was repeated for a large group in October during the Spring Festival, with a further general tour taking place in March. We are always pleased to conduct the tours at the request of particular groups.

In all our work we consult closely with the WCC. David Sole, Manager of the Botanic Gardens, attends our meetings and we value our close liaison with him. Congratulations to him and his team on the neat and attractive appearance of the green spaces frequently alluded to by those who pass through the cemetery. I am amazed to see how many walk through the cemetery enjoying the trees and shrubs and not least the heritage roses.

A major accomplishment this year has been the completion of the new Memorial Book containing a full up to date burial list resulting from detailed research by Nick Perrin. While it was disappointing to have the new book stolen from the Chapel during the



summer, it is now digitalised for easier updating and replacements. Ongoing research by Nick, responding to a large number of enquiries from family members, continues.

Looking to the future, plaques for the Church of England Entrance are under action, as are a revised cemetery pamphlet and new digital mapping of graves. Although our plans for the *Unknown Memorials Garden* are on hold they remain an important goal for us in the coming year. It would also be good to build up our membership base.



*The Cassels grave after decades of decay.*

*Photo: Ian Jolly*

Our funding and our use of funds are shown in the Statement of Financial Performance. Kate Fortune works hard on maintaining our finances in a healthy position and in looking after our membership. Thank you to members for several generous donations received, for a donation from the Cable Car Museum and a very significant donation from Walk Wellington. This wonderful financial support enables us to supplement the annual grant from the WCC to meet the cost of repairs and other projects.

I am most grateful to David Sole, the Botanic Gardens team, and to all fellow members of the committee for their commitment, energy and for the important part each person plays: Priscilla Williams, for her support and advice as Vice President and for her focus on conservation issues and memorials, Kate Fortune as Treasurer for her financial, membership and newsletter expertise, Ian Jolly for the minutes and wooden repairs, Judy Bale for tour coordination and heritage roses, David Dunsheath for the newsletter and iron repairs, Nick Perrin for burial lists, biographical research

and mapping, and Jennifer Robinson for her working bee coordination. We appreciate Karen Adair's role in her work with the Mount Street Cemetery; having her on our committee is an invaluable link between the two cemeteries. I have so enjoyed working with you all, and I look forward to seeing all Friends at our AGM.

*Jenny Button (President)*



## CEMETERY REPAIRS COMPLETED DURING 2015/16

For the third year running a major part of our annual allocation was used to repair one brick and plaster surround. The grave on Lyon Path (I10 05) for **Andrew Cassels** who died on 17 February 1881 has long been a priority as it is sited on a steep clay bank and had been undermined by a large tree planted in the grave. Chris Logan of *Outsiders*



undertook the rather daunting task of rebuilding the grave, using much-needed reinforcing once the tree trunk and the tombstone had been removed. Now we no longer need to worry about lumps of concrete and brick falling on the path below. *Headstone World* has replaced the large tombstone that used to lie face down in the grave, so at last after many years the inscription can be seen. And finally the cast-iron railings are being restored and replaced by *Outsiders*. According to the inscription, Andrew was the son of a Scottish merchant (also called Andrew Cassels) and he was just 18 when he died. We have no further information about him.

The grave surround for **William Thomas Locke Travers** and his first wife **Jane** (G10 07) was also repaired, again after a tree in the grave had been removed. This is a square grave at the intersection of Observatory Path and Trustees Crescent which lacks any

The 'deconstructed' Cassels grave

Photo: Priscilla Williams

memorial; the committee is giving consideration to installing a plaque, given William Travers' significant involvement with the Botanic Gardens.

Kim Stops of *Headstone World* in Hastings had the usual challenge of our marble and stone breakages. Crosses are among the most vulnerable items and two were repaired this financial year. One (N10 11) on Woodward Path, previously obscured by a thorny rose bush, was for the **Rev. Alexander R Milne**, MA, Congregational Minister of Arbroath, Scotland who died in December 1889. The other was for **Henry Chudleigh Wilmer** in the Anglican part of the lower cemetery (K14 16). The inscription notes that he died aged 41 and the memorial was "erected by a few personal friends as a mark of their esteem". Wilmer, Eton-educated, had been a Lieutenant in the 85th Light Infantry and subsequently a judicial court registrar in Wellington.

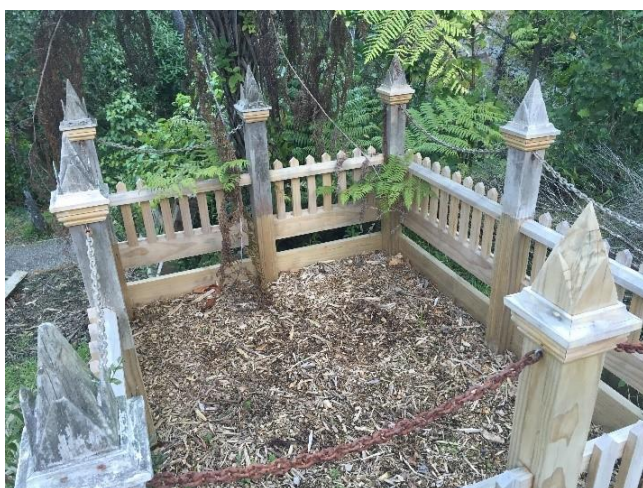
Two other memorials mended by *Headstone World* had been badly broken. **William Balchin**'s thin marble slab on Woodward Path (N10 15) could not be reassembled

without reinforcing which was supplied by a concrete backing. The fragile sandstone memorial for **Samuel and Eliza Crowther**, also on Woodward Path (N11 01), had been repaired twice previously but not very well, so another bad break provided the opportunity to upgrade all the work on it.

Our Committee decided to use our own funds to pay for repairs to an unusual and elegant wooden fence surround. This is the third - and the most challenging - repair undertaken by the Whanganui firm of *Heritage Gates and Fences*. The grave for **Walter Jackson** who died aged 84 is on Lyon Path (I10 04). The eight posts are topped by five-pointed gothic finials, several of which had to be totally reconstructed and new palings made for much of the surround. This reconstruction was pictured in newsletter #79, and a close-up of the finials is shown below. Jackson was a wheelwright from Perth, Scotland. Although he was recorded as a sole occupant of this double grave, our research during the repair process indicates that **Christina Jackson Ralph Lennox**, a

niece who had lived with him, would have been buried in this grave also when she died in November 1909. Her plot record on our website, which previously showed her grave as “unknown”, has been changed accordingly.

*Priscilla Williams*



*Jackson grave fence post detailing  
Photo: David Dunsheath*

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## PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2016

### PART I: STATEMENT OF SERVICE PERFORMANCE:

- The Society held eight guided tours during the year, including a school group, a private family reunion, Probus Club members, WWI Centenary ('The Lads That Never Came Home'), Spring Festival ('Murder and Mayhem'), Walks Week, and 'Original Gangsters' tours.
- Our website holding a searchable burial database of more than 8600 names can be accessed online free of charge. This year Committee members became able to make our own amendments and additions, and about 200 more burial inscriptions and several photographs have been added in recent months. Visitors to this site regularly send us enquiries about ancestors; this year we have answered 43 separate and more detailed enquiries.
- The Society arranged two working bees this year for members keen to work in the Cemetery. In addition 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 of \$20,000 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. Two graves, including a very badly damaged one on a hillside, and four headstones were repaired during the year.
- In addition the Society paid \$5,760 from its own funds for the repair of a set of quite elaborate gothic-style wooden railings. This was possible because of generous donations during the year from members.
- 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:**

		<b><u>2016</u></b>	<b><u>2015</u></b>
Income	Book sales	0	40
	Donations (individuals)	3,583	2,087
	Donations (tour groups)	776	506
	Interest	310	428
	Subscriptions – current + arrears	<u>1,590</u>	<u>1,763</u>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b><u>\$6,259</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,824</u></b>
LESS Expenses			
	Annual General Meeting	323	185
	Cleaning products	0	155
	Membership HCCTNZ	30	30
	Membership Heritage Promotion Council	30	30
	Membership Volunteer Wellington	50	45
	P O Box rental	54	52
	Printing, stationery, copying	314	434
	Project: Plaques & signage	0	3,010
	Project: Wooden structures repairs	5,763	1,954
	Website, incl. Burial list inscriptions	<u>139</u>	<u>139</u>
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b><u>\$6,703</u></b>	<b><u>\$6,034</u></b>
	<b>Surplus (deficit) for the year</b>	<b><u>(444)</u></b>	<b><u>(1,210)</u></b>

## **STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY AT 31 MARCH 2014**

Accumulated Funds – at start of year	14,870	16,080
Plus Surplus (Less Deficit) for the year	<u>(444)</u>	<u>(1,210)</u>
Accumulated Funds – at end of year	<b><u>\$14,426</u></b>	<b><u>\$14,870</u></b>

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**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 MARCH 2014**

	<u><b>2016</b></u>	<u><b>2015</b></u>
Accumulated Funds	\$14,246	\$14,870
Represented By: Current Assets		
Westpac Trust Banking Corporation – Current	1,846	1,245
– Bonus Saver	7,157	3,265
– Term Deposit	<u>5,133</u>	<u>10,256</u>
	<u>14,136</u>	<u>14,766</u>
PLUS Sundry Debtors	<u>305</u>	<u>169</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>14,441</u>	<u>14,935</u>
LESS Current Liabilities		
Unpresented cheques	0	0
Subscriptions in advance	<u>15</u>	<u>65</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>15</u>	<u>65</u>
<u>Net Assets and Working Capital</u>	<u><b>\$14,426</b></u>	<u><b>\$14,870</b></u>

*Kate Fortune (Treasurer) 20 May 2016*

**MINUTES OF THE 39<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Held 5.45pm Tuesday 23rd June 2015 at St Andrew's on the Terrace Church Hall.

**1 Present**

Chair: Priscilla Williams (President), Minutes: Ian Jolly (Secretary), and 20 members.

**2 Apologies**

Jenny Button, Alan D. Martin, Caroline & William Aliaga-Kelly, Alex & Rhiannon McKinnon, David Kiddey, Judith Burch, Hugh & Natasha Templeton, Joy Dunsheath.

AGREED that the apologies be received.

**3 Minutes of the 38th Annual General Meeting**

There were no corrections requested.

MOVED that the minutes of the 38<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting held on Monday 7 July 2014 be approved as a true and correct record (P. Williams/K. Fortune)

CARRIED

**4 Matters Arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters raised under this item.

**5 President's Report**

The President referred members to her published report. The President noted the following:

- The new reporting system for charities, such as the Friends.
- It being Volunteer Week, special mention was made of the various volunteer groups that help out in the cemetery during the year.

MOVED that the President's report be accepted (P. Williams/K. Bale). CARRIED

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

David Sole presented his report, thanking the Friends for the replacement of the plaques at the Kinross St entrance and for the work carried out in the cemetery during the year. In response to the report, Karl Bale commented how the tree trimming work carried out in the cemetery has helped the heritage roses to flourish.

## **7 Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements**

Kate Fortune presented the Treasurer's Report, noting that there were 107 members at the end of the financial year. After highlighting key points in the report and inviting questions, it was MOVED that the Treasurer's report be received (K. Fortune/John Daniels). CARRIED

## **8 Election of Committee**

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

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

## **9 Proposed Rule Change**

As notified in May 2015 newsletter, together with an explanation of the change:

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*".

MOVED P. Williams, seconded K. Fortune and opened for discussion.

After mention had been made of the individuals who had performed the office in the past, the motion was CARRIED

## **10 General Business**

Kate Fortune made mention of a booklet in the Turnbull Library regarding ancestors buried in Bolton Street cemetery

David Dunsheath, on behalf of the members, thanked Priscilla for the tremendous contribution she had made to the work of the Friends while President. A presentation of flowers followed.

There being no further general business the meeting was declared closed at 6.15pm.

Following the Annual General Meeting there was a presentation by Barbara Mulligan on the history of Karori Cemetery.

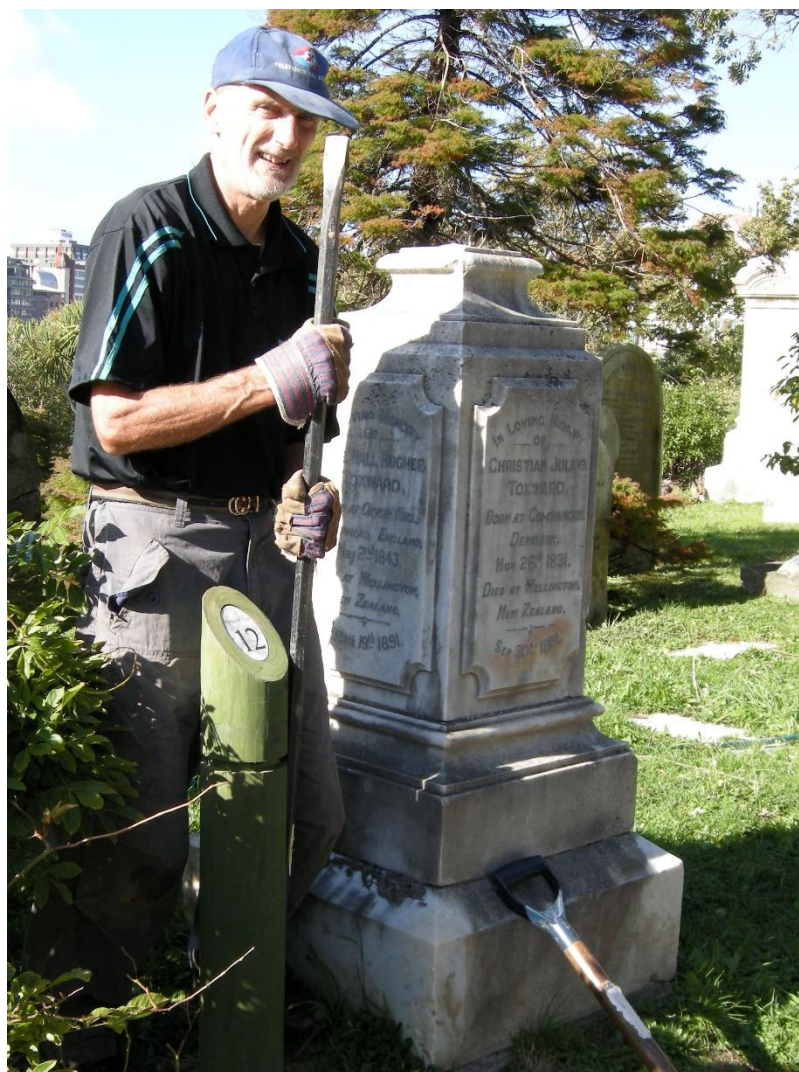


## OBITUARY: GRAHAM FORTUNE CNZM

Graham Charles Fortune, husband of our Treasurer Kate Fortune, died suddenly in Auckland on 19 March this year. A well-attended memorial service held later in Wellington chronicled the major achievements of Graham's life, including his long impressive diplomatic career, his seven-year term as Secretary of Defence and his achievements in the competitive world of orienteering.

This tribute covers one small piece of Graham's multi-faceted life, his work in the Bolton Street Cemetery as a support to Kate. It was typical of his pragmatism that he singled out one aspect to focus on – our working bees. Graham was among the most vigorous and hard-working members, finding the challenging tasks and tackling them with determination. He only had to hear that a particular project was beyond our capabilities and he would be there, accompanied by his formidable grubber.

He will be remembered with gratitude for one special task he undertook which was the installation of trail marker posts in 2009. The committee had decided, when redoing the memorial trail through the cemetery, to use sturdy wooden



*Graham Fortune*

*Photo: David Dunsheath*

posts to carry the new trail signs. Graham firmly dismissed as too expensive for our resources the hiring of a professional contractor and instead took on the task himself, supervising a team of assorted volunteers and two student workers. This involved digging holes for some 56 posts and inserting them into the ground sufficiently deeply and firmly to ensure they stayed upright. And they have.

The photograph with this article shows Graham installing the marker post for the tombstone of **Christian Julius Toxward**, a Danish architect who designed many buildings in Wellington.

For me at least, the memorial trail and its marker posts will be always a memorial also to Graham – a very special person.

*Priscilla Williams*