



**FRIENDS of  
BOLTON STREET  
MEMORIAL PARK** INCORPORATED  
PO BOX 2336 WELLINGTON  
<http://communities.msn.co.nz/BoltonStCemetery>

---

**NEWSLETTER No 58 November 2004** Editors: Nick Perrin and John Daniels

---

## **Friends Recognise Distinguished Members**



*Margaret Alington – Photo by Hugh Fullarton (1990)*

Two long-serving members of the Friends, Margaret Alington (pictured above) and Mac McCormick, were awarded honorary life membership at the AGM in July for their many years of service, and the late Hugh Fullarton's contribution was also acknowledged. See citations of following page.



## **Margaret Alington**

Margaret was instrumental in the founding of the Friends, and was involved with Bolton Street Cemetery well before that. During the 1960s and 1970s she led a dedicated team who surveyed the cemetery, recording and photographing the locations of graves and the inscriptions on the gravestones and monument. This work was commissioned by the National Roads Board, Ministry of Works and the Wellington City Council in association with the Wellington Urban Motorway. Margaret was also commissioned by the National Roads Board to prepare the definitive history of the cemetery, published in 1978 as *Unquiet Earth* which is relied on as one of FoBSMP's historical anchors.

After the founding of the Friends in 1977, Margaret worked hard and effectively on the committee to see unfinished motorway business brought to a conclusion. She also worked closely with the city council on cemetery matters. She has always been a very willing and unfailing source of information on all aspects of the cemetery.

Margaret has achieved other distinctions as a librarian and historian. She is the author of "*Frederick Thatcher and St Paul's*" (1965) and is at present working on a biography of Thatcher. She has written articles and papers about the history of Wellington, and of course Bolton Street Cemetery.

## **Mac McCormick**

Mac McCormick is recognised for his long and valuable service to the Friends as a foundation member of the Committee, retiring in 2002 after 25 years. He held various committee roles including Treasurer, participated in many work parties and guided tour parties. Mac's lifelong interest in the history of Wellington led him into wide-ranging research of the personalities buried in the Park, many of which have featured in articles within our newsletters over the years.

Unfortunately, at 95 years old, Mac was unable to attend the AGM - so John Daniels accepted the certificate on his behalf.

## **Hugh Fullarton CMG**

It was with deep regret that the Friends learned of the death on the 1<sup>st</sup> of June of Hugh Fullarton CMG, aged 95. In May the committee had nominated Hugh to be awarded an Honorary Life Membership at this AGM.

Hugh was Chairman of the Friends from 1980 – 1983 and a keen supporter ever since. His untiring and skilful lobbying of Ministers of the Crown, Members of Parliament, the National Roads Board, the Wellington City Council and several Mowbray Street landowning organisations, sought long promised compensation to the then Bolton Street Cemetery for the land taken by the motorway. His ultimate triumph over considerable indifference paved the way for the landscaped extension we now enjoy above the Mowbray Street car park building. At the same time funding was obtained for the construction of the replica chapel.

At the AGM in July, on behalf of the Friends, David Dunsheath extended sincere condolences to Hugh's wife, Marjorie, and his family.

---

## **Donations**

The Inland Revenue Dept has approved our Society "for a charitable exemption" that qualifies us for various issues including:

- Donations over \$5 qualify for the personal taxation rebate (you must present your receipt at the time of claiming – your receipt will be mailed to you, typically with the subsequent newsletter when timing permits).
  - An exemption from Gift Duty in relation to gifts to the Society [pursuant to section 73(1) of the Estate & Gift Duties Act 1986].
- 

## **An angel returns?**

At this year's AGM Chris Cochran, one of the speakers, placed a wrapped object on the table at the beginning of his talk. At the conclusion of the meeting he revealed the object to be the head of an angel, part of a full figure carved in marble that is thought to have come from the Cemetery.

Chris has since sought advice from a stone conservator as to the possibility of restoring the figure. If feasible, and if the figure can be identified from early photographs as having come from the Cemetery, it is likely that it will be returned to the Chapel or the Cemetery.

We hope to provide further news in a future issue.

---



## Conserving Cemetery Heritage

Following our recent AGM, three speakers from *Four Decades Conservation* delivered a most interesting insight into what conservation means in the context of cemeteries. They spoke of their experiences and real issues faced while recently assisting Wellington City Council towards development of the *Karori and Makara Cemeteries Management Plan*.

Michael Kelly spoke of the need for accurate reflection of, and sympathy with, historical values to ensure that conservation plans and techniques preserve this as best possible for future generations. Unfortunately, the history of Karori Cemetery is as yet not fully understood due to incomplete and scattered records.

Neil Aitken outlined landscape issues based on historical topography, vegetation and human interventions over the years. Distinct landscape units (areas) were identified within each cemetery to provide a more accurate reflection of their distinct historical landscape and vegetation species, balanced against current usage and resources. For example some units reflect proposed retention of wilderness while others focus on preservation of different eras and styles of grave clusterings (e.g. with varying degrees of vegetation and manicure).

Chris Cochran raised issues surrounding conservation of the 'built fabric' comprising buildings and graves. Priorities for any conservation intervention were identified to be: reduce danger to the public; avoid damage to sound structures from vegetation; preserve historical and aesthetic significance; and otherwise do nothing. Intervention may range from stabilisation of existing aged state and patina, through to restoration that requires great care, ideally with authentic components.

The above is highly topical for your committee as we encourage WCC towards the development and adoption of conservation guidelines and practices for Bolton Street Memorial Park.

---

### Committee contact details

David Dunsheath, phone 472 8405, e-mail [ymbian@xtra.co.nz](mailto:ymbian@xtra.co.nz)

Anne Brosnahan, phone 472 1333

John Daniels, phone 938 7971, e-mail [jr.daniels@xtra.co.nz](mailto:jr.daniels@xtra.co.nz)

Judy Bale, phone 499 8588, e-mail [sommerfields@paradise.net.nz](mailto:sommerfields@paradise.net.nz)

Kate Fortune, phone 970 0024, e-mail [kate.fortune@paradise.net.nz](mailto:kate.fortune@paradise.net.nz)

Nick Perrin, phone 472 3767, e-mail [n.perrin@xtra.co.nz](mailto:n.perrin@xtra.co.nz)

Priscilla Williams 977 4667, email [priscilla.williams@paradise.net.nz](mailto:priscilla.williams@paradise.net.nz)

Rachel Brown, phone 473 0482, e-mail [rachel.brown@wine-searcher.com](mailto:rachel.brown@wine-searcher.com)

---

## VANDALISM IN THE HISTORIC JEWISH CEMETERY

On the night of 15 July sixteen headstones were smashed in the old Jewish section of the Bolton St Memorial Park and the ground was marked with swastikas. Iron railings, torn off a seventeenth grave, were presumably used to do the very considerable damage. That day two Israeli citizens had been sentenced in New Zealand for passport fraud and the Government subsequently announced diplomatic sanctions against Israel. It is assumed that the vandalism, as well as a similar incident about three weeks later in the Makara cemetery, was a reaction to those events. The police have not as yet been able to identify the culprits, but there has been a widespread condemnation of the vandalism and the implied racism. Although many more graves were desecrated at Makara, the damage in the historic cemetery is more significant because of the age and fragility of the memorials.

The smashed headstones are made of white marble, except for one of sandstone. They have leaded inscriptions in English, Hebrew or both languages, and range in date from 1878 to 1904. They are within the small area of land which was allocated in the middle of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century for a Jewish cemetery.



*Jewish Cemetery before and after (inset) the vandalism – Photos by Nick Perrin*

When drawing up the plans for Wellington, the New Zealand Company decided, as part of their vision for a new colony, that there should be one common burial ground - with the exception of the Roman Catholic congregation who more traditionally established their cemetery near their church. However, within a few years both the Anglicans and the small Jewish community requested separate and



consecrated burial areas within the general town cemetery boundaries. Abraham Hort, founder of the Jewish community in Wellington, requested some land for this purpose soon after his arrival in January 1843 and a grant of two roods, 37 perches (somewhat over half an acre) was given. This was a triangular piece of land at the highest end of the town burial ground and thus the least accessible from the town. The first burial was apparently the infant son of Benjamin Levy on 3 February 1845, although there is no extant tombstone for this child.

About half of the land allocated to the Jewish community was forfeited for road construction when the link between Sydney Street and Tinakori Road, now Bowen Street, was formed in the 1880s. Although this left the community with only quarter of an acre, it was adequate land for Jewish burials up to the time that the original town cemetery closed in 1892; a new area for Jewish graves was consecrated in the Karori cemetery in the same year. It is not possible to know exactly how many Jewish burials took place during the time the original town cemetery was open because no register was apparently kept or has been located. The only records therefore of burials are the actual headstones themselves, of which there are 44. Recent ground checks indicate the total is likely to be 45, which would presumably be the 44 visible memorials and the first unmarked infant burial.

Ironically, the fact that the small Jewish section was the most remote from the central city meant that it was the only part of the historic town cemetery to escape devastation from the construction of the motorway in the 1960s. Located alongside the main path through the park, in an area now known as the Hort Lawn in recognition of Abraham Hort, the Jewish section has been one of the most visible and attractive parts of the heritage cemetery, especially since the white marble headstones were recently cleaned. Some of the sixteen headstones smashed will be repairable to a degree; others have been so fragmented that they will need to be reset in concrete surrounds and will therefore be significantly different from their original form. This work will be expensive and threatens to reduce substantially the amount of funds available for the on-going repair of the historic graves in the Memorial Park.

The ultimate irony however is that this vandalism was directed towards the early Jewish migrants to New Zealand, including women and children, who came to a new land that promised, and indeed gave them, greater freedom from the racial restrictions and hatred that they faced in Europe. In New Zealand, in contrast to many European countries, they were able to found businesses and own land. They were among the most successful and influential of the early pioneers in Wellington, founding families that still give much to our community.

The seventeen graves desecrated, the dates of the deaths recorded on the tombstones and other details where known are as follows: (in some cases there are discrepancies of dates between the two languages)

Max Alexander	8 November 1881	Born 18 June 1838. Native of Bromberg, Prussia
Frances Caselberg	26 August 1890	Aged 47. Wife of Myer Caselberg, who was mayor of Carterton
Alexander Dimant	15 June 1893	Born Tiel, Holland, 25 Nov 1824
Lionel Lyon Harris	28 November 1882	Aged 33, formerly of Wolverhampton, England
Nathaniel John Isaacs	24 February 1888	Aged 41
Annie Jacobowitch	16 April 1890?	Aged 17 years 3 mths. Should date be 26 April?
Edith Maud Joseph	7 April 1886	Aged 1 year 2 months
Isaac Levy*	28 June 1891	
Phillip Levy*	19 April 1904	Aged 26, son of the above
Solomon Levy	29 October 1883?	Aged 66. Discrepancy with Hebrew for month
Jacob Miers	23 July 1891	Aged 44
Cedric Myers	13 December 1896	Aged 13 months. Son of Sol & Phoebe Myers
Aaron Piza Offer	8 May 1886	Aged 2 years
Caroline Phillips	4 May 1885	Aged 33
Henry Phillips	21 May 1901	
Isaac Phillips	2 October 1889	Aged 62. Husband of Hannah buried nearby?
Gertrude Rothenberg	22 December 1885	Aged 7 years
Solomon Ziman	31 January 1878	Interred 3 February

\*Joint headstone.

Standard policy requires that the Wellington City Council consult interested parties (including family, provided they can be contacted) before beginning major restoration work. For historic graves, it is obviously not feasible to contact families although some have already been in touch with cemetery staff. Descendants of the above pioneers may wish to know about the restoration work proposed, and may wish also to arrange in due course further repairs such as the replacement of lead lettering. Such enquiries should be directed to Andy King, Technical and Operations Manager for Wellington Cemeteries, telephone 476 6109.

Historical information for this article was drawn from Margaret Alington's book on the Bolton St Memorial Park entitled "Unquiet Earth", which provides greater detail about the Jewish cemetery. The Friends of the Bolton Street Memorial Park are interested in historical details relating to these pioneers and would be pleased to hear from any descendants who would like to give these or who have other general comments to provide about the Jewish cemetery. Contact could be made with committee members on telephones 977 4667, 472 3767 or 472 8405.

Priscilla Williams



**Minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the  
Friends of Bolton Street Memorial Park (Incorporated)**

**held at Turnbull House  
Wellington on Monday 12 July 2004**

**Present**

Warwick Greenwood	David Dunsheath (Chair)
John Daniels	Neil Aitken (Four Decades)
Margaret Alington	Bill Alington
David Sole (WCC)	Chris Cochran (Four Decades)
Nick Perrin	Ester Einhorn
Anne Brosnahan	James Farnnan
Jenny Daniels	Judy Bale
Rachel Brown (Secretary)	Michael Kelly (Four Decades)
Kathy Tipler	Norina Lewis
Carrick Lewis	Keith Matthews
Bill Potter	Heather Williams

The Chair, David Dunsheath, welcomed all to the AGM with particular mention of David Sole, WCC, and the guest speakers from Four Decades – Chris Cochran, Mike Kelly and Neil Aitken.

**1. Apologies**

Priscilla Williams, Joy Dunsheath, Paul Ell, David Luke, Mac McCormick,

**2. Minutes of the 2003 AGM (published in newsletter of December 2003)**

Moved Warwick Greenwood, seconded by John Daniels that the minutes are a true and correct record of the 2003 Annual General Meeting of the Friends of Bolton Street Memorial Park.

CARRIED

**3. Matters arising from the previous minutes**

There were no substantive matters arising from the minutes of the previous AGM.

**4. Chairperson's report**

The report, printed in newsletter No 57, was tabled and briefly summarised by David Dunsheath.

As had been requested at the 2003 AGM, David then tabled his Status Report (see page 13) on issues that had been raised at the previous two AGMs. He noted that



progress was somewhat limited from the need for the small committee to focus its skills and energy on what it considered to be its highest priorities.

Matters arising from the report included mention of WCC's website and possible links from this to other ways for Friends of Bolton Street Memorial Park to have a presence on the web. The recent death of Hugh Fullarton and his work for the Friends of Bolton Street Memorial Park was acknowledged with deep regret (refer to details on page 2).

Moved Carrick Lewis and seconded by Bill Alington that the Chairperson's Report be accepted.

CARRIED

#### **5. Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements**

Warwick Greenwood presented the Treasurer's Statements for the year ended 31 March 2004. He pointed out that subscriptions were slightly down on last year and that expenses were up by about fifty percent. However there was still a surplus for the year. When Warwick became treasurer five years ago there was \$2900 in the bank, He was pleased to report that there was now an increase of \$500. FoBSMP received a clean report from the auditor. The new rules have been lodged with Inland Revenue which enables the Friends to gain tax status as a charity.

Moved Warwick Greenwood, seconded by Bill Alington that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

CARRIED

Warwick was thanked enthusiastically for his work as Treasurer over the last five years.

#### **6. Report by the Wellington City Council**

David Sole presented the annual WCC report.

He noted that the 2003/4 work programme has seen work [to the value of \$17,000] undertaken in the following areas:

- Track upgrades
- Continuing grave restorations
- Development of software to support upgrades of the Memorial Book
- Trial cleaning of headstones in the Jewish section. Further work was asked, at the request of the Friends, to be deferred until further information was available.
- Further work has been identified on the cottage and we are expecting some movement on this soon.

#### The Garden

- The roses have had one of their best years in a long time
- The Botanic Gardens, including BSMP is in the midst of a collection review which is asking the Curators to focus on the landscape and how the plants fit into and contribute to the landscape. This will lead to the development and maintenance of the gardens as whole spaces rather than at present where it is a series of collections with bits in between. WCC are expecting to have the Bolton Street Park draft recommendations available this week. A copy will be forwarded for comment. One item that has arisen, along with concerns raised during a recent walk around, was the management of the wild areas of the cemetery. Apart from the normal maintenance items of protecting the grave structures from plant roots it is going to take considerable skill to maintain the wild part of the Park in a natural, uncultivated manner.
- The Botanic Garden trees were all hazard assessed in early 2003 with the result that a number of trees in the BSMP have been classified. The two macrocarpas to the south side of the path opposite the shed present some risk as they have begun disintegrating and one of them appears to be moving in the ground. These are tentatively scheduled to be removed in the next 2 -3 years though this has yet to be confirmed and the logistics ascertained. Work on these trees will not proceed without consultation with the Friends.

#### Staff

- As you may have been aware the Botanic Gardens underwent a staff restructure in late 2003. The staff are working well into their new or reconfirmed positions with the result that we are starting to see improvements throughout the gardens.
- Rachel Solomon was appointed as Curator of Modern and Heritage Roses: promotion from her position as gardener in the Rose Gardens. Scott Batchelor has since been appointed into the vacant gardener's position

#### Upcoming

- Easdale Street: work on the design for this is to begin shortly. Charles Gordon will consult with the Friends as well as the gardens staff
- Ongoing track maintenance – to be finalised
- Renewal of the Memorial Book
- Investigating making corrections to the Memorial Wall [panel in the chapel]
- Grave restoration work



#### Website

- The WCC website has been rebuilt over the course of the year and is looking great. It is acknowledged that it is not perfect and that corrections will need to be made in a number of areas. It is however a good start and we will be working alongside the webmasters to update it.

Matters arising from the report included questions about the macrocarpas in the Park and their long term survival. Staff have taken tissue cultures of them. One question raised was about the replacement of these trees by native trees and how faithful the latter species should be to those planted by the early colonists. Currently there is no policy on this matter although it is realised that there is a conifer framework within the Park.

Moved David Dunsheath, seconded by Warwick Greenwood that the WCC Report be accepted with thanks.

CARRIED

#### **7. Resolution re increased subscriptions**

The following resolutions were put to the meeting:

That in accordance with Clause 3.4 of the Society's Rules, the annual subscriptions effective from April 1, 2004, be set as follows:

Individual member at \$10, family member at \$10, corporate member at \$50.

Moved David Dunsheath and seconded by Warwick Greenwood that the new subscription rates be accepted.

CARRIED

#### **8. Inaugural Honorary Life Members**

The Chair announced the nominations for our first Honorary Life Members, in recognition of their valuable contributions to the Friends. Margaret Alington and Mac McCormick were made Honorary Life Members, and the late Hugh Fullarton's contribution was also acknowledged. (Refer article at the front of this newsletter).

#### **9. Election of Committee**

It was noted that Warwick Greenwood was not able to continue as treasurer. The other current members of the committee were all available for re-election and considered nominated - David Dunsheath (chair), Rachel Brown, Anne

Brosnahan, John Daniels, Priscilla Williams, Nick Perrin and Judy Bale. The new WCC staff member in the Bolton Street Memorial Park will be invited to represent WCC on the Committee.

Further nominations were sought from the meeting.

Moved by Carrick Lewis and seconded by Bill Alington that nominations be closed and this Committee be elected with the power to co-opt other members, in particular a treasurer.

CARRIED

#### **10. Appointment of Auditor**

Moved by Warwick Greenwood and seconded by David Dunsheath that Terence Leamy be reappointed as auditor for the year 2004/05.

CARRIED

#### **11. General Business**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 6.45 pm.

The meeting was followed by a presentation by Chris Cochran, Neil Aitken, and Michael Kelly from the Four Decades Conservation group, who spoke on the conservation planning work they had recently undertaken on Karori Cemetery for the Wellington City Council.

Lively discussion followed their presentation.

#### **New Treasurer Welcomed**

The committee welcomes the appointment of Kate Fortune to the dual positions of Treasurer and Membership Secretary that remained unfilled at the AGM. We are grateful to retiring treasurer Warwick Greenwood for his services over the last five years.

---

#### **First Corporate Member**

We are pleased to welcome Bolton Hotel as our first Corporate Member. Situated near the Bolton Street Chapel on the corner of Bolton & Mowbray Streets, this hotel and apartment complex is due to open in January. Copies of historical photographs and early political posters will provide an historical theme within guest rooms and public areas. A view of the building is available from <http://www.boltonhotel.co.nz>. In the picture the Chapel and Park are just out of view in the lower-left corner.



## Chair Status Report (July 04) on issues discussed at previous AGMs

At the 2003 AGM it was suggested that a summary of progress on issues discussed at previous AGMs, should be tabled at each AGM to better inform members (see page 8, item 4, Chairperson's Report). Material in this table is drawn from the 2002 and 2003 AGMs.

Topic	AGM	STATUS JULY 04	Next steps
<b>Friends (society) promotion:</b>			
• Friends website as part of WCC scheme	2002	Initially requested – unlikely progress	Investigate own website for better control
• In conjunction with gifted land	2002	Indirect publicity in DomPost & WCC publicns	Lever off physical integration & opening
• Cemeteries display at Wgtn Sea Museum	2002	No action to date	Strengthen committee resources
• In conjunction with Wakefield biography	2002	No action to date	Strengthen committee resources
<b>Membership of Friends:</b>			
• Create new category for Hon Life Member	2002	1 <sup>st</sup> awards at 2004 AGM	Completed
• Increase of subscriptions	2003	Resolution for 2004 AGM	Completed
<b>Tours promotion:</b>			
• Promotion of tours for clubs	2002	Reactive only - several tours in 2002-04	Balance promotions with tour resources
• Integration with WCC publicity	2002	2 tours in Spring 03 Festival	Strengthen linkage with WCC
<b>Park promotion:</b>			
• Begonia House & Treehouse displays & material	2002	Raised but low WCC priority	Continue to pursue
• Enticement signage (e.g. Kinross, Easdale, The Terrace, Lambton)	2002	Raised but low WCC priority	Continue to pursue
• Coverage in 'Totally Wellington' for out-of-region coverage	2002	No action to date	Strengthen committee resources
<b>Conservation:</b>			
• Tyrell headstone	2002	Preparing proposal for a Park Conservation Plan with detailed conservation practices	Establish conservation plan with WCC for the Park
<b>Visitor benefits/assistance:</b>			
• Improved links/guidance to/from other historic attractions	2002	Raised but low WCC priority	Continue to pursue
<b>Links with other organisations:</b>			
• Roses collection	2002	Not specifically pursued	Strengthen committee resources
• Meetings with other groups (e.g. Town Belt, Botanic Gdns, Civic Trust)	2002	Not specifically pursued	Strengthen committee resources

**FRIENDS OF BOLTON STREET MEMORIAL PARK INCORPORATED**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2004**

	31 March <u>2004</u> \$	31 March <u>2003</u> \$
Income:		
Donations	534	213
Subscriptions - 2004	520	544
- 2003	<u>4</u>	<u>86</u>
	1,058	<u>843</u>
LESS Expenses:		
Audit Fee	150	140
Bank Charge	-	2
Annual General Meeting function	108	106
Hire of Meeting Room	60	88
Library Maintenance	41	-
Postage	206	127
P O Box Rental	62	62
Printing, Stationery, Photocopying	141	79
Taxation advisory	<u>126</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>900</u>	<u>604</u>
Surplus for the year	\$ <u>158</u>	\$ <u>239</u>

**STATEMENT OF MOVEMENTS IN EQUITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH, 2004**

	<u>2004</u> \$	<u>2003</u> \$
Accumulated Funds - at start of year	3,246	3,007
ADD Surplus for the year	<u>158</u>	<u>239</u>
Accumulated Funds at end of year	\$ <u>3,404</u>	\$ <u>3,246</u>

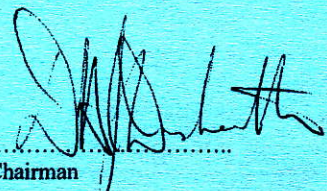
This Statement should be read with the Report and Notes



**FRIENDS OF BOLTON STREET MEMORIAL PARK INCORPORATED**

**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AT 31 MARCH, 2004**

	31 March <u>2004</u> \$	31 March <u>2003</u> \$
Accumulated Funds	<u>\$3,404</u>	<u>\$3,246</u>
Represented By:		
<u>Current Assets</u>		
Westpac Trust Banking Corporation - Current	584	3,007
- Savings	3,000	-
Subscriptions owing	-	468
	<u>3,584</u>	<u>3,475</u>
<u>LESS Current Liabilities</u>		
Subs in Advance	30	-
Sundry Creditors	150	229
	<u>180</u>	<u>229</u>
Net Assets and Working Capital	<u>\$3,404</u>	<u>\$3,246</u>

  
.....  
Chairman

  
.....  
Honorary Treasurer

This Statement should be read with the Report and Notes



---

## Conservation Trust Visits Wellington

With guidance from the Friends, Stewart Harvey (Chairman of the Historic Cemeteries Conservation Trust of NZ) enjoyed an extensive tour of Bolton Street Memorial Park earlier this month. Much discussion arose from his observations about the significant contrasts that exist between the manicured and wilderness areas of the Park, and the conservation management that is appropriate to each. He also viewed Karori and Mount Street Cemeteries.

Stewart then met with various Wellington City Council personnel to share his ideas on the gathering relevance to society of historic cemeteries and the means by which these can be successfully conserved and promoted. His visit was timely before WCC commissions the preparation of a conservation guide for Bolton Street that will identify appropriate criteria, standards and techniques to be used in future, on-going conservation of graves and memorials, together with the management of surrounding parkland within its historic context.

Information about HCCTNZ is available from [www.cemeteries.org.nz](http://www.cemeteries.org.nz)

---

## Internet Websites on Bolton Street Memorial Park

<http://communities.msn.co.nz/BoltonStCemetery>

<http://www.wcc.govt.nz/services/gardens>

---

## Guided Tours

Since the AGM, a group of 19 people from the Overland Club had a guided tour led by Nick Perrin on 19 September. A daytime tour as part of the Spring Festival attracted 15 people who were guided by John Daniels and Priscilla Williams. A "Tip toe through the tombstones" Spring Festival evening tour on 27 September attracted about 70 people, who were lead by Priscilla Williams and Nick Perrin with help from Judy Bale.