

# Friends of Bolton Street Cemetery Inc.

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

This will be held on MONDAY, 24th MAY, 1982  
at 8 p.m. in the Wakefield Room, New Zealand  
Founders Society, 90 The Terrace, Wellington

The Mayor of Wellington, SIR MICHAEL FOWLER,  
will speak on the progress of negotiations  
over the acquisition of the land in Mowbray  
Street.

As this is a subject of the keenest interest  
to all Friends, a full attendance is hoped for.

As no further notice of this meeting will be sent

Please record this in your diary now

#### MOWBRAY STREET LAND ISSUE

As a contribution towards the cost of acquiring Dairy Board land, in conformity with a promise made in 1965, members will recall that the sum of \$500,000 was paid to the City Council by the National Roads Board last July.

Subsequent moves towards the acquisition of Mowbray Street land have been protracted. Friends, however, will be pleased to know that we have received assurances from His Worship the Mayor and the Town Clerk that constructive proposals are currently being examined: these are aimed at an extension of the Memorial Park over a car park.

We recognise that negotiations may be complex and therefore time-demanding. We trust, however, that they will soon be finalised - and that expectation, we know, is shared by many kindred organisations.

It will be a happy day when the next stage in the development of the Memorial Park is announced. Needless to say, we shall be eager to give all possible assistance as work proceeds.

#### ARCHIVES

Negotiations are in progress for transferring the file of some 1500 transcripts of inscriptions and biographical notes compiled by the Friends to the Alexander Turnbull Library for safe keeping and more general availability. A set of transcripts will be held by the Wellington Public Library, and another set will in due course be kept in the chapel.

#### DONATIONS

Seventeen mounted photographs of the cemetery taken by Charles Fearnley prior to the dismantling have been donated to the Friends by Mr and Mrs R. Ritchie of Ngaio.

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#### MEMORIALS

Recent additions to the City Council's Management Policy for the Bolton Street Memorial Park include guidelines to those who wish to place ashes on family plots, along with some form of memorial. A memorial book will be available, eventually to be kept in the chapel, but if desired, and with certain restrictions, a small tablet may be added to a grave, or extra wording to an existing stone. Additional tablets will not be feasible however in the areas occupied by reinstated headstones, but wording may be added to existing headstones if there is space. All additions, whether of wording or tablets, are subject to the approval of the Director of Parks and Recreation, to whom enquires should be directed.

Mr. R. Flook, of the City Council's Department of Parks and Recreation, is looking into a form of metal bracing for headstones that have broken either on a joint where they were previously mended, or as a result of vandalism.

#### PATHS

Following a suggestion from the Director of Parks and Recreation, the Friends have provided names for all the major paths in the park. Once the paths are labelled, it should be easier for people to be directed to family graves and headstones. In general, the names commemorate persons associated with the formation and running of the cemetery down the years.

Work is proceeding on the preparation of a plan which will define the layout of the Memorial Park and the position of plots and headstones.

#### SECRETARY

The Honorary Secretary, Mrs Bogle, will be overseas for March and April, and during her absence Miss Betty Krebs will act as secretary.

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#### NOTES FROM THE CITY COUNCIL GARDENERS

The old-fashioned roses planted last winter are doing well and have attracted considerable comment. The lawn to the east of the Jewish graves has been resown.

Material has been delivered for repairs to headstones, and two bricklayers are to be approached to do the necessary work.

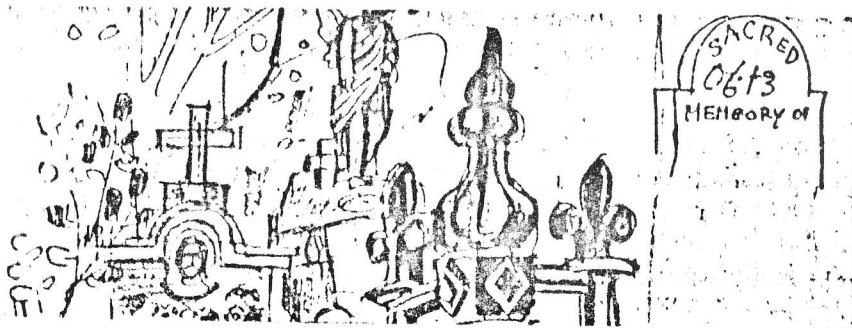
#### VISITS

The park was visited on 15th November last by two groups during the City Council's historic places tour of the city. They were shown round by the Chairman (Mr Hugh Fullarton) and the Secretary (Mrs Vivienne Bogle). Heritage Roses spent an afternoon looking at the roses in the park on 21st November.

#### SUBSCRIPTIONS

We are disappointed that some 26 subscriptions for 1981/82 are still outstanding. Typing and copying in connection with the Mowbray Street land issue are expensive. We are a small society; every subscription is needed.

Subscriptions for 1982/83 (\$4 ordinary, \$6 family) may be paid at the annual meeting, or posted with the aid of the enclosed form.



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