



Preservation Post

Newsletter of the
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“Looking to the future to preserve our past”

Christ Church Taita

Upcoming Events:

Wednesday 3 May, 7.30 pm

Annual General Meeting

At the Church

Sunday 14 May, 2.00 pm

163rd Annual Service

Feature Family: Hooper/McGregor

It is always a rewarding experience visiting Christ Church. On any day of the week, someone visits, sometimes out of curiosity (and they are always surprised to see what is on the other side); others come from far and wide to trace family buried in the graveyard. One such recent visit coincided with the Secretary opening for a prospective wedding couple:

John and Irene Cement from Ontario Canada came to see the resting place of John's Great-great Grandfather John Clement whose family grave is close to the church on the northern side. They were delighted to be able

to see inside the church and returned to Canada with a copy of Guardian of the Valley.

Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 3 May, 7.30 pm at the Church

While we appreciate the majority of our members live outside the immediate Wellington area, we would encourage any members who live in the Hutt Valley/Wellington area to join our small committee. Many hands make light work and it would be great to share the load.

Come to the AGM on 3 May at 7.30 pm and hear about our plans to preserve Christ Church for the future.

Annual Service – Sunday 14 May, 2.00 pm

The Hooper and McGregor families have a very long association with Christ Church and were instrumental in forming the Christ Church Preservation Society, ensuring Christ Church remained on its present site. Don't miss this one!

Proposed Heritage Visitor Centre/Cottage Museum – progress

The heritage Museum committee is still working hard to get this project up and running. They would love to hear from any members who are keen to join them. Contact John Daysh, john@unicef.org.nz; Ph.04 815 9370 (Wk) or 04 977 2055 (Hm) If you would like to make a donation, the bank account is

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Boundary Fence on northern side and paving around the Toilet/Utility block

This is now almost complete and is another great improvement, thanks to Chris Pynenburg and his team. The gates on the northern boundary will give easy access to the grounds. We want to get a working bee together to

paint the fence. Please let the Secretary know if you can help.

The atrocious Wellington summer has delayed the completion of the paving around the utility block. The base course is down and Chris will be completing the pavers shortly. Photos in next newsletter. This will greatly enhance this area and give shelter from the wind.



Our new gates



The fence

Bequests for Christ Church Taita

Including a bequest for The Christ Church Preservation Society is a wonderful way to honour those who have gone before us and to ensure that we can continue to preserve and develop Christ Church. Our vision is to enhance Christ Church Taita as a heritage centre by establishing a colonial house and shed as a museum to celebrate our pioneers. If you would like to talk about how you may be able to support this vision please contact our President, John Daysh, email john@unicef.org.nz; Ph.04 815 9370 (Wk) or 04 977 2055 (Hm)

Ashes Wall

A niche in our Ashes Wall costs just \$750.00 plus GST. Contact Janice Henson, Secretary, for further details.

Janice-klaw@xtra.co.nz



Weddings

4 March

Estella Kiernan to Ryon Sinclair

Ashes Interments

Diane King

Ngaire Joan Wild

We have also been advised of the death of life member **James (Jim) Anders Hansen** on 10 March. His ashes will be interred alongside his wife in our Ashes Wall.

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