

KARORI HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

The next meeting will be held on

Tuesday 1 September 2015

at St Ninian's, Newcombe Crescent, Karori

at 7.45 pm.

Members and friends welcome

Speaker

The speaker is Oliver Sutherland, who will talk on '**Ivan Sutherland (1897-1952): academic and social activist**'

Born in Masterton, Ivan Sutherland studied at Victoria University College and Glasgow and London universities before returning to New Zealand in 1924 to lecture at VUC under his mentor Professor Thomas Hunter. He shared Hunter's liberal convictions and engaged in numerous progressive initiatives, including establishing New Zealand's first children's psychological clinic, attacking the rise of the eugenics movement, campaigning for public radio and helping to launch the Wellington Film Society. Together with friend and colleague Professor Philip Robertson, he was a patron of the controversial Wellington-based English artist Christopher Perkins.

His commitment to social psychology drew him into the world of Ngati Porou where Sir Apirana Ngata became a second mentor and lifelong friend. In his 1935 publications *The Maori Situation* Sutherland denounced pakeha 'racialism' and affirmed his commitment to a bicultural New Zealand and to Ngata's vision for the economic, cultural and social development of Maori.

Dr Oliver Sutherland is a retired scientist who studied first at the University of Canterbury and then joined Cambridge University and the University of California (Berkeley). He joined the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research in 1969, retiring in 2003. He has had a long relationship with Maori organisations and with the anti-racism movement.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of Oliver's talk.

We look forward to seeing members and their friends on Tuesday 1 September 2015.

Reminder – Have you paid your subs?

A reminder for anyone who has not paid their annual subscription yet, that they are now due. You can pay at our next meeting on 2 September, otherwise contact Elizabeth Bradford at e.bradford@paradise.net.nz or Valerie Carter at vecarternz@paradise.net.nz.

June Meeting - AGM

The following officers were elected at the AGM:

President, Adrian Humphris

Vice-President, Jan Heynes

Secretary, Henry Brittain

Treasurer, Valerie Carter

Committee members:

Peter Anderson

Jo Elworthy

Elizabeth Bradford

Michael Foster

John Harper

Margery Renwick

Wendy Lynch

One committee member resigned, Jeni Bryant, and we had a new committee member elected, Wendy Lynch. We welcome Wendy and pass on thanks to Jeni for her time on committee.

We had a number of speakers in June, all with the theme of war-related stories. Kay Klitscher spoke about white poppies and white feathers. Peter Anderson told us about three of his relatives who served in both World Wars, with accompanying memorabilia including a photograph of his grandfather's war service scroll, a carved tokotoko (walking stick), a carved smoking pipe and a bugle. Bob Cameron gave a power point presentation about the WWI letters written by Leslie Gower, which Bob recovered from a suitcase at a Dunbar Sloane auction. Bob was then responsible for locating some of Leslie's relatives.

Committee Meeting

The new committee had its first meeting and was very pleased to welcome Adrian Humphris to the presidency, and new committee member Wendy Lynch.

One of the key discussions at the meeting related to our membership, how we can keep numbers up and attract new members, and what sorts of events the Society should be organising or arranging for members. One decision was to do a short member survey to get

some ideas around what events members would like, and what other areas the committee should be focusing on. We hope to do this later this year; if any members are interested, or have suggestions for events or activities they would like to see, please contact the president on 973 2612 or inkagh@clear.net.nz.

Volunteers to help Wendy with the Supper

Please contact the president on 973 2612 or inkagh@clear.net.nz if you are able to help with this task. It would be good if we had some different faces behind the 'bar'.

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 1 September!