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Patron: Hamish Keith

*This is the first newsletter for 2018 and has been compiled by Audrey. For up-to-date news about CTA activities and the wider world of heritage, make regular visits to our website at <http://civictrustauckland.org.nz/>*

### AGM - 12 November

The CTA AGM featured Simon Cook, Arboriculture and Ecological Specialist at Auckland Council, as the guest speaker, who described some of the work he has been doing since 1998 looking after bush and urban spaces for Auckland Council, including managing the Dutch Elm disease programme.

Simon described the problem of myrtle rust, which has not yet reached Auckland but is attacking pohutukawa and other natives throughout the country. He raised the question of how to fit cycleways into the existing environment. He showed slides of beautiful trees in central Auckland, and described the 76 hectares of Auckland Domain as "an amazing park," telling stories about its trees (including some of them falling on cars), as well as providing photos and stories of various trees in the central city. This led to a number of tree stories from the audience, as well as a myriad of questions. Simon finished his presentation by featuring the huge pohutukawa growing in front of Hamurana in Princes St, where CTA formerly had its home.

Most of those who had attended the AGM then walked the short distance to the Occidental in Vulcan Lane to enjoy food, drink and company, the last two of us not leaving until about 8pm.

The re-elected Board members are listed above, numbering just six. We are sorry that Julian Mitchell is no longer with us. Julian had indicated earlier in the year that commitments of family and his architectural practice might not allow him to continue in his role as Board member and treasurer. We much appreciate the contribution he has made to the organisation during the last seven years.

#### Board Members 2018

Allan Matson (president)

Audrey van Ryn

(vice-president, secretary  
& treasurer)

Margaret Barriball

Helen Geary

Munroe Graham

Bill Rayner

*CTA members at the AGM, in the Betty Wark Room  
at the Ellen Melville Centre*



*Simon Cook talking about Dutch Elm disease*



*photos: Helen Geary*

## Heritage Debate, 3 October, Ellen Melville Centre - Auckland Heritage Festival Event

This event attracted more than 50 people and the speakers in our final line-up were: Noel Reardon, Heritage Manager for Auckland Council; Sally Hughes, spokesperson for the Character Coalition; Allan Matson, our CTA president; John Radford, Auckland artist; Sandra Coney, member of the Waitākere Ranges Local Board, Rebecca Vertongen, planner for Heritage New Zealand, Pouhere Taonga; and Vernon Tava, member of the Waitemātā Local Board.



Speakers from top left: Hamish Keith (MC), Noel Reardon, Sandra Coney

Below: Allan Matson

*photos: Helen Geary*





**Portage Walks - Auckland Heritage Festival, in collaboration with Walk Auckland  
Ōtāhuhu - 8 October**



Each of us on the portage walks carried a boat along the way, as seen in the group photos.

Three people and a dog walked the portage route from Seaside Park to the Westfield Railway Station.

The New Lynn walk from Green Bay to Ken Maunder Park had much better weather and this time there were 23 people (and that dog again). John, a resident of the area, shared his local knowledge with us, and on the return route showed us some of the historic sites.

**New Lynn - 15 October**



Andy Smith of Walk Auckland

Historic kiln

Whau River



photos: Audrey van Ryn's camera



## AUT Business Student Researches CTA



Lisi Tupou, a third-year business student at AUT, featured CTA in one of her recent assignments.

For her report on a not-for-profit organisation, she searched for one that helps protect cultures and the environment.

She visited the website of each NFP organisation that she found from her research. She says, "Civic Trust Auckland had me after the first publication I read. When I emailed Civic Trust, Audrey replied almost immediately. She was willing to give me answers, despite her busy schedule."

The assignment was a written report on CTA's history, aims and mission, at least three problems that the organisation is facing and how the models and theories learned in class could help improve those organisational issues.

Lisi says that being Tongan has always made her appreciate her culture, other cultures, and the environment that our cultures value, and history.

She is on a full scholarship studying towards a Bachelor of Business, majoring in Human Resource Management and Employment Relations with a minor in Economics. Lisi says, "My interest in the environment and conservation includes the love I have found for volunteering with NFPs. I still think being a human resource manager is amazing, but I am definitely going for another degree in mathematics once I finish my scholarship bond." She adds: "Music and fiction books are my best friends and I love to take photos of nature, especially in the Islands."

## Rāhui Area Clarification

Te Kawerau ā Maki have released a clarification on the area covered by the Waitākere Rāhui to make it clear that it only covers the forest, but that **within the forest all tracks are closed** by the rāhui. The forest does not include: the roads, beaches, open space land adjacent to beaches, wetlands, lakes, dunes, paddocks, rocks, meadows, grass berms, cafes, the sea, golf courses, houses or surf clubs.

### Tracks open outside the rāhui area include:

Titirangi: Exhibition Drive

Cornwallis: Monument Track, Track to Spragg monument, Kakamatua Beach Walk

Huia: Huia Dam Road, Tracks at Hinge Bay beach, Huia Lookout Track

Whatipu: Track to beach, Whatipu Caves Track, Track to bench seat at Pukehuhu only (do not continue along Omanawanui Track), Signal House Track, Whatipu Coast Walk

Karekare: Pohutukawa Glade Walk, Track down stream to beach, Tunnel Point track

Piha: Tasman Lookout Track, Lion Rock Track, Rose Track to Whites Beach, Laird Thompson Track over Te Waha Point from North Piha

Anawhata: Anawhata Beach Track from end of road

Te Henga:, Track to beach from carpark, Lake Wainamu Track **north side only** to waterfalls, Te Henga Walkway

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Auckland has many other beautiful areas of bush. One is them is Henry Scenic Reserve at Patumahoe, recommended by Simon Cook during the AGM as "sublime" and pictured below.



photo: Chris van Ryn

## Scheduled Trees under Threat

CTA joined the Tree Council and others who have objected to the Cornwall Park Trust Board's application to remove two scheduled magnolias that are now the only ones remaining of the row of 12 that used to grace the edge of the parkland area surrounding the Sir John Logan Campbell monument in Campbell Crescent. This matter is yet to be decided.



*photo: Dean Purcell*

## Category B Building under Threat

Joining Heritage NZ and Auckland Council in objecting to the demolition of the St James Church Hall at 31 Esplanade Rd, CTA will be taking part in mediation, scheduled for 14 February, with the potential developers of the site.

## Chamberlain Park Masterplan

Board member Helen Geary attended the first day of the two-day hearing on 13 and 14 November, which has been adjourned to 8 February. CTA is a member of Save Chamberlain Park and we have provided the group with support and continue to be involved in the matter.

CTA's submissions on the above issues are on the website at:

<http://civictrustauckland.org.nz/submissions/>

## Happy 2018

Happy New Year to all our members and supporters. 2018 is the 50th anniversary of Civic Trust Auckland.



## CTA Mail Collection

Audrey would like to thank her mother, Lucy Lamb, for regularly collecting the mail from the CTA PO Box in Greenlane. She has willingly carried out this task for most of the seven years Audrey has been secretary.



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