



## NEWSLETTER NO. 2

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### Hamurana Visit - First Winter Lecture

*by Helen Geary (photos next pages)*

For over 20 years in the 1980s and 1990s, 29 Princes St, known as Hamurana, was the home of Civic Trust Auckland. One of the five merchant houses still preserved on Princes St, backing on to Albert Park, Hamurana has an important place in the history of CTA.

In our 50th year, we thought it would be interesting to revisit Hamurana and reflect on that history, and on Sunday 24th June, a sunny winter's afternoon, we remembered some of the Hamurana Civic Trust history.

We were also able to visit the neighbouring house, No. 27, which had modifications by architect Roy Lippincott, in 1934. It still has the original pressed tin ceiling in the Grand Room upstairs, and the original kitchen and breakfast nook from the 1930s.

We looked at photos and material from past years, along with reminiscences from Civic Trust members who worked out of Hamurana. Thanks to Gloria Jenkins, Margaret Barriball, Roy Clements, John Strevens and Tony Watkins for revisiting some of the many Civic Trust seminars, projects and social events organised from Hamurana.

*Thank you to Helen from the rest of the Board, for organising this event.*

### Board Members 2018

Allan Matson (president)  
Audrey van Ryn  
(vice-president, secretary  
& treasurer)  
Margaret Barriball  
Helen Geary  
Munroe Graham  
Bill Rayner



Hamurana - photo: Audrey van Ryn

### Holy Trinity Cathedral Second Winter Lecture 2 September

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Image: Wikimedia



Visit to merchant houses at no. 29 (Hamurana) & 27 Princes St (*photos - Roy Clements*)



*Valerie Richards, Gloria Jenkins*



*Allan Matson, Adam Parkinson, Clive Harvey*



*Helen Geary*



*Roy Clements - photo: Helen Geary*



*John Strevens, Clive Watkins, Tony Watkins*



*Geoff Shearman, Cheryl Taylor*



*Margaret Barriball, Gloria Jenkins, Audrey van Ryn*



## Hamurana Past Times *(photos kindly provided by Roy Clements)*



*Sheila Weight, Colleen R*



*Judy Evitt, Stephen & Teresa Cashmore*



*John Adam, Ann Holdaway*



*Mr & Mrs Friedlander*



*Hamurana social gathering*



*David & Irene Grove, James Lunday*



*Mayor Robbie (former CTA patron) & visitors*



*Elise Lello, Brenda Loader, Jo Donovan*



*Dorothy Winstone, Marilyn Smith*



*The Lex Pistols*



*Outside Hamurama*



*Carol Sanders, Elaine Bartley, Ken Porter, Mary Buckland James Lunday ...*



*Judy Evitt, Cherry Godfrey, Dorothy Brewster*



## Holy Trinity Cathedral - Second Winter Lecture Sunday, 2 September

Our second winter lecture has slipped into spring. We have the opportunity to visit the Holy Trinity Cathedral complex in Parnell, consisting of the cathedral itself (being the mother church of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland), St Mary's church and the new Bishop Selwyn Chapel (pictured).

Mariana Nordmark, the Welcomers' Coordinator, will lead our tour. We will meet at 3pm at the visitor centre, at the St Stephens Ave end of the complex. After our visit, refreshments will be available at Kinder House, 2 Ayr St, a short stroll along Parnell Rd.

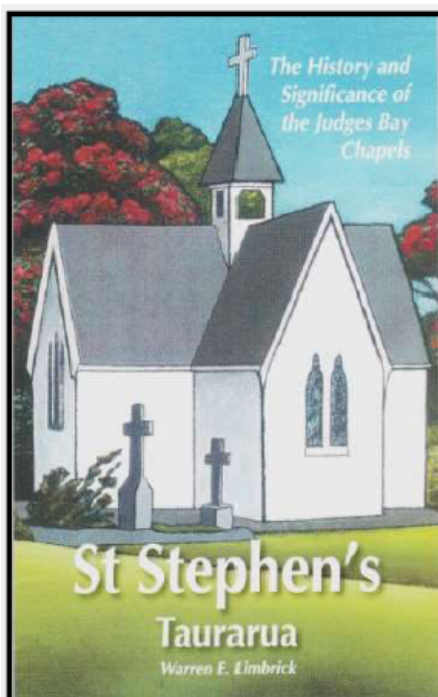
Transport possibilities include: a train to Newmarket or Parnell, the Link bus, bicycle, foot or car - parking available in surrounding streets including Brighton Rd, the Cathedral carpark (disabled parking) or by St Mary's.

The address is 446 Parnell Rd. See <http://www.holy-trinity.org.nz/>

Thank you to Margaret for organising this event. Put it in your diary if you are planning to come.



<http://www.holy-trinity.org.nz/>



### *St Stephen's Taurarua: The History & Significance of the Judge's Bay Chapels*

The 2<sup>nd</sup> enlarged edition of Warren Limbrick's extended essay on the Chapels of 1844 & 1856, with vignettes of a score of St Stephen's people, will be launched at the Selwyn Library by Dean Anne Mills and Parnell Heritage.

**Sunday, 22 July at 3.30 pm at  
Selwyn Library, 8 St Stephen's Avenue, Parnell**

Members of Parnell and Remuera Heritage are especially welcome

There is no charge for the event, but please register at [enquiries@parnellheritage.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@parnellheritage.org.nz) for catering purposes

## Volcanic Cones Society and Crater Hill

*by Munroe Graham*

Civic Trust Auckland wishes to congratulate the Auckland Volcanic Cones Society (AVCS) and its associated experts for their efforts in successfully opposing efforts by the owners of this splendid volcanic landform (with the status of an “outstanding natural feature”), to obtain consent for the construction of over 500 homes. This type of development would have obliterated one of the most important volcanic features remaining in Auckland, which has been quarried for many years, yet is still almost 80% intact.

AVCS was involved as a section 274 party, assisting Auckland Council in appealing the commissioner’s incomprehensible decision to overturn protection for the site under the proposed Auckland Unitary Plan. This was a costly exercise for all, and AVCS were ably assisted by Bruce Hayward, geologist and expert in volcanology, who acted pro bono; also, planning and legal input was kindly given under friendly terms.

This outcome, although welcome, is not the end of the matter. The volcano will not be fully protected until it has been brought into public ownership and the threat of some form of destructive future development removed.

Fortunately there are several reasons why this avenue should receive the support of both government and Auckland Council. Crater Hill potentially interlinks via a future “Queen’s chain” reserve with Pukaki to the west, which is in mixed crown and local iwi ownership. Together with additional land along Tidal Road needed to provide public amenities, this would produce a much needed regional park in the heart of South Auckland, unique in encompassing two significant volcanic land forms.

Importantly, with the steady elimination of vehicle access to Auckland’s main volcanoes, it will be one of the best venues available, giving access for the elderly and infirm to study a volcano up close, because land contours are generally gentle from Tidal Road through to the floor of the Pukaki crater.



*photo: Scoop*

Such a regional park would be capable of telling many stories. There is the obvious geological one, centred upon one of the most beautiful miniature crater lakes to be found anywhere. There is the land – water boundary on a quiet estuary, with its potential to explain why this fragile interface is important now and how it was carefully protected by local iwi and Māori generally. There is the story of the local remnant of Waiohū and their ancestral achievements which can be seen today sculpted upon most of the prominent maunga throughout the isthmus and elsewhere, for that tribe was dominant in Tāmaki Makaurau long before Ngāti Whātua arrived in the region during the mid to late 18<sup>th</sup> century. There is the story of market gardening and the part played (and still being played) by Chinese ancestors and their descendants on land along Tidal Road and throughout Māngere and greater Auckland. There is also the story of the present Crater Hill owners and their ancestral land holdings in the area from early settler times.

In brief, it is potentially a regional park of huge importance, readily accessible (so low carbon footprint) and easily traversed, thus ticking more boxes than any other site that might be under consideration at the present time. Actually, under the legacy Manukau Council, funds were set aside and a purchase offer made over 10 years ago. This effort needs to progress to a successful conclusion, for surely those funds have not been frittered away. As a heavily whispered aside, it might be worth mentioning that site purchase might cost in the order of a flag referendum, and purchase plus development would be far less than the taxpayers are (somewhat reluctantly) giving towards the next big yacht race to be held in Auckland.

## 50 Trees for 50 Years

As one of CTA's anniversary events, we are undertaking a planting of 50 native trees this winter in Harbutt Reserve, next to Oakley Creek, as part of the restoration programme being carried out by Friends of Oakley Creek. Details to come.



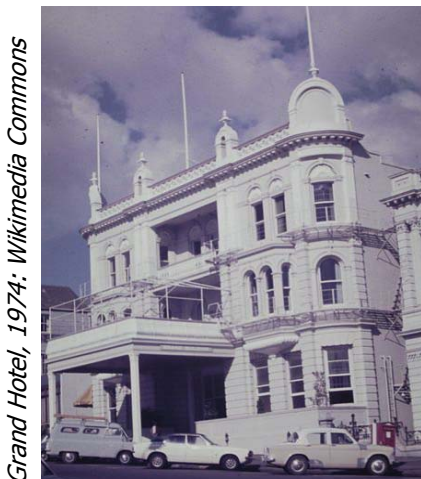
*whau tree*

## Auckland Heritage Festival "Incendiary 1901"

This year the festival runs from 29 September to 14 October and the theme is Ngā iwi o Tāmaki Makaurau – celebrating the heritage of our people.

Each year CTA has an event in the festival, and this time we are collaborating with Grow Your Own Productions in presenting the play "Incendiary 1901" by Christine Day Beardon. It is based on events at the Grand Hotel in Princes Street which led to it being burnt to the ground, with only the façade remaining today. The play will be presented as a dramatised reading in period costume.

*Sun 30 Sept, 4pm, Ellen Melville Centre  
Sat 29 Sept & Sat 6 Oct, 7.30pm  
Artworks Theatre, Waiheke*



*Grand Hotel, 1974. Wikimedia Commons*

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