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This newsletter reports on CTA activities and news since late last year, though if you have been visiting the CTA website and Facebook page, you may already be up to date.

Listed on the right are the Board members elected at the AGM in November. Longstanding members will recognise that these names have been largely unchanged for the last decade. The current Board have, over time, become involved in a range of activities and commitments outside of CTA and are therefore seeking input from other members in order to sustain the organisation.

Board Members 2019

Allan Matson (president)

Audrey van Ryn
(interim secretary)

Helen Geary (treasurer)

Margaret Barriball
Munroe Graham

Bill Rayner

Our second Board meeting of this year will be in conjunction with a 20-minute presentation by a master's planning student (see below). Further details about this meeting will be sent by email closer to the date.

Corporate funding of heritage conservation

Tuesday 2 April at Kinder House (time TBC)

Kok Hong Wan, a Master of Urban Planning (Prof) and Heritage Conservation student at the University of Auckland, presents his research on this topic. His abstract reads as follows:

Heritage sites often struggle with funding constraints for maintenance. There have been solutions to save them from the wrecking ball, but it often involves individual philanthropy or government intervention by means of tax rebates or acquisition. Struggling heritage sites are often privatised, which often result negatively in regards to its cultural significance. This research aims to promote the role of private corporations in the maintenance of heritage sites by incorporating "Corporate Social Responsibility" (CSR). Several case studies are raised and the effectiveness of bridging partnership between private corporation and heritage sites through this approach is discussed.



Carlile House - photo provided by CTA

50th anniversary tree planting

CTA members planted 50 trees in Harbutt Reserve, Oakley Creek, Mt Albert, on Saturday 18 August, the planting organised by Wendy John of Friends of Oakley Creek, a group which has been carrying out restoration work in the area since 2004. Wendy provided spades and gloves and showed us how to plant the trees she had sourced. About a week ago, she mentioned that the trees are “looking good” but would appreciate some rain. We have registered our planting on the Trees that Count website.

Botanical name	Common Name	PB size	Total
<i>Alectryon excelsus</i>	Titoki	PB8-12	5
<i>Beilschmedia tarairi</i>	Taraire	PB8-12	2
<i>Dysoxylum spectabile</i>	Kohekohe	PB8-12	2
<i>Entelea arborescens</i>	Whau	PB3-8	3
<i>Hedycarya arborea</i>	Porokaiwhiri / Pigeonwood	PB3-8	5
<i>Knightia excelsa</i>	Rewarewa	PB8-12	2
<i>Leptospermum scoparium</i>	Manuka	PB3-5	5
<i>Melicytus ramiflorus</i>	Mahoe	PB3-5	6
<i>Myrsine australis</i>	Mapou	PB3-5	5
<i>Podocarpus totara</i>	Totara	PB8-12	2
<i>Prumnopitys ferruginea</i>	Miro	PB8-12	2
<i>Pseudopanax arboreus</i>	Whauwhaupaku / Five Finger	PB3-5	5
<i>Sophora microphylla</i>	Kowhai	PB8-12	3
<i>Vitex lucens</i>	Puriri	PB8-12	3
			50

photo - Wendy John



Incendiary 1901

CTA's event in the Auckland Heritage Festival last year was in collaboration with Waiheke theatre company, Grow Your Own Productions, which put on this play reading in period costume three times in the festival. CTA provided practical and financial support for the Auckland production on Sunday 30 September in the Ellen Melville Hall in the city centre, attended by about 50 people. There were also two performances on Waiheke, one to a full house.

Written and directed by Christine Beardon, the play was about a suspicious fire at the Grand Hotel in Princes St in 1901, and the court case that followed.



The Grand Hotel after the fire

photos left & below - Phillipa Karn Photography



photo - Allan Matson

AGM 17 November

CTA's 50th AGM was held at Kinder House, with guest speaker Glen Hazelton, Director of Organisational Development at Heritage NZ. He talked with enthusiasm about his part in the revitalisation of the warehouse district in Dunedin, during the time he was Team Leader Urban Design and Policy Planner (Heritage) for Dunedin City Council.

The business of the AGM included an illustrated presentation by the president of CTA activities during our anniversary year.

Refreshments in the garden followed, including the anniversary cake, and we were entertained by Ramona Rurawhe's poi dances.

photo - Allan Matson

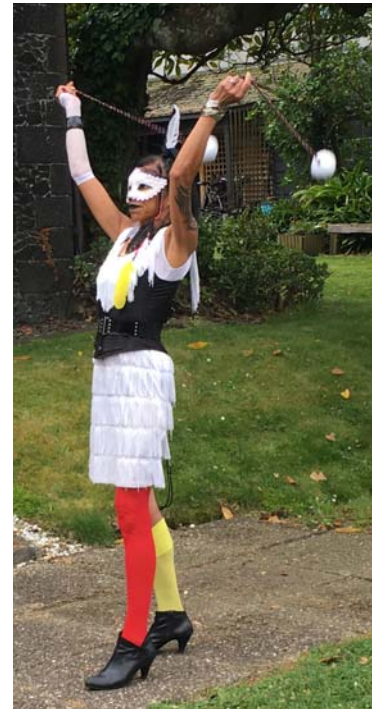


l-r: Audrey van Ryn, Helen Geary, Jillian de Beer, Glen Hazelton

photo - Helen Geary



The president cuts the cake



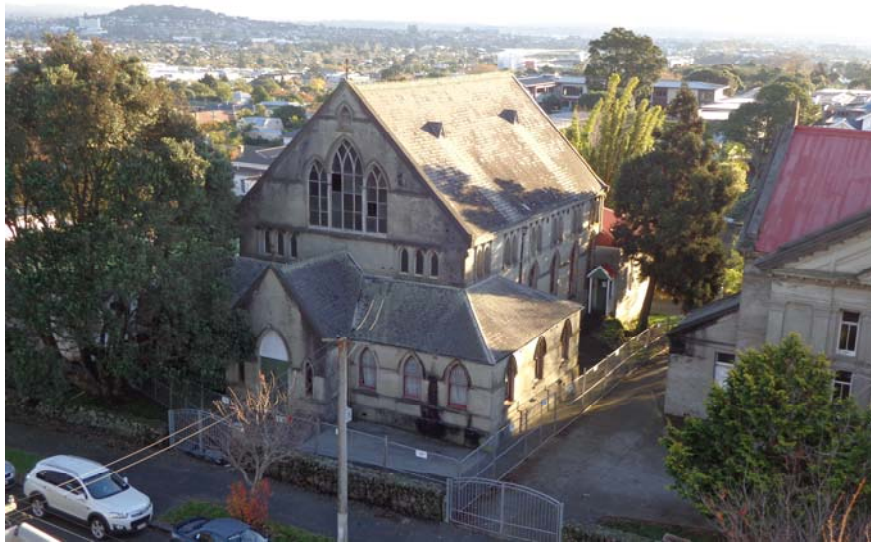
Ramona Rurawhe performs poi dances, photos - Helen Geary

St James Hall

CTA has been a 274 party, with Heritage NZ, in support of Auckland Council in the case about this Category B building on the corner of Esplanade and View Rds in Mt Eden. The December 14 Environment Court decision, under Judge Smith, was to demolish the hall, due to the risk it presented to the public and the adjacent properties.

Subsequent to this decision, the hall was seriously damaged by fire, and the next day Auckland Council ordered that what remained should be demolished. However, the vestibule is still standing, and Auckland Council sought for this remaining piece of heritage fabric to be allowed to remain. But the judge has said no.

Meanwhile, the entire site is now up for sale, with the developer, View West, walking away from the development it had planned for the church on the site. Perhaps someday someone will write a play about this saga, complete with villains and heroes.



St James Hall
photos - Allan Matson



Chamberlain Park

Save Chamberlain Park Inc. filed judicial proceedings in the High Court before Christmas against Auckland Council's plans to redevelop Chamberlain Park, which included reducing the well-used 18-hole golf course to a nine-hole course. The hearing is due on 7 June. The proposed works on stage 2 of the Chamberlain Park Masterplan have been stalled.

Civic Trust Auckland has supported the views of Save Chamberlain Park. Our submission on the redevelopment included the following:

As the only public golf course on the central isthmus, Chamberlain Park is not just a local park within the Albert Eden Local Board area. It is a city wide asset ... providing access to golf for a wide cross-section of the population, in terms of age, gender, ethnicity and socio-economic status.

The course is very well patronised – over 50,000 rounds of golf per year ...

CTA supports the retention of a quality 18 hole public course for the benefit of all Aucklanders.



Auckland Volcanic Cones Society

The previous newsletter carried an article written by Munroe Graham about the AVCS's sterling efforts to successfully oppose a resource consent application for 500 homes to be built in the region of this outstanding natural feature, including up to 275 homes on its lower slopes. The AVCS would be very appreciative of donations towards the cost of experts they have engaged to present a strong case in the High Court.

Their bank details are:

Auckland Volcanic Cones Society Inc.

ASB account: 12-3025-0297465-52

See <https://civictrustauckland.org.nz/crater-hill-volcano-saved-from-housing-developments/>



Crater Hill, Papatoetoe

Auckland Museum

LATE Taiatea: Gathering of Oce

Monday, 11 March, 6pm

Adults \$25, Institute members \$20, students \$20, door sales \$30

Marine Ecology - lost, found and sustained. Significant and worsening threats to marine environments mean that urgent, internationally coordinated action to protect the global ocean is essential. This panel discussion will examine post-anthropocentric and indigenous world-views and delve into how human action affects the marine environments, how and why research is being blocked by government agencies and attempt to inspire innovative future problem-solving, as well as new ways of engaging with our moana.

Ban Plastic Waste Exports

Greenpeace petition

Over half of the world's plastic rubbish is dumped onto developing nations like Malaysia. Plastics labelled as "recyclable" are dumped or illegally burned.

Each year, NZ ships 41,000 tonnes of plastic waste overseas. Only 9% of plastics ever produced have been recycled. Twelve percent is burned into our atmosphere and all remaining plastic waste ends up in landfills or the environment.

The Government should ban the export of plastic waste overseas and adopt a national strategy to dramatically cut single-use plastic at home.

<https://act.greenpeace.org/page/34884/petition/1?chain>



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