

WHAKATANE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.



About the Historical Society

The Bay of Plenty Maori Historical & Research Society was formed in 1933, but its activities were cut short by World War II. Much of its material was passed to the present Historical Society when it was formed in 1952 by H.D. 'Jack' London and others, who set about collecting archives, records & artefacts of the district, as well as forming a museum committee, which led to the opening of the museum in 1972. In 1958 the newsletters of the Society were transformed into Historical Review, which continues to be published. A number of significant memoirs and Monographs have also been published.

Over the years members of the Society have been involved in a considerable amount of archaeological fieldwork and occasionally excavation, for instance after the initial discovery of the Te Kohika swamp pa, near Matata, in 1974. The Society also offered its members a programme of talks and field trips.

Today many of the activities that the Society pioneered locally have been taken over by other organisations, such as the Whakatane District Council, the NZ Archaeological Association, and the NZ Historic Places Trust. The Society therefore concentrates on the publication, in association with the Tauranga Historical Society, of the Bay of Plenty's sole historical periodical, the twice-yearly Historical Review, a substantial glossy A4 magazine, which is free to members of the Societies.

One of the Society's roles today is as an advocate and watchdog for things historical, in association with local iwi, producing submissions to the appropriate bodies when the district's heritage is thought to be under threat.

The Society also hosts occasional guest speakers, as well as running field trips to places of historical interest in the Bay of Plenty, for which members may receive a discount.

Membership

Membership entitles you to:

- 2 free issues of Historical Review each year;
- a vote at the AGM & an opportunity to seek election to the Society's Council;
- Occasional discounts on trips, etc.

To join, please complete and return the attached form and make payment by cheque to 'Whakatane & District Historical Society' or by electronic transfer to the Society's account 02-0488-0027564-00 at the BNZ Whakatane Branch. For reference please quote your surname and one of the following codes: 276 (NZ subs) or 277 (Overseas subs).

Donations

The Historical Society is a registered charity (CC32230), so donations are tax deductible within the current limits. Please keep electronic transfers separate from subscriptions and give your surname and 271 as reference. A receipt will be issued.

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I wish to become a member of the Society:

NAME (Please print)

ADDRESS

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.....Postcode

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S)

EMAIL ADDRESS

(I agree to receive emails on Society-related matters.)

SIGNATURE

DATE

NOMINATED BY:

DR IAN SHEARER [PRESIDENT]

Payment of \$..... is enclosed.

OR I have paid \$..... by electronic transfer.

Annual subscription is currently NZ\$25.00 [NZ] or NZ\$60.00 [Overseas].

NB: Except for donations, no receipts are issued unless a SAE is supplied.

Please send form and subscription to:

The Hon Secretary
Whakatane & District Historical Society
P O Box 203, WHAKATANE 3158, New Zealand

Information supplied on this form will be held on a database and only used for Society-related purposes. You may check your entry on request.

