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Mount Street Cemetery Newsletter

Conservation Work Receives Welcome Boost

Heritage headstone repairs

The Committee was delighted to receive news at the end of last year that a funding application to Lottery Grants had been successful. This generous grant will enable us to repair a total of eight heritage headstones—a significant step in progress on our conservation agenda.

We are now developing a timeline to have this work completed by heritage stonemason Kim Stops of Headstone World, Hastings.

Family restores ancestors' headstone

Stagpoole/ Stackpoole family descendants recently completed restoration of the headstone of their ancestor Mary Stackpoole, who died

in 1883 (restored headstone at left).

An article on Mary and her husband Bartholomew appeared in Newsletter Issue 8.

'Closed for Good' opens pathway

We are very appreciative that BNZ staff regularly assist with maintenance on their annual 'Closed for Good' community service day.

Last year's volunteer efforts resulted in discovery of an original brick pathway along the boundary line. Plenty of excitement when you volunteer at Mount Street!

Our honorary archaeologist Mary O'Keeffe stepped in to investigate further.

Mary's exploration of the site, and scoping of further conservation work, is likely to take some time.

Fruits of your support

Members have now been invoiced for this year's subscription. Some are kind enough to provide an additional donation, and we certainly appreciate that, as we have kept subs low and unchanged since 2010.

Come and visit, and see what has been achieved with your support. The trees planted last year are growing well, and we are planning further landscaping with trees and bulbs. The Committee thanks you all.

Ken Scadden, museum curator, maritime historian, archivist, author — founding Committee member

The Committee notes with great sadness the passing in October 2016 of Ken Scadden, founding member of the Friends' Committee.

Ken gave so generously of his time and expertise, making a huge contribution to our research and records activities and the Committee's stewardship of conservation efforts.

For 10 years Director of the Museum of Wellington City & Sea, President of the Maritime Archaeological

Association, and a well-published maritime historian and archivist, Ken researched, compiled and wrote *Maritime Memories of Mount Street Cemetery*, a collection of Mount Street's maritime stories.

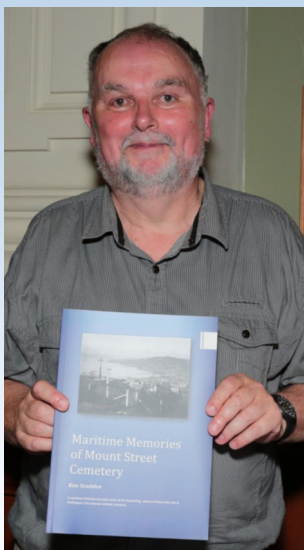
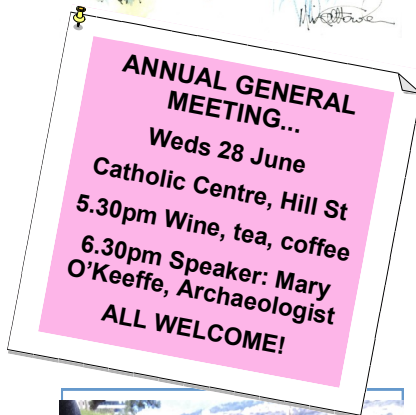
It was launched at the Museum with a characteristically lively talk by Ken, attended by a capacity crowd.

The genesis of the book had been a presentation Ken gave as a fundraiser for the Friends in 2012, which had held a large

audience enthralled. Ken donated all proceeds from sales to our Mount Street conservation efforts. His final book, *Rugged Coast, Rough Seas*, a maritime history of the Wairarapa region, was published in November 2016.

Rest in peace, Ken.

Readers are also referred to the *Dominion Post* obituary: www.stuff.co.nz/dominion-post/news/wellington/87358835/Obituary-Ken-Scadden-passionate-historian-of-Wellingtons-watery-past-1952-2016



Ken Scadden at the standing-room-only launch of *Maritime Memories* in Feb 2014

FRIENDS OF MOUNT STREET CEMETERY

The *Friends of Mount Street Cemetery* was established in 2010 to preserve, protect and enhance the heritage of the Mount Street Cemetery for the benefit of all. Consecrated by Bishop Pompallier in 1841, the Mount Street Cemetery was the first Cemetery in Wellington for Catholic burials, and contains the graves of about 1100 Wellington pioneers.

You can become a member of the *Friends* now by payment of an annual subscription. Any additional donations are very welcome. As we are a registered charity, all donations of \$5 and over are tax-deductible. All funds received will be put towards the ongoing work of protecting, conserving and maintaining the Cemetery for the benefit of all.

By becoming a member:

- Your subscription/donation will help to preserve this important part of Wellington's heritage.
- You will be informed of the on-going work through the *Friends'* newsletters.
- You can assist in the voluntary work, including research and working bees.
- You will learn more about this unique and precious area in the heart of Wellington.

Your financial support would be greatly appreciated for this important heritage project.

Please direct any enquiries you may have to: Karen Adair, President, Friends of Mount Street Cemetery,
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I would like to become a member of the *Friends of Mount Street Cemetery*.

Name:

Address:

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Please indicate the type of membership for the year 1 April 2017 – 31 March 2018:

Individual	\$15
Family	\$20
Religious Order	\$40
Corporate	\$100
Donation	\$ _____ (<i>Donations of \$5 and over are tax deductible</i>)
TOTAL ENCLOSED	\$ _____

Payment Options (*Note: all payments will be receipted*)

You may send a cheque made out to
Friends of Mount Street Cemetery to:
Friends of Mount Street Cemetery
Archdiocese of Wellington
PO Box 1937
WELLINGTON 6140



You may pay directly to our bank account

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(If you choose this option please indicate your name in the reference field and don't forget to email us with your address details so we can send you a receipt and keep you informed of progress with the project.)

If you have ancestors buried in the Cemetery please provide details if you have not already sent these to us.