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Noun: oculus, plural noun : oculi

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*The Voice of Heritage
for New Zealand*

Historic Places Aotearoa

The Historic Places Aotearoa 2016 AGM is being proudly hosted by Historic Places Hawke's Bay in Napier on the 28th and 29th October.

Some of the highlights to look forward to are:

NAPIER!



photos courtesy of the Art Deco Trust

Historic Places Hawke's Bay has arranged an Art Deco Walk and Bus Tour of Hawke's Bay for the HPA AGM attendees. *There is almost nothing to compare to the local heritage advocates showing and talking to you about what they really enjoy- their local heritage... There is lot of it in Napier and its surroundings...*



AGM Key Note Address:
**by Hon. Craig Foss on behalf
of Hon. Maggie Barry**
(Minister for Arts Culture and
Heritage)



AGM Address including Q & A
by Jacinda Ardern M.P. (Labour
Spokesperson for Arts Culture
and Heritage)

Heritage New Zealand's Chair Wyatt Creech and Acting CEO Nicola Jackson will be attending.



James Blackburne the HPA President will be working hard to ensure the programme runs smoothly.
Some of the most important AGM conversations is the informal networking by heritage advocates and activists as they compare notes and share advice.
Don't forget to include James in your discussions!

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Facebook: HistoricPlacesAotearoa



Bringing Heritage together in NZ, 29th -30th October

Historic Places Aotearoa invites heritage groups and heritage advocates to the Hawkes Bay for a weekend of events and workshops.

The aim of the weekend is to help strengthen the heritage networks in New Zealand and to consider how these networks can be developed to better advocate for the protection our heritage throughout New Zealand.

The workshop on the Saturday afternoon will be facilitated with this aim in mind.

We believe that it is important that Heritage Groups and Advocates develop a strong voice, so that as a collective we can greater influence government and local government, to ensure that our heritage is recognised and protected for future generations to enjoy and cherish.

“Each of us on our own can only do so much – speaking together, as one, our voice will carry so much further,” says HPA President James Blackburne

When: 29th and 30th October

Where: MTG Century Theatre
65 Marine Parade
Napier.

Programme

Saturday 29th October

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| 11.15 – 12.00 | AGM |
| 12:00 – 12:30 | Lunch |
| 12.30 – 1.00 | Address by Jacinda Ardern including Q&A |
| 1:00 – 1:30 | Key Note Address by Hon. Craig Foss on behalf of Hon. Maggie Barry |
| 1:30 – 1:45 | Break |
| 1.45 – 4.30 | Facilitated Workshop
Bringing Heritage together in NZ |
| 4:30 – 5:30 | Art Deco Walk with Art Deco Guides |
| 6:30 | Dinner – Napier RSA \$28.00 per head |

Sunday 30th October

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| 9.30 – 11.30 | Bus tour of Hawkes Bay
Meet at Art Deco, 7 Tennyson Street |
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Cost \$40 per person. This covers:-

- lunch on Saturday at the venue, afternoon tea
- two guided tours.

There is no charge for attendance for Members of HPA Membership Organisations

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Heritage in Parliament

The Following are the designated political Heritage contacts in Parliament.

Historic Places Aotearoa encourages all heritage groups to invite the politicians to give speeches and attend their local events.

The prospect of the Minister and M.P.s travelling the country attending Heritage Events, giving formal and informal speeches (and preparing by researching local heritage) can only be good for our Heritage. It is a great chance for you as Advocates to raise issues with them informally. The attendance of M.P.s is often covered by the Media which is great for generating publicity.

It all starts with an event/ debate/speech then sending/emailing them an invitation ...



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The Māori Party has provided guidance that while Marama Fox does not have a formal role on Heritage she can be contacted for lobbying etc re general Heritage issues.

HERITAGE NEWS FROM THE HPA MEMBERSHIP ORGANISATIONS

Hawke's Bay Heritage Network

The boundaries of Historic Places Hawke's Bay cover a large geographical area including the local authorities of Wairoa, Hastings and Central Hawke's Bay Districts and Napier City. Within this area there are a number of heritage and history-related groups operating.

Last year HPHB decided to contact all these organisations and interest groups and look at forming a heritage/history network within Hawke's Bay. Our aim was to provide opportunities to share information, establish a conduit for individual groups to publicise events to the wider interest group, and also to coordinate event planning by individual organisations so that date clashes would be avoided.

In November 2015 an initial meeting of the proposed network in Havelock North was well supported. The representatives of the various groups introduced themselves and their organisation, and briefly outlined their aims and activities. There was a unanimous agreement to form the network, to facilitate the sharing of information and to hold a network meeting at least once each year. HPHB is providing secretarial services for the new network.

To date, the organisations in the network include Napier's Art Deco Trust, the Hawke's Bay Branch of the Founders' Society, the Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank (a digital history archive based at Stoneycroft, a heritage building in Hastings), Hawke's Bay Heritage Trails (still very active in our area), The Onga Onga Historical Society, the Central Hawke's Bay Settlers' Museum and several other organisations. Heritage officers at the Napier City Council and Hastings District Council are also associated with the network.

Heritage New Zealand Central Region staff have also been taking a close interest in the formation of the network as a useful vehicle for maintaining contact with our Hawke's Bay region. Clare Craig, General Manager of the Central Region of HNZPT has accepted our invitation to address a meeting of the Hawke's Bay Heritage Network this month (September).

Our Historic Places Hawke's Bay committee has found the network useful in publicising forthcoming events and, as a result, we had a larger than usual attendance at our AGM held at Te Aute College on Sunday 28 August.

Through the Hawke's Bay Heritage Network we look forward to even stronger and more effective heritage advocacy and awareness in our region through the continuing and combined activities of the groups that have formed the network.

We need your support to help us maintain the Mokopeka Power Station on the Maraetotara Stream near Havelock North. This is one of Hawke's Bay industrial heritage gems and is a Cat 1 on the HNZ List. The power station was built by John Chambers of Mokopeka Station in 1892, with an increase in capacity in 1926. Used to power the Mokopeka homestead, the farm buildings and a neighbouring property. It was connected to the national grid in 1965. It continued to provide winter heating for the homestead until recent years and has resumed this duty again this winter, making it one of the longest continuous serving hydro- electric power stations in New Zealand, if not the whole world!

The Power Board maintained the site but the property passed to overseas ownership so this link was lost. Various dedicated volunteers working on a strictly casual and unofficial basis have maintained some upkeep, but now a more formal and organised arrangement is required to secure the future of this heritage site. Major subsidence of a section of the riverbank, which could have carried away part of the water race feeding the power station, threatened the site in 2012. This damage was made good with extensive concrete work financed by the then NZ Historic Places Trust and the owner.

Maintenance of the site has been erratic the future upkeep is now being secured by the formation of a new group, "**Friends of the Mokopeka Power Station (FMPS)**". **FMPS, which is part of Historic Places Hawke's Bay, is committed to the organised upkeep of the site**, which includes the power house, water race and the weir across the Maraetotara Stream and is in the process of formalising access and other necessary arrangements with the owner. Recent work has included cleaning and sealing of the water race, sealing the weir, trimming of overhanging trees, removal of fallen trees and branches, clearing drains around the power station building, bird-proofing and a general tidy up of the surroundings. There are plans to repaint the building this year and to replace rotting woodwork. Work is also needed to maintain foot bridges and generally upgrade the access around the site.

General housekeeping of the site can be handled by working bees but FMPS will need to secure some ongoing income and possible sponsorship to cover costlier projects as they arise and basic costs like insurance. **We would be most grateful for your support by becoming a Friend of the Mokopeka Power Station for an annual subscription of \$20.00.**

Apart from financial support, becoming a Friend will probably make it easier to legitimately visit the site, which is on private property, a long way from the road, with no public access. In the meantime, we look forward to you joining the **Friends of the Mokopeka Power Station** and supporting the future security of this unique and outstanding heritage site.

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Historic Places Mid Canterbury Puts Heritage In The Ashburton Council Election Campaigns!

The Ashburton District Council is consulting on the sites identified by Opus as suitable for new combined Council Offices and Library. A last minute inclusion was an option that proposed the likely demolition of the brick Methodist Church in Baring Square.

Whilst the building is not protected, Historic Places Mid Canterbury (HPMC) initiated a campaign to save the historic Baring Square Methodist Church. HPMC ran an Ad in Ashburton's The Courier, letters were written to Editor and there was media coverage and an image of the Chair Julie Luxton looking "grumpy" in front of the Church.

All this occurred whilst the elections were being held for the Ashburton District Council.

The result is that at Councilor Candidate election meetings there were declarations of support for retention of the Church and both Mayoral Candidates then made contact with the Chair.

HPMC is confident of a positive result!

Checkout the HPMC Newsletter for a scan of the above article!

<http://historicplacesaotearoa.org.nz/historic-places-mid->

Historic Places Wellington Seeks Wellingtons Mayoral Candidates Views On Heritage

Historic Places Wellington sent a series questions on Heritage to Wellington's Mayoral Candidates (6 of the 8 replied). The Candidates replies were then compiled and posted with the questions on the HPW web site for all to read.

Whilst many of the questions were Wellington specific we have included them as you may find them useful reference for the future:

1. Matters concerning heritage buildings are a heated topic in Wellington's media. What is your position on heritage buildings in Wellington?
2. With the high demand for housing and development in Wellington, what is your position on those developments which risk the demolition of heritage buildings?
3. Do you support maintaining or increasing the Wellington City Council Built Heritage Fund?
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5. What is your vision for historic places' role in Wellington's future?
6. We welcome any other comments you may wish to make on this subject.

Heritage New Zealand Planning Workshop South Island

Historic Places Mid Canterbury has initiated a request asking if Heritage New Zealand Christchurch Office could hold a **Weekend Heritage Planning Workshop for Heritage Advocates**.

HNZ has been informally positive on the idea and individuals with an interest in planning from Historic Places Mid Canterbury, Historic Places Canterbury and South Canterbury Historical Society are in email discussion on the subjects they would like covered and the location of the workshop.

FASCES (An Architectural Term defined).

The word *fasces* means "bundle" and refers to the fact that it is a bundle of rods, which surrounded an axe in the middle. In ancient Rome, the lictors carried fasces before consul, praetors and dictators, i.e., magistrates that held *imperium* (which means that they had the right to command and interpret the flight of the birds). Other people escorted by lictors with fasces were Vestal Virgins, governors, and the commanders of legions. ...

... In the eighteenth century, the fasces received a second life, when the young United States and republican France started to use ancient Roman symbols. Both were progressive revolutionary nations that imitated the Roman republican constitution.

The use of *fasces* by the Italian dictator Benito Mussolini is quite another story. In 1921, he called his political movement *Fasci di combattimento*, *fascio* being the Italian word for peasant organizations and labor unions. ...

Source: <http://www.livius.org/articles/concept/fasces/>



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South Canterbury Historical Society Are Opposing The Proposed Demolition Of Timaru's Landmark Hydro Grand Hotel



A resource consent application was submitted by Bayhill Developments in August seeking to demolish the landmark Hydro Grand Hotel of Timaru. Built in 1912 to the design of the Timaru Architects Hall & Marchant, the three storied hotel was built to cater for the development of Caroline Bay as a tourist destination. The ground floor exterior was modified in 1914 with the conversion of shop spaces into a lounge and dining room. In the 1970's the roof line was modified following wind damage from a severe storm that hit South Canterbury. The landmark dome was replaced in 1996 and replaced with a fibreglass replica. For the last two decades the building has been unused with minimal maintenance.

The current owner Alan Booth purchased the building in 2013, and with the businessman Alan Pye formed Bayhill Development, which propose demolishing the Hydro Grand building and replacing it with three building on the surrounding sites. Where the Hydro Grand is now, is proposed to site a six storied office block, behind which will be a 32 apartment complex of seven stories and an additional six storied, 68 room hotel unit. The exterior of the buildings are to be formed of aluminium composite panelling, bronze cladding, and woven aluminium and steel sheeting

There have been seventeen submissions to the application, the majority against.

Heritage New Zealand have pointed out that there is insufficient information in the heritage assessment and engineering report aspects of the submission to make an informed decision, and the South Canterbury Historical Society and Timaru Civic Trust are two of the other parties opposed to the submission.

The Timaru Civic Trust has engaged a lawyer for the upcoming hearing. It is understood one other submitter has legal representation.