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Noun: oculus, plural noun : oculi

Meaning: A round or eyelike opening or design, in particular

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*The Voice of Heritage
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Historic Places Aotearoa AGM Weekend Events

The following is the updated Programme of Events.

PROGRAMME OF AGM WEEKEND EVENTS

Palmerston North, 13 - 14 October 2018

Hosted by the Historic Places Manawatu - Horowhenua

Saturday – 13th October

Venue:- Caccia Birch, 130 Te Awe Awe Street, Palmerston North

10:00 to 10:30am Morning Tea

10:30 – 11:15 AGM

11:15- 12.00 Regional Delegates - Regional Roundup

12:00 - 12:45 Lunch

12:45 - 1:00 Hon Iain Lees-Galloway

Speaking on behalf of the Minister for Arts Culture and Heritage, Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern.

**1:00 - 1:30 Andrew Coleman, CEO Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga –
Heritage NZ Update**

**1:30 - 2:30 Stefan Corbett, Manager Heritage Policy, Ministry of Culture and Heritage –
Heritage Protection Update following feedback and submissions**

**2:30 - 3:00 Matthew MacKay - Policy Planner at Palmerston North City Council
A local authority perspective; policy, projects and plans.**

3:00 - 3:15 Afternoon Tea

3:15 - 3.30 Hon Nicky Wagner -

National policy development - “listening and learning”

3:30 - 3:45 Wrap – Up

6:30 Dinner – Bethany’s Restaurant & Café - City Council Building, 32 A The Square

The costs for dinner are not covered by the AGM fee and will be at each person’s own cost.

Sunday – 14th October

9:15 -12:00 Bus Tour starting from the Caccia Birch

Anyone is welcome to attend the weekend events.

Cost - \$40 pp for the full day and bus trip or

Saturday Afternoon only - \$10 pp. (not including lunch) or Bus Tour Only - \$10

Contact - agm@historicplacesaotearoa.org.nz or phone Bill Bendall 06 3544945

HPA Email Tip:

You Can Keep All Your Committee Minutes, Emails Correspondence Etc Online

This "Tip" is inspired by Historic Places Wellington.

With an HPA email ie xxxxx@historicplacesaotearoa.org.nz , you can store all your email, correspondence, minutes, online.

This means if you change Committee Secretaries all you have to do is give them the email account password and they will have access to all the emails documents etc.

There is no need to download the committee's emails to your personal PC as they can be stored in the cloud!

To access them you just need a web browser and password. You can set up your PC email browser to interact with the account so it operates like your normal (pop) email however they are stored in the cloud. (See James Blackburne email on how to set this up.)

Remember the account tied to the email has online storage so you can store documents and correspondence.

HPW stores their committee documents online and committee members have access.

James the HPA President is confident you can set up the online email (Outlook) to forward a copy of an email the moment it arrives, to the personal email addresses of the Sec and Chair or anyone else you desire.

Suggest you contact James and get him explain to you how to do it!

Congratulations to Historic Places Mid Canterbury! "Contribution To Heritage" Category Winner At the Canterbury Heritage Awards 2018



Andrew Coleman (CE HNZ who sponsored the Category), with Historic Places Mid Canterbury's Nigel Gilkison, Julie Luxton and Marian Martin



Canterbury Heritage Awards 2018 on stage at the Isaac Theatre Royal

The Building Amendment Bill:

*Submissions are being accepted
Submissions close on 25 October 2018*

Building Amendment Bill

Government Bill

94—1

“Managing buildings after an emergency

This Bill proposes new powers that aim to address risks to people and property from buildings during and after an emergency. The proposed amendments seek to create a system that is clear, has proportionate impacts on personal and property rights, and ensures that heritage values are appropriately recognised. ...

“The Bill introduces into the Building Act an end-to-end process for managing buildings from response to recovery following an emergency. ...

“The amendments in the Bill— ...

- provide that the carrying out of works on certain heritage buildings (Category 1 or wāhi tūpuna on the New Zealand Heritage List or buildings on the National Historic Landmarks/Ngā Manawhenua o Aotearoa me ōna Kōrero Tūturu list) that pose a risk of injury or death is a ministerial decision and require consultation with Heritage New Zealand for works on other heritage buildings: ...

Building Amendment Bill Submission information, Reports etc can be found at the following link:

https://www.parliament.nz/en/pb/bills-and-laws/bills-proposed-laws/document/BILL_79050/building-amendment-bill

The text of the Bill can be viewed at the following link:

<http://www.legislation.govt.nz/bill/government/2018/0094/latest/LMS73630.html>

Ministry of Culture and Heritage:

Heritage Report Update

We are hearing a Draft of the Ministry of Culture Heritage Report has been sent to Stakeholders for comment.

If you have any questions contact HPA President James Blackburne who might have access to a draft.

Thus far the Ministry has not yet released a firm date when the Report will be available for Public Release.

The Political Election Landscape for Heritage

Denis Pilkington gave the following Presentation to HPA AGM on what was being offered to the Heritage Voter at the 2017 Election.

(The MCH Report on Heritage is soon to be presented to the Minister and Denis Pilkington's analysis provides some useful context).

I was asked to check out the various political party manifestos to see what was on offer during the election campaign. Heritage appears to be a fairly minor issue in the election process as it was not mentioned at all by United Future, it received a passing comment by ACT, NZ First offered a one line policy and there was only slightly more from National and while the policies from Labour and the Greens were a little more detailed they are both quite brief.

Since there is not a lot on offer to tell where we might be heading in Heritage policy it might be interesting to first have a look at the policies implemented by the previous government over the last nine years.

The Heritage New Zealand Bill was introduced early in 2010 and eventually passed in 2014. The Bill proposed a fairly major overhaul of the then NZ Historic Places Trust and of particular interest to this gathering was the proposal to disestablish branch committees of the Trust. This change ultimately led to the formation of Historic Places Aotearoa. While there appeared to be strong support among the outgoing branch committees for a new national non government organisation it is sad that only about a third of the outgoing committees actually joined during the process of reforming following disestablishment. In the meantime we are left to reflect on the wisdom of the disestablishment policy in terms of the influence of Heritage New Zealand in the regions.

We have also taken a lot of interest in the change to the Register of Historic Places. The new act provides for a National Historic Landmarks List Ngā Manawhenua o Aotearoa me ōna Kōrero Tūturu covering places of outstanding national heritage value.

This separate list was to be made up of entries nominated by HNZPT and approved by the Minister, initially with a limit of 50 places, but this limit was removed before the Act was passed. In any case the Landmarks List remains closed and as far as we are aware there is still not a single entry on this new list.

As noted in a recent issue of Oculus a second Landmarks programme has since emerged, Landmarks Whenua Tohunga, which According to the Ministry of Culture and Heritage web site is a “partnership between Manatū Taonga - Ministry for Culture and Heritage, the Department of Conservation Te Papa Atawhai, and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga which showcases New Zealand's historically and culturally important places”. The Landmarks name created some confusion in our minds but we now realise that Landmarks Whenua Tohunga is really a Heritage Trail type programme with a brochure covering nine sites in Northland launched last summer with plans to extend to Otago & other tourist or potential tourist areas..

In August last year The Government announced the EQUIP (Earthquake Upgrade Incentive Programme) grants designed to assist owners of heritage buildings, put under greater pressure to strengthen their buildings under the terms of the Building (Earthquake Prone Buildings) Amendment Act 2016, with the cost of strengthening. It is interesting to note that this programme is administered by the Ministry for Culture and Heritage rather than HNZPT but It is pleasing to note that a number of grants have since been approved as part of this \$12 million programme.

The Political Election Landscape for Heritage

continued ...

Earlier this year the Resource Legislation Amendment Act was passed. With relation to heritage, one of the aims of this act is to reduce undue interference in private property rights by heritage protection authorities such as Heritage New Zealand. While this act appears to prevent HNZPT from placing heritage orders on private property. While this act does not appear to reduce the advocacy powers of HNZPT we have noticed that there now appears to be some reluctance by HNZPT to advocate publicly in contentious heritage issues such as the demolition of the Te Urewera visitor centre

at Waikaremoana last year so we really need to find out more about the current advocacy role of HNZPT.

At the Napier AGM Minister Barry's speech mentioned the question of managing the pressures of population growth and urban development against the needs of heritage preservation. How the ACT manages these pressures is something that we are still coming to terms with.

Let us now look ahead at where heritage might be heading under the terms of

policies offered by the various political parties during the election campaign.

Looking at what was promised for heritage by the various political parties during the recent election campaign should provide us with an indication of their likely direction.

United Future

The United Future Party made no mention of heritage in its policies.

ACT

We were told that "ACT values the environment. Clean water, fresh air, efficient disposal of waste and the preservation of natural and historical features are all important for quality of life."

National Party

During the election campaign the government referred to the EQUIP fund and the "successful operation of the Whenua Tohunga programme in Northland. Their future policies included;

Expand the successful Landmarks Whenua Tohunga to more regions to better showcase our history and attract tourists to less visited locations.

In a heritage related policy a \$30 million boost to the Regional Cultural and Heritage Fund aimed at museums was proposed.

New Zealand First

The New Zealand First Policy listed under “Conservation” was as follows;

“Protect our historic heritage by amending legislation to clarify the protection of heritage sites, buildings, and objects”.

Perhaps predictably an e-mail to Ron Mark, their heritage spokesperson remains unanswered so I can only assume that maybe they propose to strengthen the linkage between the NNZPT list and local district plans.

Green Party

The Green Party offered the following policy;

Protecting and Preserving Heritage

- Support the creation of a National Policy Statement for heritage under the Resource Management Act.
- Support central and local government funding schemes for owners of heritage buildings.
- Establish a well resourced national funding scheme for the earthquake strengthening of heritage buildings.

Look out for another reference to their first policy. The final policy appears to be a duplication of the EQUIP programme established by the previous government. However it is pleasing to see that the Green Party sees government funding as an important issue in heritage preservation.

Labour will:

- Work with local government, heritage organisations and across central government to investigate and develop a National Policy Statement on Heritage Protections under the Resource Management Act.
- Investigate methods to ensure that heritage buildings in private ownership do not fall into neglect or risk demolition due to the expense of new earthquake requirements. This might include tax incentives to restore listed buildings.
- Investigate the feasibility of moving heritage buildings in crown ownership, to the management of Heritage New Zealand.”

These are all positive policies but at this stage the Labour party is only offering to investigate them. It is interesting to note that the policy relating to development of a National Policy Statement on Heritage is also shared with the Greens.

A number of us recall the address given to our last AGM in Napier by the Labour spokesperson for Heritage (*and now Prime Minister*), Jacinda Ardern. At that stage the demolition of the Category I listed Te Urewera Visitor Centre at Waikaremoana was fresh in our minds Jacinda explored some possible policies to avoid a similar recurrence. She initially suggested, in some detail, strengthening the links between the HNZPT List and local District Plans under the Resource Management Act to provide statutory protection to listed buildings.

Her alternative suggestion was to opt for, what she described as the “nuclear option” and finally create a national policy statement on heritage. Interesting to note that this was the option chosen for inclusion in the Labour Election Manifesto.

The chances of further development of these policies should be greatly enhanced by their compatibility with policies proposed by coalition partners, the Greens and probably, New Zealand First.

Our challenge is to persuade the government to advance their heritage policies from the “support” and “investigate” to implementation.

The above is the text of the Denis Pilkington presentation to the HPA TAGM @ Timaru 2017

Denis Pilkington is on the Historic Places Aotearoa Executive
and a member of Historic Places Hawke's Bay.

Hawke's Bay Heritage Icon Update

The Hawke's Bay Times updates on the restoration of the National Tobacco Company Building. In a previous Oculus article Denis Pilkington backgrounded on the work to be done as a result of an early EQUIP Grant.

Historic tobacco building reopens

HBT 2/12/17



OPEN FOR SUMMER: The National Tobacco Company building in Ahuriri. PHOTO/SUPPLIED

By Andrew Ashton
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One of Napier's most recognisable buildings has reopened to the public — just in time for an influx of summer visitors.

Ahuriri's National Tobacco Company building's foyer and boardroom, which closed last year for maintenance, is back in business.

During the summer public access will be by gold coin donation, collected by Art Deco-garbed staff based on site. They will also provide information about the building, show visitors the rose dome glass ceiling and wood-panelled boardroom, then guide guests through the "secret back door" into The Urban Winery.

The Heritage 1 listed building was built in 1933 and is privately owned by Big Save's McKinnon family. It is also home to Tony Bish Wines and the Urban Winery.

Winemaker Tony Bish said the fermentation and maturation barrel room would be visible through a large plate glass viewing window.

"An impressive oak cove also sits adjacent to our funky cellar door."

Mr Bish said there was also a new tasting room and "wine-savvy" staff available to guide visitors through a flight of premium Hawke's Bay wine producers showcased at the Urban Winery.

"After many months of hard work behind closed doors our unique cellar

door and wine bar is now open to the public, and we're loving sharing our stories and wines in a stylish yet relaxing atmosphere.

"We're also thrilled to be managing public access to the Art Deco foyer and boardroom for the summer too."

The winery redevelopment recently won an Art Deco Trust heritage award.

Shane Gorst, the trust's general manager, said repurposing was a fundamental part of securing the preservation of Hawke's Bay's heritage buildings.

"The reopening of this iconic building is a case study on how passionate owners and tenants can work together to breathe new life into a building and effectively give our past a brighter future."

Earlier this year, the building's owners were the first to receive a government grant from the Heritage Earthquake Upgrade Incentive Programme (HEUIP), which aims to help bring heritage buildings up to new building standards.

A grant of \$10,000 was awarded for parapet strengthening.

■ The National Tobacco Company building foyer and boardroom are open daily from 11am to 4pm. Entry is by gold-coin donation (per person) for the public to view the foyer and boardroom, or visitors can opt for a \$10 (per person) tour and wine tasting, by phoning the Urban Winery.