



Friends of Waikumete Inc.

Newsletter June 2010

Henry B Norcross is a very proud and successful West Aucklander who developed his businesses. These include Norcross Printing, now owned by his son Henry John, Norcross Office Products (managed by his brother in law, John Parker) and Norcross Properties (managed by Louise Evans). He has just built a large mausoleum at the top of Mausoleum Hill. I always pause there to view the panorama of Auckland.

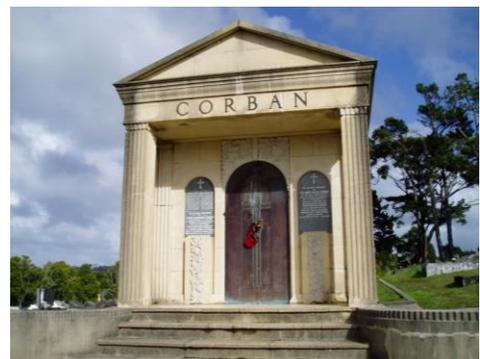
The first Henry Norcross 1882-1950, owned the Henderson general store. He was Mayor of Henderson in 1940. His son Robert 1904-1990 then took over the business. Robert and his wife Elizabeth had five children. The oldest daughter, Betty, remembers the old fashioned kind of store that sold everything:

In 1950, Robert and daughter Ann opened a bookshop. Charles (Charlie) opened sports and toys in 1952. Henry B Norcross began his business life in 1959 when he bought the Stationery business from his family.

The youngest son, Anthony, died in 1980. During that sad time, Henry B Norcross bought six family plots for the family. The experience of having to find an appropriate final resting place was not straight forward as he wanted the family to be buried at the top of the hill, not the bottom. When plots at the top of Magnolia Way became available for sale, Henry B bought three plots for the descendents of Henry and Judy Norcross. He has four children and 15 grandchildren. The Mausoleum is designed using those three areas. It has a central reception area, and there is room for 12 coffins on each side.

Magnolia Way has a nickname "Dally Alley" because of the large number of Dalmatian Croatians that have built mausoleums there. In most cases, they are built after the sale of a farm or business and on the verge of retirement. The Nobile family built their mausoleum 30 years before their patriarch Nikola died. The catalyst for Gordon Nola may have been when his granddaughter Mikhailla walked to safety from the Twin Towers. The eagle on the roof was something he really liked. A crane was needed to position it. Only the Corban matriarch and patriarch are housed in their mausoleum. Family are buried behind.

If your body is to lie in a mausoleum. You are required to be embalmed. Stainless steel is now the preferred lining in a solid wood casket. If you wish to build a mausoleum, there is a large sign on the hill giving some building specifications. They are expensive, but long term can be a wise investment for the family. A Public Mausoleum is now under construction. Signage at the base of the hill on mausoleums also pays tribute to the winemakers, fruit growers, fishermen and labourers who helped develop the character of Auckland.



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Annual General Meeting

Friends of Waikumete Inc.

Glen Eden Community and Recreation Centre
Glendale Rd, Glen Eden

Tuesday 13 July 2010 at 7pm

*We are seeking new committee
new ideas, your support*

Glen Eden Heritage Day Sat.10 July

at Glen Eden Library 10am-2pm

Heritage Trail, View photos, self guided walks, pamphlets



The team is working in the chapel area. We find the grave cleaning quite satisfying. If you wish to join us please ring Colleen, Noeline or any of the committee listed. We will be very happy to have your company . Sometimes we clean old stonework or sometimes we clear unwelcome vegetation. Please help us look after the heritage area!

Many Thanks to the
New Lynn Community Board for funding the
reprinting of our walks
pamphlets



We were so sad when we discovered the Hennessey McDonald headstone had toppled because it bent and broke the iron grilling that surrounded it. We hope the headstone can be reset before the headstone breaks. Attempts are being made to find the family.

Annual Subscription for 2010-2011

Single \$10.00

Couple \$15.00

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