



# Friends of Waikumete

March 2015



We Congratulate the working team, at Waikumete Cemetery for being :  
**The “ Green Flag Award winner 2014/2015 ”.**



This prestigious award means that this site has met international standards using the criteria: A welcoming place, Healthy safe and secure, Clean and well maintained, Sustainability, Conservation and heritage, community involvement, marketing, management.



Posing under the flag are: Sandra Coney, Linda Cooper, Denise Yates, Lady Barbara Harvey, Penny Hulse, Janet Clews, Brenda Brady.

## ANZAC DAY

Saturday April 25  
1915-2015

Waikumete  
Dawn Service  
11am Service

Visit Chapel Display

**We will remember them**

**Online Cenotaph** is a resource with a biographical data base about New Zealand Soldiers whose content has been gathered over the last 18 years. I decided to browse and I clicked on "lay a poppy". This is an online way of "remembering" a soldier for 2015.



## Private Richard Alexander Henderson M.M.

This photo of Dick (right) is taken in France with his brother Rifleman William John Henderson (seated).

Dick replaced John Simpson Kirkpatrick, killed 15 May 1915 and he inherited the donkey Murphy, transporting the injured soldiers at Gallipoli. The well known picture of Simpson and his Donkey was painted by NZ artist Horace Moore-Jones and he used a photo of Henderson as his basis. Served in Egypt then England, France. Gassed in Passchendaele and invalided home to NZ. His eyes deteriorated badly as a result of mustard gas exposure and retired at age 41.

**Born:** 26 August 1895

Age on Enlistment: 21 years

Embarkation: 16 October 1914

Occupation: Teacher

**Died** 14 November 1958, Auckland, age 63

Buried Waikumete Protestant Soldiers Section

Row 11-Plot 111

### Medals and Awards:

Military Medal MM

1914-1915 Star

British War Medal 1914-1920

Victory Medal

The MM was earned during operations on the Somme on 15 September, 1916, he went out repeatedly under heavy shellfire and brought in wounded who were exposed to it.



**Online Cenotaph** is New Zealand's living memorial to those who served this country during times of international conflict. You can contribute online although you need to be able name your source. i.e. Records or papers, family knowledge. Victoria Passau is the co-ordinator at the Auckland Museum.

Lani Rimmington and the Waitakere Branch of NZSG have a project to Research 228 Soldiers from West Auckland. They will contribute to the Anzac Day Display in the chapel.

Below is the wonderful feat of one of the three VC Medal Recipients buried in Waikumete Cemetery. James Crichton and John Grant were the other two V.C recipients.



Born 29 September 1881  
Married 1905 to Ethel Grice, had four children, divorced 1920.  
Married Kate Wilson, had one child  
Died 26 August 1972 aged 90 years.  
Buried Waikumete Cemetery

## Reginald Stanley Judson

The actions which led to Judson being awarded the Victoria Cross, V.C.

Distinguished Conduct Medal DCM and Military medal M.M. Took place over a period of four weeks.

### **June 1918 earned DCM**

Rescued six of his fellow soldiers during a German Counter Attack.

### **August 16 earned M.M.**

At the forefront of a bayonet charge.

### **August 26, earned V.C.**

In the Second Battle of Baupaume

### **In the London Gazette on 30 October 1918**

“ For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty, when, in an attack on enemy Positions, he led a small bombing party under heavy fire and captured an enemy machine gun. He then proceeded up a sap alone, bombing three machine gun crews before him. Jumping out of the trench, he ran ahead of the enemy. Then, standing on a parapet, he ordered the party, consisting of two officers and about ten men, to surrender. They instantly fired on him, but he threw a bomb and jumped down amongst them, killed two and put the rest to flight, and so captured two machine guns. This prompt and gallant action not only saved many lives, but also enabled the advance to be continued unopposed.”

**Fred Albert Crum**, son of Albert and Margaret Crum of New Lynn, died of his wounds in Palestine on 9 April 1917 aged 22 years. He is buried in Deir el Belar War Cemetery, Palestine. The parents also erected a memorial at their family grave Waikumete Presbyterian D14-5. The base and surround of the grave uses bricks from The Crum Brick and Tile Pottery Co.

## Patrons

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# Friends of Waikumete Walks

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## Honorary Life Members

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Waitakere City

Sunday 22 March	3.30 pm meet	Corbans Monument Orchid rise
Sunday 19 April	3.30 pm meet	Cemetery office
Sunday 17 May	3.30 pm meet	C'nr of Kowhai Rd & Daffodil Dr
Sunday 24 June	3.30 pm meet	Glenview end of Fushia Rd

**GRAVE  
CLEARING  
Sat. 11<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
Meet at  
Chapel  
Grave Tidy for  
ANZAC DAY  
9am-10.30  
Ring Noeline**

Walks take 1 1/2 hours of easy walking  
Cost 5.00 for non members.  
Please bring hat, drink, sensible shoes. Each walk covers different areas of the cemetery.

## Facebook Page

**Thanks Ruth for the stunning Photos that have been uploaded.**

Check Walks details!  
Check Herald article on cemetery with Rosco and Kath.  
Check other photos taken at Green Flag celebration.  
Check Grave Clearing info. Some tools provided, own brooms, garden spades more efficient.  
Suggest bringing water bottles ,  
Morning tea provided

Information or a story about The Old Crematorium is sought !

## Old Crematorium

Opened 15 August 1923  
Ceased operating 1953  
Furnaces dismantled 1959  
Demolished 1977  
Mary Gilligan made a study of the old Crematorium. She studied council papers about decisions they made regarding the building. The external and internal walls of the chapel were finished in dressed, red pressed bricks. We believe this is one of her sketches. There are few photos of good quality.

