



# Friends of Waikumete

April 2016

**Open Day  
28 February 2016**



**“The Friends” (FOW) participating and helping to make this day a success.**



**Introducing “Friends of Waikumete” Above L-R** Sue Reid, Michelle Ashby (behind), Lady Barbara Harvey, Lynette Beasley (behind) Kathleen Kingswood, Gary Marshall, Noeline Erceg, Leanne Appleby, Geri Eccles, Colin Bradshaw, Gayle Marshall, Elaine Talbot

**The Walks Team:** Geri , Lynette, Sue, Colin, Kath, Michelle

**Announcing the Time Capsule:** Roscoe Webb (Cemetery Manager ) Gayle Marshall (FOW) Sheree Stout (Head Sexton ) Lady Barbara Harvey(FOW) Sandra Coney (Waitakere Ranges Local Board chair.)

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# Friends of Waikumete Walks

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Walks closed for winter season  
Organised group bookings available

## Anzac Day

### Chapel of Faith in the Oaks Open for Quiet Reflection

The Friends will have a small photo display

### Candlelit Dawn Ceremony 5.45a.m. Cenotaph

### Glen Eden Civic Parade & Service Assembly 10.45a.m. Service 11a.m.

## Open Day Comments

The Open Day is generally accepted as a very successful day. Maybe co-ordination between the various venues on site could have been better. Lessons to Learn for next time. Thankyou for all the FOW for their input on the day, the fellowship was much appreciated. From Noeline working the mausoleums to Kath and the walks team to the manning of our "station". Lots of interest in the talks in the chapel. The horses pulling the hearse, the band. This added tremendously to the day. Barbara and Gayle, Thankyou for the time you put into meetings to make sure FOW had the opportunity to be part of such a great event. Once again, Well done all.

**Gary Marshall**  
**Chairman**

The Friends are working towards publishing a book on soldiers in Waikumete Cemetery. Lisa Truttman is compiling and researching this for us. We are very excited about this work in progress.

## Check out our Facebook Page!

**Friends of Waikumete: Membership \$15.00 single, \$25.00 couple**  
We Welcome your support



**These soldiers died on 11-11-1918. The day the guns “fell silent”  
Armistice Day is commemorated on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour, 11<sup>th</sup> day, 11<sup>th</sup> month.**



### **Francis Coulam Soldiers Burial A Row 1 Plot 8**

Born in Stratford, but educated at Bayfield School, Herne Bay, Coulam was a storeman working for L D Nathan & Son in Auckland in February 1915 when he enlisted. During his service, he was promoted from private through to sergeant, slightly wounded in the knee by shrapnel at Quinn's Post in Gallipoli, and was the recipient of the Military Medal for acts of gallantry in the field in October 1917 after being wounded a second time. He was wounded a third time, in the chest, in November that year. He embarked on the *Athenic* out of Glasgow for home 1 April 1918. When he contracted influenza, he was nursed at the Technical College in the city, an emergency hospital at the time. This was where he died. His Military medal was presented to his next-of-kin at a ceremony at the Auckland Town Hall on 16 June 1919.

### **William McKinlay Soldiers Burial A Row 1 Plot 9**

Born in Scotland, McKinlay arrived in New Zealand around 1907. He was a farmer working for his father in Greerton, near Tauranga, when he enlisted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, Auckland Regiment towards the end of 1916. He was wounded in action at Passchendaele, October 1917, with a gunshot wound to the right knee, and sent back to New Zealand two months later. He died in Auckland Hospital after a four day bout of influenza, having not left the hospital from the time he had returned to the country, apart from a few days, some weeks before his death when he visited his parents in Tauranga.

### **John Michael Herk Soldiers Burial C Row1 Plot 48**

Died from Pneumonia, the standard deadly complication from the influenza epidemic of 1918, in the semi-palatial location of Kilbryde, the former home of Sir John Logan Campbell, Parnell. At this time it was used as a temporary Influenza hospital.

He was one of four brothers:

William Joseph Herk 13/2806 (1886-1939) Catholic Division C Row 19 Plot 127

Thomas Silvester Herk 28/722 (1886-1917) Killed in Action, France.

Richard Reginald Herk (1893-1981) Wesley Division A Row 8 Plot 35

### **William Furniss 3164 (12875-1918), Soldiers Burial B Row1 Plot 43**

Died in Auckland Hospital 11 November, suffering from chronic synovitis, inflammation of the knee and ankle joints.



**Te Reri Pukere 84733 (12887-1918) Soldiers Burial A Plot 1, Row 7**

Pukere was training as part of the last Maori contingent of the war at Narrow Neck Camp on the North Shore, when the influenza epidemic hit. Narrow Neck, by the time of his death had 220 cases.

Pukere came from Urenui in Waitara, Taranaki. He enlisted after balloting in July 1918 and was posted to Narrow Neck Camp on 11 October, after his marriage the month before to Doris Karipi.

**Robert Arthur Howe 38391 (1895-1918) Soldiers Burial A Row 1 Plot 4**

Born in Victoria, Howe worked as a miner before he enlisted in 1916. He arrived in the country only four years before. It was reported that he had been gassed at Polygon Wood, near Ypres in France 15 November 1917 and the day after that he was blown up and thrown about 10 yards. Gassing, shell shock and a chronic laryngeal condition meant he was invalided back home to New Zealand, where he died during the 1918 influenza epidemic at his mother's house, 12 Staffa St, Parnell.

**George Barnes 23/2149 (1873-1918) Soldiers Burial A Row 1 Plot 6**

Born in Dunkeld, Perthshire, Scotland. Just before the war, Barnes worked as a carter for his friend A.E. Eagleton and lived in Newmarket. He enlisted in December 1915 in the NZ Rifle Brigade, and was discharged after June 1918 after being gassed and contracting diphtheria. He contracted influenza, and died from the resulting pneumonia at his friend Eagleton's residence, Church St in Ponsonby.

You may choose to go on a self guided walk in search of these graves. They are in close proximity to the cenotaph. Research thanks to Lisa Truttman.