



# Friends of Waikumete

March 2017

## Ceremonial Occasions

On November 23, 2016, The Friends gathered for the unveiling ceremony of the Boyd plinths. We thank Lady Barbara Harvey for her relentless negotiation that returned the plinths to Waikumete.



Left, we see Barbara and Gayle unveiling one plinth. The blessing is by Our local Kuia, Judy Cooper.

Right, one of the plinths on the grave corner. The Statue of Zealandia tops the monument.



The two plinths that now stand either side of the foyer entrance of Chapel 1, originally decorated the family plot of George and Helen Boyd. The Boyd Memorial, located in the Anglican Division Row5 Plot 1 is a spectacular monument to an industrialist who, in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, had a successful brick and pottery works. Originally, the grave was embellished with four plinths, each topped with an ornate urn. Over time, the plinths and urns were vandalised. Due to the foresight of West Auckland Historian, J.T. Diamond, the plinths were moved to Auckland museum in 1950.

George Boyd was a young Irish potter who learnt his craft in his home country before emigrating to New Zealand in 1851 at the age of 26. George established the Newton Potteries in Nixon St, Auckland in 1860, manufacturing bricks, pipes, tiles, chimney pots as well as garden statuary. The pottery received many awards for excellence.

Following the death of his first wife, he married Helen Osbourne. The couple shared an interest in art and amassed an impressive collection of sculptures, paintings and pottery. Although the couple played little in the social life of Auckland, they were generous benefactors to the city after their deaths.

George died on 10 March 1886 and was buried with his first wife in Symond Street cemetery. His body was exhumed two months later and reburied at the newly opened Waikumete Cemetery, where a large monument was erected. When Helen Boyd died in 1898, she was laid to rest with her husband.



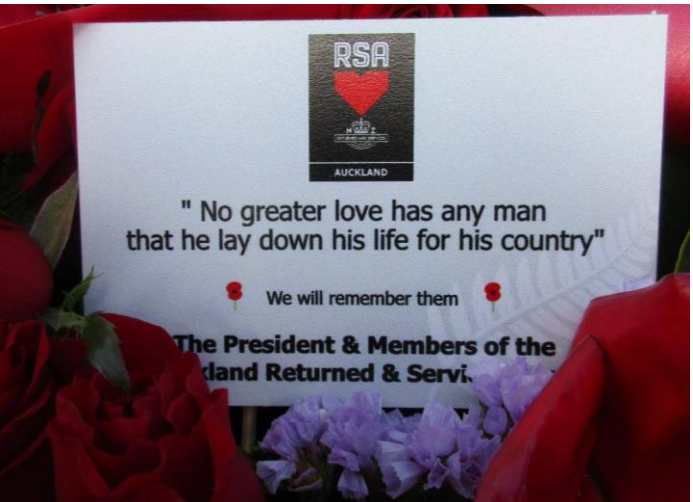
The RSA organised a Ceremony to bless and rededicate the Cenotaph after Renovation and the Royal NZ Navy had their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Guests paid Homage by laying poppies in the Merchant Navy Area.



Placing poppies L- R Tracy Mulholland, George Clark, Lady Barbara Harvey, Penny Hulse, Linda Cooper, Denis Yates



Placing poppies L-R: Bobby Newson, Derek Battersby, Bill Ashdown, Ken Shankland



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\$15 single  
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We welcome your support

# Waikumete Cemetery Guided Walks

## First Sunday of the Month

Parking is available in the cemetery  
Gold Coin Donation

No Bookings required, just turn up!

Dress for the weather: sun or rain protection

Wear suitable Footwear

Children must be accompanied by an adult

**March 5**                      **Ghosts of Our Past**  
**“A Debt That All Men Pay”**

10am-12pm or 4pm-6pm

Meet at Corban Mausoleum, Orchid Rise

**April 2**                      **“On Top of the World”**  
10am-12pm or 3pm-5pm  
**n.b. Daylight Saving time**

Meet at East Berm Carpark (below water tank)

**May 7**                      Meet Chapel of Faith in the Oaks  
10am-12pm or 3pm-5pm

**June 4**                      Meet at the Cenotaph  
10am-12pm or 3pm-5pm

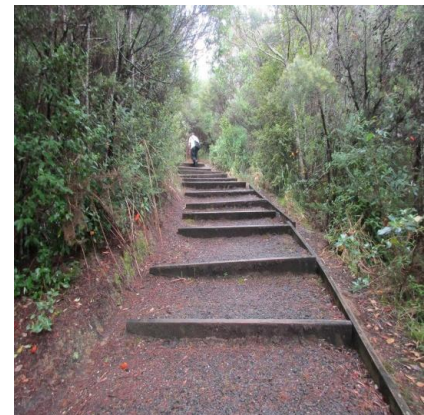
**ANZAC Day, The Chapel of Faith in the Oaks will be open.**



Left: Sunshine on the February afternoon Walk. Our Walks Co-ordinators: John and Ruth Snashall can be contacted by phone or check Face book page for Information.

A Member of “Friends” and a teacher, Frazer Dale, is making the people who live in the Sunhill area aware of the vegetation and how they can keep it beautiful. We support his effort that will make the neighbourhood appreciate the ecology on their back doorstep.

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10.am, April 1 Join a walk through Sunhill Scenic Reserve.