



Welcome to the November 2016 Newsletter from the Hastings District Landmarks Trust, bringing your warm Greetings for the Festive Season.

GREAT THINGS GROW HERE



The Landmarks History Talks have drawn 80 - 120 people to the monthly talks in the Hastings War Memorial Library, with Speakers entertaining and enlightening us on a wide variety of subjects: pioneering, business, personal experiences, Maori heritage, wartime personalities and some unusual tales have been shared by descendants of their families and we thank them all. And to our many attendees in this, the eighth year of History Talks. The talks are recorded, logged in by Jim Newbigin and Frank Cooper and safely held by the Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank. We are also grateful for the enthusiastic and professional staff back-up from the city Librarians.



Have you been out to the **Roy's Hill Reserve** on State Highway 50 recently? Take a picnic and enjoy the impressive 360° view over the Gimblett Gravels Winegrowing Region and from the Ranges to Te Mata Peak. The rapidly-growing native flora planted by keen members of the Landmarks Trust and friends over the last few years has been well-kept by Hastings District Council staff. Tracks and picnic tables are there for your enjoyment.

The 2017 programme starts on TUESDAY 14TH MARCH and will run monthly till November. See notices the 'My Hastings' publication and in the Library foyer; subscribers to the History Talk programme will be notified by email. *If you wish to have your e-mail included please contact cynthia@actionwoman.co.nz citing 'History Talks' in the subject line.* Do join us every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 5.30–6.30pm.

Landmarks Trust Executive members continue our valuable work with Council in the **Landmarks Advisory Group**, acting as a community voice in discussions which range from street tree-planting and lighting to the development of parks and amenities and a whole range of subjects within our 4 tenets of History, Landscape, Architecture and Art in Public Places.

Landmarks Executive members:

We welcomed Barbara Brookfield and Richard Coles to the Executive this year. They will provide leadership within the LAG with their extensive experience and wise heads.

Other Executive members elected for 2016/17 are (acting) President: Anthea Bailey; Vice-President: Ruth Vincent; Secretary: Joyce Barry; Treasurer: Derek Burns; Jane Fitzgerald, Kathryn Ingram, John Davidson, Thompson Hokianga and, recently-co-opted, Cynthia Bowers, after the resignation of Norman Speers. (Thank you for all, Norm!) That's a great Team!



A TRIBUTE TO LILY BAKER

Lily was a tireless Landmarks foundation member. She breathed history, beautification and recognition of the good things about life. She was honoured with a QSM for her lifelong work with genealogy.

Her spheres of interest ranged from her birthplace in Otane to NZ's historic buildings and sites; Hawke's Bay's Maori heritage and its Waitangi Day celebrations; Salt Lake City's archives and the beloved Shetland Islands (Lily leading tours to these overseas sites well into her 70's).

Lily sadly passed away the night before Landmarks was to present her with the Jeremy Dwyer Supreme Award at our Awards Night on December 3rd last year.

A beautiful Tulip Tree (Liriodendron) was recently planted in Lily's memory by family, Landmarks members and friends, in the grounds of Stoneycroft, just inside the main gates.

Rest in Peace, Lily – we miss you.



Over the year, Landmarks has supported Historic Places Hawke's Bay, Heritage Trails, Keep Hastings Beautiful and others who share our ideals. If you would like to join us, please email antheabailey@hotmail.com Membership is just \$20 per year. Tell your friends!