



## HASTINGS LANDMARKS TRUST

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OUR MISSION: TO PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN HISTORY, LANDSCAPE, ARCHITECTURE AND PUBLIC ART | AUGUST 2020



### Invitation to AGM - A 20 year Celebration.

Wednesday 26th August 2020 | Knowledge Bank - Stoneycroft Omahu Road

5.00pm Unveiling Lily Baker memorial plaque. | 5.30pm Drinks | 6.00pm AGM

*All members, families and interested parties welcome.*



### About Landmarks

The Landmarks Trust acts as an advocate for the community by lobbying and working with Council on issues of importance to the trust and we have been doing this in Hastings for 20 years.

**Our philosophy continues to focus on Four key areas: History, Architecture, Landscapes, and Art in public places.**

Landmark's philosophy is entrenched in making Hastings a better place to live, enjoy and be proud of. We believe community input is vital and value the

unique contribution Council makes in adopting the Landmarks' philosophy.

This year we are having a celebration to commemorate one of our past and founding members, Lily Baker, by naming her tulip tree with a permanent plaque. The tree was planted in the gardens at Stoneycroft in Omahu Rd 6 years ago. The plaque unveiling will be just prior to our Annual general meeting.

### Remembering Lily Baker

#### *A Bailey*

Before the Landmarks Trust's Annual General Meeting on August 26, 5pm at Stoneycroft, we will unveil a plaque under a Liriodendron Tree (Tulip Tree), planted in 2016 to honour Lily Baker QSM who died on 2nd December, 2015, aged 81.

Lily was a founding member of Landmarks in 2000, serving continuously on the Executive until the year of her death, holding offices as Vice-President and Treasurer variously.

It is fitting that Stoneycroft is the site of our memorial. Lily was a strong advocate for the Council's purchase of the heritage property, and that it accept the lease to house the new Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank. Her special passion, the Genealogy Society, is also housed there along with her Lily Baker Library Collection. Lily was a "do-er", the quintessential "tireless worker". She was quiet and modest – but a formidable advocate for all things that preserved and celebrated historical, cultural and multi-cultural knowledge.

Then-Mayor Jeremy Dwyer's foresight and drive to improve the lot of a weary Hastings from the early 1990's resonated with Lily. Out of that vision was born the Hastings District Landmarks Trust in 2000, which aimed to create a great place to live, work and enjoy through good architecture, history, landscape and art in public places. Lily's passion had found a home.

Her strong involvement in the NZ Society of Genealogy, the Hawke's Bay Cultural Trust and Regional Archives, Historic Places Trust (as Chair), Heritage Trails, Friends of the Hastings Library, and the Hastings 2000 Millennium Committee was recognised by her being awarded the Queen's Service Medal in 2000.

Lily was a founding member of the Keep Hastings Beautiful entity.

When the District Council took it over in 2002, Treasurer Lily

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invested their \$1000 balance ("just gathering bank fees"). Thirteen years later, with co-founder Councillor Megan Williams, she presented Mayor Lawrence Yule with \$3538.89!

It was to kick-start a restoration fund for the Hawke's Bay Opera House (closed the previous year). After all its following upheavals, she would be thrilled to see Toi Toi now. Incidentally, in 2015 Hastings was voted

New Zealand's Most Beautiful City.

We owe Lily a huge debt. She gave a selfless life of remarkable service, with a formidable fund of knowledge, well applied to Landmarks and countless others. We acknowledge her as an important part of our history.

*Lily's Tulip Tree sits on the right bank as you enter Stoneycroft.*

## History

### HISTORY TALKS - J Barry

**The Landmarks History Talks resumed in July.**

After this momentous year, our world's experiences will fill many a history book and lecture series for centuries to come. Many of us grew up with our parents' tales of 1918 and this will prove likewise. It is far from over and our little country can feel proud to be in the position it is. Being able to start our Talks again is proof of that. We remain very grateful for your loyal patronage.

We have a change though – the Library is not alone in having to accommodate a different status. Restrictions on times and staff necessitated a daytime slot as evening opening days have been cancelled. After we are out of Level 1, the Library will inform us what the future will hold.

We do apologise for those that are now unable to attend this 10:30 a.m. time.

- In July, Speaker was Jonny Moffett who talked on his lifetime experiences from Northern Ireland – his sporting life, travels, and extensive pip fruit career in Hawke's Bay.
- **August Speaker** - Cheryl Lattey. As President of the Hastings Rose Society, Cheryl has championed the beauty of the rose across our District. She represents a Society that has nurtured a formidable list of devotees both past and present.
- As of now, our Talks remain on the 2nd Tuesdays of the Month. Until further notice these are held at 10:30 a.m. in the Hastings War Memorial. Once again, we apologise to the workers and others that find this time inconvenient. At present, it is out of our hands. Refer Website.

**RECORDINGS:** The majority of our Talks have been recorded for posterity by the Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank. Log onto their website to follow an impressive list of locals who have willingly shared their family and lifetimes experiences.

If you wish to join our e-mail notification list, please forward your e-mail to [cynthia@actionwoman.co.nz](mailto:cynthia@actionwoman.co.nz) - noting 'History Talks' in the Subject line.

Our History talks held at the Hastings library have since shifted to Tuesday mornings because of reduced opening hours during Covid. **The next talks will be 8 September.**

## History / Architecture

### J Davidson

Those of you who have spotted the bright new paintwork on the Begley building on the corner of Warren and Heretaunga Streets may be interested in a little history of the site. This comes from the original research by Erin Begley a few years back.

Ellen, a young woman who was born 1878 in County Claire, Ireland, later emigrated to New Zealand. She met and married Michael Begley from County Kerry. These early pioneers farmed land on the corner of Algernon and Riverslea Roads.

Hard work and good management enabled them to build a wooden building on the current site in the centre of Hastings. This was destroyed by fire in 1914 and a second building was destroyed only 17 years later in the 1931 earthquake. The current building replaced it after considerable consultation by Ellen with F. L. Bone, however the builders are unknown.

The top storey has always been used as accommodation and the bottom was rented for some years by Kelly's grocery store.

After Edward Kelly's death, his son Brian ran it with his mother before moving on to open the first New World in Hastings.

In the years since it has been a shoe shop, art gallery and currently is the home to Flowers by Tanya. In recent years the original terrazzo facade has been restored. Now with the new paintwork it has a fresh lease of life - just as this end of town is "on the up".



# Public Art

The materialisation and near completion of one of the projects spearheaded by Hastings Landmarks Trust (to commemorate the former Mayor Jeremy Dwyer, 1986 - 2001) is an exciting prospect for our members. The hospitality area will be home to an impressive new art sculpture inspired by the beautiful flowering cherry trees that Hastings residents enjoy during the month of August.

Due to Covid19 another of Landmarks Trust sculptural commissions remains in abeyance until certain structural factors have been resolved.

## Public Art walking tour of central Hastings CBD

Public Arts reflects and interprets the local community, environment, and cultural identity as well as commemorating significant events. Art is an important way to acknowledge the Whakapapa and history of cultural heritage and experience. Public artworks include major pieces commissioned by Hastings District Council, artist-designed elements integrated into Council developments, or community-led projects such as murals or temporary installations.

Hastings City Art Gallery has initiated free quarterly Saturday morning guided public art walking tours undertaken by qualified voluntary guides who give insights into the materials and techniques in the making of the works and the significance and interpretation of the subject matter. Visiting up to 15 sites, on foot, of mainly sculptural works including cast bronze, carved wood and stone, sheet metal as well as painted and mosaic murals.

The next tour is on October 24, leaving the Hastings City Art Gallery at 11.00a.m. The walking tours are between 60 and 90 minutes. For more information, call the Gallery on 06 871 5095.

## Present and Upcoming exhibitions at Hastings City Art Gallery

- **Milk Run:** Aug- 11th October. Photographs by Derek Henderson. Featuring local architecture and landscape.
- **Lost, lost property:** Akiko Diegal, Japanese born artist.
- **Tika Tonu:** 8th Aug - 1st November. 30 Kahungunu Artists.
- **Ahokore Ahikaaroa:** 8th Aug > 1st November. Keeping the home fires burning. Eve Kireka.

## BoostedNZ

Recently a Landmarks Trust member highlighted a crowdfunding platform dedicated to getting homegrown art/creativity off the ground. They state "We exist to help you make your art happen".

## For more info check out the facebook page below:

[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=3293656194011718&id=220153154695386](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=3293656194011718&id=220153154695386)

BoostedNZ's current crowd funding is in progress for Hastings local cultural community, namely 'Heretaunga Stories', which comprises of a three way collaboration involving Hastings Library, Toitoto and Hastings City Art gallery.

Heretaunga Stories relates to 15 Local Hawkes Bay Artists being given the opportunity to create new and exciting works about 'our place, people and ourselves' using their writing, performance and artistic creativity skills. This is a true exploration about our identity in Heretaunga using arts as the storytelling vehicle with the requirement of a location to create, share and explore.



# Landscape

Landmarks members value having such wonderful parks in the Hastings District available to us. When restrictions were eased following Covid 19 lockdown, members, like so many in Hawkes Bay, ventured forth in droves to enjoy the wonderful weather and parkland including the Regional, Pakowhai Country Park where vibrant birdsong, freshly planted trees, shrubs and flax are very much appreciated. Council's Park and Cycleway Maintenance staff did a fantastic job revitalising these areas so that once we emerged from lockdown families, cyclists, walkers and dogs could be seen enjoying themselves.



## FLAXMERE PARK

Many Congratulations are due to Hastings District Council for the marvellous result and consequent award for Flaxmere Park which has been named 'Active Park of 2020' by the New Zealand Parks award body. The judges were impressed by the huge range of opportunities for physical and social activity at the park, stating that every part of the park, from the cycleways to the splash pad were 'constantly in use'. At weekends traditional sports are played on the marked sports ground, there is a ki-o-rahi field and nine-hole disc golf course. The outdoor events area with stage and power hosts a raft of community events, and the park also boasts well-utilised adult exercise equipment and playground.

This National award is in addition to the three International Green Flag awards (which recognise and reward well-managed parks and green spaces) that Council hold for Flaxmere Park, Cornwall Park and Havelock North Village Green. Work has recently begun on the Ebbett Park upgrade.

## KEIRUNGA GARDENS

The review of the Keirunga Gardens Reserve Management Plan has just taken place. This will provide for the use, enjoyment, maintenance, protection, preservation and development of Keirunga Gardens over the next 10 years.



There has been an extremely positive response to the community engagement, with over 200 responses received, including from the Landmarks Trust, the Arts and Crafts Society Incorporated, Havelock North Live Steamers Incorporated, Keirunga Gardens Care Group, Walking Access Commission, Biodiversity Hawke's Bay and the Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

Landmarks focus was on improving the signage, pathways, retention of the heritage buildings and giving some colour and sense of arrival to the lower lawns in Tanner St.

While the community engagement period has closed and feedback is still to be analysed, it is clear that Keirunga Gardens is treasured by the community. People enjoy the diverse range of experiences that are available within the reserve, with the heritage buildings, woodland walk, stunning vistas from the knoll and railway noted as key attractions.

A draft plan will be released for formal submissions to enable the community to have the opportunity to speak to their submission at a Council hearing. It is intended that the final plan will be adopted by the end of 2020. As part of the process of preparing the draft Reserve Management Plan, it is intended to engage a Conservation Architect to provide a Conservation Plan for the two heritage buildings and their curtilage. Supported by a policy within the existing Reserve Management Plan, the purpose of undertaking a Conservation Plan for the heritage buildings and surrounds will support restoration of the buildings including upgrade of the existing services to enable them to be functional for greater community use.

## STREET TREE AND NATIVE RESTORATION PLANTING

250 street and park trees are being planted this planting season, including Eskdale Park and Village Green, Maraekakaho village and other enhancement area.

Winter annuals are now complete, and summer hanging baskets were installed last month.

12000 native plants are in the process of being planted in 28 reserves this year. The planting initiative is being assisted by 7 Care Groups and with 3 new groups being formed in the Esk River, Keirunga, and Ecology Cape Coast areas. The care groups will require a much valued attentiveness to watering and weed control to encourage the survival of the plants throughout their first summer.

## Architecture

**OPERA HOUSE- TOITOI. - Rosie Dawson - Hughes.**

After the hard work of restoring Hastings' beloved category one historic Opera House and creating the new, purpose-built Functions on Hastings event space, Toitoi – Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre is thrilled to be open to the public once again, after a tough few months of lockdown and the cancellation of a number of shows due to COVID-19. However, the pandemic has created a number of great opportunities for locals to experience shows they wouldn't otherwise see. Toitoi is now focused on continuing to support the arts industry and those working in it, from tech teams to actors and everyone in between, in a time when it has never been more needed.

### COMING UP AT TOITOI

**September 11 – An Evening with Amanda Palmer**

Caught in Hawke's Bay for the outbreak of Covid, and currently residing in Hastings until the smoke clears in her hometown of New York, Amanda Palmer, the front-woman of the internationally acclaimed punk cabaret duo The Dresden Dolls presents a very special show at the Opera House. Expect a night of graphic, honest, funny storytelling and very human and vulnerable songcraft.

*For more info go to [www.toitovenues.co.nz/whats-on/](http://www.toitovenues.co.nz/whats-on/)*

Toitoi's vision is to be the most vibrant and significant arts, culture and events facility in New Zealand, they write, "We are committed to honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi and weave te ao Māori throughout our business.

Our focus on being a next generation venue means we provide diverse programmes which are accessible to a wide range of audiences. We are both a home and a host for our local and wider Aotearoa community, while also being thought leaders and enablers. We strive to create new knowledge in our community which enhances cultural awareness, expression and understanding.

Toitoi is also a learning environment through which we facilitate employment pathways for our Hawke's Bay community.

### Websites of interest:

[environmentcentre.org.nz](http://environmentcentre.org.nz)

*The Environment Centre Hawkes Bay is passionate about looking after our local community and environment in a sustainable way.*

**Nourished for Nil** [www.nourishedfornil.org](http://www.nourishedfornil.org)

## Followup from last years AGM



Landmarks Trust members invited 2019 Landmarks Award Ceremony Panelists to update them on any changes or highlights during or since Covid19 lockdown. **We are grateful for their updates.**

### Christie McBeth. Nourished for Nil.

Hello and thank you for your email we are happy to be featured in your newsletter. Nourished for Nil has been through some interesting/challenging times like so many of us, over the last 4 months. Covid has really shone a spot light on food insecurity in NZ and the frontline organisations that manage it. It has been a mixed blessing for us on many fronts because food donations increased (rather than decreased) and funding was prioritised for this sector. All this support gave us an opportunity to step up and upgrade our infrastructure (eg. expanding our chiller and adding another chest freezer) create more storage space, and ultimately increase our ability to serve a greater proportion of the community. We found there were many keen community members who wanted to volunteer especially during lockdown and many who have reprioritised their lives since the crisis and want to give back somehow.

We expanded our service to the Napier area post lockdown now running 2 days a week (Tuesday & Thursday) and are currently also looking to include Flaxmere once a week. So all and all we are charging ahead and ready to face whatever these uncertain times before us, bring.

*Kind regards*

Christina McBeth | Nourished for Nil | Founder  
[www.facebook.com/nourishedfornil/](http://www.facebook.com/nourishedfornil/)

### Chris Lambourne. St Andrew's Pres Church

Te Ra Power is still in the process of gathering financial support for the solar farm. We have applied for a grant under the government's Shovel Ready fund. We have passed the first set of hurdles with the government and hope to get a response shortly. As part of this process Te Ra has looked to increase the size of the proposed solar farm and deliver cheap power to up to 2,500 households in the Hawkes Bay.

We've been looking for land to site the solar farm on and have got a couple of sites that are optimal. Hopefully they will both become available.

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