



Whangarei Heads Historic Church Protection Trust

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Dear Friends,

Seems an age since we last made contact – October 2017 to be exact, so it's high time we updated you on the life of our historic community Church since then.

The Church continues to be well used by the three faith communities – St Peters by the Sea (ecumenical); the Anglicans and the Catholics – who each contribute toward the costs and upkeep of the building. In addition to their services, every 5th Sunday we hold our community service which is well attended. You are of course always welcome to attend any of the services.

The church groups staged a very well attended and successful outdoor Christmas carol service on Sunday 16 December 2018, on the lawn outside the McLeod Bay Hall. The groups also fed the crowd beforehand with “make your own hamburgers” served in the Hall. A great occasion. And thanks to the Salvation Army band the carols were lovely.

We staged our second Garden Discovery during November 2017, featuring 8 local gardens, plant sales, and genealogists from the Waipu Museum etc. A very successful day raising \$4300. Your trustees have established a maintenance fund with annual contributions from the Trust matched by the user groups. The aim is to build a fund to enable significant future maintenance without needing to approach friends and funders.

The current trustees are – Anne Puttnam, Peter Coates, Leanne Jagger, Sue Rishworth, Ray Blomquist, Bruce Johnson, Bill Mallett and David Reyburn. We are a mix representing the three congregations that worship in the Church and the community with some having close ties to the early settlers at the Heads.

Trustee Bruce Johnson is one who has such ties. He has written a history of the Whangarei Heads Church along with the historical and religious influences that shaped the people who built it. This history will be serialised over the next few newsletters.

To read the first installment of the history click on this link which will take you to our web site –

www.whhcpt.co.nz/

(If the link doesn't work, past this address into your web browser)

The Trust Board would like to encourage members of the wider community to record their own memories of the Church and share them with us by emailing –

whhcpt@gmail.com

These will be retained with a view of publishing them in a book on the Church at some stage in the future.

Regards,

Bill Mallett,
Chair, WHHCPT

Bequest

Perhaps you would like to consider the WHHCPT by making a bequest in your will. Such a bequest would help ensure that this cherished part of our community will remain viable to future generations. If you choose to leave a gift in your will, the following wording is suggested:

“I give to the Whangarei Heads Historic Church Protection Trust (CC49305) the sum of \$..... (or a percentage, or the residue of my Estate, or a description of the property or asset given) for its general purposes and declare that the receipt of the Treasurer of the Trust or other proper officer shall be sufficient discharge for my Trustee.”

If you choose to make a bequest in your will, we strongly recommend that you discuss your plans with your immediate family, and seek advice from a legal advisor or trustee company when arranging your will.

Your gift, through your estate, will have a tangible impact on the Whangarei Heads community.

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We acknowledge the generous sponsorship of this newsletter and our two Garden Discovery events.

