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Meetings and Outings

Unless otherwise notified meetings and outings are held on the third Sunday of each month, with meetings being held at Knights Stream School, 1 Killarney Road Halswell.

2022 Meeting and Outing Dates

February 20	March 20 AGM	
April 24	May15	June 19
July 17	August 21	September 18
October 16	November 20	December 16

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Committee Meetings

Generally the committee meets directly after each meeting in Knights Stream School, Halswell, or on the following Thursday morning after an outing.

Bank Account

BNZ 020800-0183140-00 for all transactions.

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Presidents Message



Dear Members,

Don't forget your **2022 sub is now due.**

It is \$20 if you get the newsletter by email **or** \$30 if you have it posted to you. Prompt payment helps us to run more efficiently. No one likes chasing up tardy payers but it is unfair on those who do pay promptly, to carry those

who don't.

Our AGM was well attended which was a relief, no trouble obtaining a quorum, and as you can see the committee were all willing to stand again. The Treasurers position is now shared by Michelle and Annette to our great benefit. Annette is the one you will probably see the most of at our meetings whilst Michelle is balancing the computer work around her busy work schedule. It is a win, win for the Association.

We have two personal memorials from members in this issue for ANZAC Day, thanks to Annette Gibson for her granddaughter Holly's essay and Patsy Wardell for her contribution on the one of her ancestors child. They both make for sad reading.

The loss of any young man to war is horrendous I think, but still men fight for their families and countries, look at Afghanistan and Russia now.

Please note also that we have deferred the date of our April outing to the 24th because of Easter.

On a personal note I hope you are all keeping Covid free and well, it has been a dreary couple of years but there is light at the end of the tunnel and we all deserve some sunshine and joy, so come and join us at our meetings and outings. Remember you are the Association!

I'm looking forward to seeing you all again.

Kindest Regards, Beverley

Rangiora Museum
29 Goode Street
Sunday 24th April
2.pm



We are in for a treat on this visit. The Museum has a video showing some of the early Rangiora houses that we are going to view, so if you have an interest in old houses or family connections to the area then this is the visit for you.

It didn't take long for Rangiora to become well established after Kaiapoi. Kaiapoi being a really busy port in the 1870's and 1880's, the main track out there from Kaiapoi was along Tram Road I believe.

The Museum is interesting in itself. It used to be the top floor of the old BNZ Bank building in Rangiora. When the BNZ was demolished in 1967 the top floor was saved and moved to the present site to become the Rangiora Museum.

There is a plethora of fascinating items in the Museum and I'm sure we will all be able to find something of interest as they cover a large range.

Parking is not too difficult on a Sunday around there and there are numerous coffee shops that we can adjourn to afterwards for a chat and catch up. Coffee Culture is handy and within walking distance if it is fine or you can drive there if you choose. Make a note of this visit and be sure to come especially as the video is not shown very often.

Wear your badge, we look forward to seeing you.

Governors Bay in the Past and Now

**Knight Stream School
1 Killarney Road Halswell
May 15th 2pm
with Kate Small**

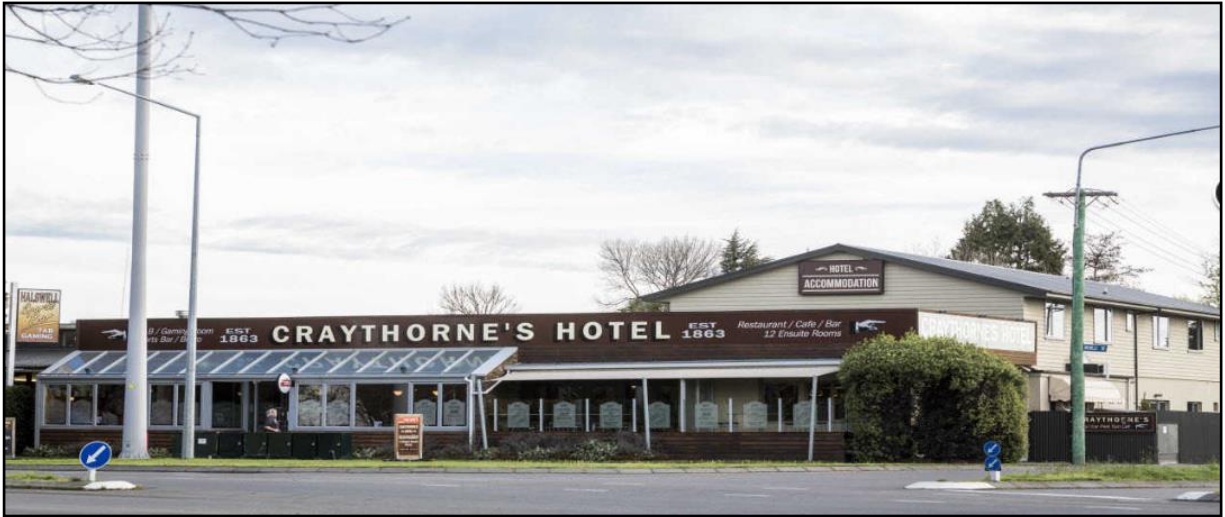


The Tapley's Store and House that was burnt down.

When Kate was researching and writing the family story for the family reunion in 2019, she was sent a lot of photos from the various members of the family who had lived in Governors Bay and also had the family photos that her husband's parents passed on to him. A lot of these have not been accessible to others so she thought it would be lovely to share some of them with others. A lot of these photos were very tiny, being the prints of the day, but by re-photographing them, it was possible to get a reasonable size to view. Having grown up in Governors Bay, and mixing with his uncles and aunts, her husband knew a lot about the history of the area. With about 14 descendants interred in St Cuthberts Cemetery , it is a place they have strong links with.

Mark this off in your calendar as not to be missed and take the opportunity to see and hear previously unheard stories and photos. Kate will be doing a PowerPoint presentation.

June19
Mid winter Lunch
Craythornes Hotel
344 Halswell Road
11.30 for 12 midday
\$40 per person



Come along and join us for a meal at Craythornes, it will be a chance to relax, catch your breath and enjoy some good food and good company. Craythornes is just about opposite the little old St Mary's Church in Halswell on the Main Road. It will be familiar to most of us from when we used to meet in Halswell at the Library. It has recently changed hands so they are eager to please.

Craythornes first opened on this site in a sod hut with a thatched roof and dirt floor in 1863 as an ale house run by Mary and William Craythorne. In an annex, behind the building, William brewed a draught ale from a recipe he brought with him from England. Mary opened the business, which became known by locals as Mother Craythorne's pub. I have always maintained that being a pioneer was a thirsty business. It has come a long way since then!

Be sure to mark this off in your calendar. As usual we will be asking for prepayment closer to the time and advising you of any changes that may occur, we have all become adroit at change due to Covid!

LEST WE FORGET

Short Story

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PRIVATE GIBSON

By Holly Gibson, 8KH

Wednesday 5 August 1914, France

The sound of the guns moves further and further away, then silence, the first in ages.

Jack and I decide to sneak around the trenches to see what's going on. Jack scouts ahead of me, always ahead of me. He is strange; he wants to protect me. We walk for what seems like hours. The ground is flooded to our ankles; it's cold like ice and yet the air is warm.

We come to a corner and pause, listening, no sound, we wait longer then we hear the foot steps. "Run!" Jack shouts. I run back to the corner we just came through and watch, watch as they take Jack by the arms and tie his wrists together as tight as they can; he screams with pain. I see blood drip from his wrists. They push him to the ground. He is silent. The man in front of him puts his gun up. I can't watch, so I close my eyes. Jack is lying there, his skin pale, the blood pours down his face; he was shot in the head. Tears fill my eyes as a soldier from my country comes to take me back to where everyone else is.

My heart beats fast with hatred and sadness. That was the last time I ever saw Jack, dead on the ground fighting for his country, fighting for me.

Herbert Hillsborough Garland

NZ Army Service Corps, 14th reinforcement.

#16162

Born 17 February 1888

Fair hair, Fair complexion

Grey eyes, Good character

Enlisted 10 March 1916



Like a lot of young men Herbert did not give his correct date of birth when he was called up for service, he became two years younger. He was the youngest son of Joseph and Mary Ann Garland of Chapman Road, Hillsborough, Christchurch. The photo shows Herbert with a niece and nephew before he left NZ. Herbert embarked on the SS Tahiti for the UK, disembarking at

Devonport after about 6 weeks at sea, and marched to Camp Sling. Herbert served as a driver in Camp Sling. He was injured there, losing the sight in one eye which resulted in him being discharged from duty and returned to New Zealand as an invalid on the SS Rotorua, having served 197 days overseas. Herbert died on 31 May 1926 when he drowned on the West Coast, crossing the Grey River Bar in a boating accident. He never married. His sister Ellen Mary Scott died in 1921, and his father Joseph died in 1923. Mary Ann his mother devastated by the deaths of her daughter, husband and youngest son in such quick succession died in 1928. Fortunately she did not know that her one remaining child, another son, Joseph Henry Garland would die in 1931. *From information kindly provided by Patsy Wardell.*