

# NESW BRIGHTON MUSEUM



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1PM-3PM

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## **COME TO THE GOLDEN OLDIE MOVIES**

*Every Monday at 1.30 pm*

*Cuppa and a biscuit first \$2.00 donation*

### **SEPTEMBER 2020**

- 7<sup>th</sup> We'll Meet Again 1943 1hr 24min Musical Vera Lynn PG  
14<sup>th</sup> The Fast Lady 1962 1hr 35 min British comedy PG  
Leslie Phillips, James Robertson Justice.  
21<sup>st</sup> The Bells of St Marys 1945 2hr 6min Drama G  
Bing Crosby, Ingrid Bergman  
28<sup>th</sup> How to Marry a Millionaire 1953 1hr 35min PG  
Comedy/Romance PG Marilyn Monroe, Betty Grable

### **OCTOBER**

- 5<sup>th</sup> Father Came Too 1964 1hr 31min Comedy PG  
Stanley Baxter, Leslie Phillips  
12<sup>th</sup> The Ladykillers 1955 1hr 37min  
British Black Comedy/ Crime M Alec Guinness,  
19<sup>th</sup> The Harvey Girls 1946 1hr 42min Musical Comedy G  
Judy Garland  
26<sup>th</sup> The Quiet Man 1952 2hr 9min Irish Drama/ Romance G  
John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald

### **NOVEMBER**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> I'm Alright Jack 1959 1hr 41min British Comedy G  
Peter Sellers, Terry Thomas,  
9<sup>th</sup> The African Queen 1951 1hr 46min British/American  
Adventure G Humphrey Bogart, Katharine Hepburn  
16<sup>th</sup> The Pink Panther 1963 1hr 55min Comedy PG  
Peter Sellers, David Niven  
23<sup>rd</sup> She Wore a Yellow Ribbon 1949 1hr 43min Western G  
John Wayne, Joanne Dru  
30<sup>th</sup> The Court Jester 1955 1hr 41min Musical /Comedy G  
Danny Kaye, Glynis Johns.

## MUSEUM NEWS What we have been up to.

We had our AGM finally on June 30th, and instead of a speaker our President, Tim Baker, told us all about the new museum website which Daniel from ITStuffed is working on. To find the site type in [www.nbmuseum.org.nz](http://www.nbmuseum.org.nz) but this is really a work in progress at present. We plan to put all the old photos and stories on here, but lots more to do yet. So be patient and come back. Tim showed us his own site which is part of his real estate site, and then we thoroughly enjoyed watching old videos of the Aranui Camping Ground back in the 1950s. This brought so many nostalgic memories back to all, particularly the Aranui people present. Have a look, you wont be sorry. [www.davidlawrence.kiwi/index.html](http://www.davidlawrence.kiwi/index.html)

We had a great turn out for the AGM, and a good committee elected.-

<b>President</b>	Tim Baker
<b>Vice President</b>	Wayne Hawker
<b>Secretary /Treasurer</b>	Peg Butterfield
<b>Committee.</b>	

Margaret Coghill (Life Member)	Quintin Sumner (Life Member)
Bob Andrews (Patron)	Peter Seymour
Kay Mannering	Daniel Hillier
Ralene White	Jim Insull
Shireen Spaul	

Jo Zervos is the representative from the Community Board.

Tim reported we had over 1400 visitors in the last year, in spite of being closed for the covid time, and David East reported that we had made a \$1600 profit last year.

We had 15 group visits from rest homes and schools, so there is certainly a place for the museum. Movie numbers have increased a lot and some weeks there are over 40 enjoying the old films.



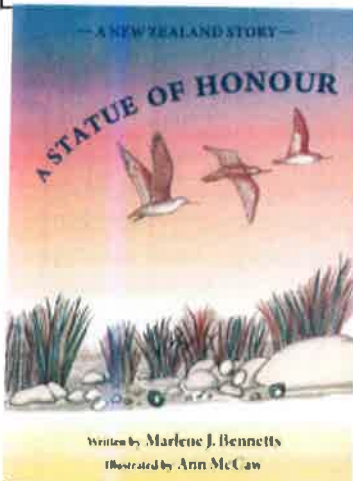
## DISPLAYS



The girls have done a wonderful display with lots of photos on the South Brighton Croquet Club. Disbanded after the quakes, the club had been at the old Bligh's Gardens site since the 1920s. All of their records are stored at the museum.

Also the wonderful photos from the 60s board riders re-union have been saved in albums with all the names typed in, and it is well worth a visit to browse through these albums.

If all goes well we plan on a big garage sale for Sunday 27th September at 11am. Judging by how much has collected in the back room, there will be plenty for you to bargain for. Also we have had some big things donated, so there will be a raffle for \$2 a ticket and drawn on the day, then we will deliver the prizes. Mark this on the calendar.



Thank you Jean Ruddenklau for donating this delightful book by **Marlene Bennetts**.

The story follows on from

"*Yolaska The Godwit*" and once again tells us all about the godwits on our estuary.

This book is about the godwit sculpture which has been erected by the South Brighton bridge. Bon Suter is the local artist. The sculpture won an International Award.

The book is written for children and is easy to read while you are at the museum.

We are working on a "Kids Corner" and these books will be part of the display.

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Hello all,

I enjoyed reading your June Newsletter, especially the memoir of Ron Carson by Lynda Richards (nee Carson) on her Dad.

I would like to thank her also and to pay my respects to him. I remember him as a genuinely good man, with an easy disposition.

Besides being a policeman serving the community of New Brighton, he was also our Rover Scout Leader.

I was a member of his 'Kotuku Rover Crew' during the early 60's.

In the Rover fraternity he was known as 'Roa' we met at the Scout den in Rawhiti Domain.

He was an inspiring and resourceful man with a perceptive mind.

We were all young blokes and under his leadership our crew participated in many diverse activities, that prepared us for the world and our lives ahead.

Most of whom went on to enjoy successful lives and careers, I think I would echo all in acknowledging 'Roa' Ron Carson for his insight and influence on us.

I smile when I recall one night when he brought along the Police Photographer to our meeting to give us insight into crime; he arrived with a mine of information and a huge portfolio of large A3 sized black and white photos of crime scenes; including suicides and murders that had occurred in and around Christchurch, including the Parker murder of 1954.

Most of the photos were especially gruesome; many remain locked in a dark recess of my mind!

It was a very dark and stormy night when I came to ride home. My bike had never raced so fast from the domain to Tovey Street in South Brighton - as the demons of the dead chased the smoke from my tyres home!

Besides all the good impressions Ron Carson had on me, that is one episode that registers when I think of him!

Lynda never mentioned another policeman who served New Brighton at the same time as her dad – the legendary Sgt Jackson, I wonder what his story was?

Please pass on my best wishes to Lynda and thank her for reminding me what a good man her father was.

I hope that you are all well and Covid free.

Stay safe, with best wishes to all

Pete Dixon

Gold Coast OZ

## SMILE

Extract from The Press August 24 1935

### COUNCIL WORKS AT NEW BRIGHTON

Many streets in New Brighton have received attention from the council during the last fortnight. Blake street, Scott street, Richmond terrace, Bligh street, Fisher street, Jutland street, Tonks street, Berry street, Fleming street and Swan street have been patched with metal and scoria, and Racecourse road, Saltaire street, Marriots road, Osborne terrace, Esplanade, Richmond terrace, Estuary road, Lonsdale street, Nelson street, Hawke street, Park road, Palmers road and Baker street have been graded. The works included the removal of the drinking fountain at the pier to a new position in front of the clock tower, and repairs to the central conveniences. Posts from the Rawhiti Domain have been carted to Pleasant Point, Parker's reserve, and the new croquet green for bush barricades, and chippings have been carted to the golf links.



Just in case you are still waiting for your street to be done, these are the present day names -

Scott street- Falcon street,  
Richmond tce—Owles tce  
Bligh street—Tovey street  
Fisher street—Mountbatten street  
Berry street- Effingham street  
Swan street- Cygnet street  
Racecourse road- Bower ave  
Osborne tce- Leaver tce  
Esplanade- Marine parade  
Nelson st- Shaw ave,  
Park road- Keyes road



**Still featuring well known identities from our area-  
TOM TREGURTHA**



Tom's garage was right opposite the New Brighton School. He was well known for his honest dealings and repairs. (My dad wouldn't go anywhere else) It was well known that Tom would never leave anyone stranded, and he would assist them no matter what time of the day or night. Tom took over the garage from McEwins in 1960, after having worked as a motor mechanic for Cliff Morris at the Shell garage on the corner of Seaview Road and Shaw Ave.

Tom was called up for duty in the second World War soon after he completed his apprenticeship. He never liked to talk about the war to his family. He served in Egypt. When the children opened his trunk after his death at age 64, they discovered he was a Warrant Officer, and also in the trunk was a Nazi Medal. He had also posted a German pup tent back to New Zealand, and this was always used for camping holidays, (with a few sideway glances from other campers)

Tom married Mildred (Mick) Marks, who was the founder of the Kakatai Basketball Club. The name was suggested by Tommy Kahi, the musician, and means "Seabirds". The Kakatai club was started in 1946.

They lived on the corner of Keyes Road and Hawke Street, and they went on to have three children, Wayne, Pauline and Brian. The boys, (both passed away) were very prominent in the New Brighton Rugby Club. Sadly at just 36 years old Mildred passed away. Her daughter, Pauline, remembers her dad, Tom, pushing Mick in a wheelchair to Hagley Park to check on her team when she was terminally ill.

(On the next page is a clip from Aunt Daisy's book, "*Thoughts For The Day*" which I feel describes these true gents of the East)



## ORDINARY PEOPLE

Thank goodness for the ordinary people we find,  
With comfortable characters, and ways sincere and kind;  
Who are honest in their dealings, truthful minded, and giving,  
Dependable, because they know no other way of living,  
Thank goodness for the ordinary people to be found,  
Just quietly continuing to make the world go round.

## KAKATAI BASKETBALL CLUB

(Currently NEW BRIGHTON NETBALL CLUB)

To those of us left who were participants or descendants of the then Kakatai Basketball Club – We would like to gather photos and Memorabilia of the said organisation and donate it to the New Brighton Museum for future displays and preserve the heritage of our Community. We need your help to make this happen. If you have any items of interest, or are interested on going on a sub committee to collate and assist in writing the history of the Club. Please respond to the undersigned because we are waiting to hear from you.

### Judy Blair

236 Queen Elizabeth 11 Drive, Christchurch, 8052  
03 3855 767 027 272 7055

### Pauline Paterson (nee Tregurtha)

132 Victoria Street, Ashburton, 7700  
03 308 7474 021 745 749 patersons.ashburton@xtra.co.nz

OR

### DROP INTO NEW BRIGHTON MUSEUM

Clearly labelled Kakatai Basketball Club – Attention Peggy  
With your name and contact details.



## DOWN MEMORY LANE

### BASKING AT BRIGHTON IN 1930

A trip to New Brighton in the 1930s was something of a big occasion. The pier was built in 1890, and it was a great attraction. Soon after it was open 56,000 holiday-makers paid a penny to walk along the pier. Steamers chugged on day trips from Lyttelton, and crowds travelled by tram for a day at the beach. By the end of the World War 1, mixed bathing had just become acceptable, and New Brighton was established for family outings, romantic assignations, or just a walk to take in the sea air. It was a place to shake off the dust of the city.

Beach cottages sprang up all along Marine Parade and the side streets. Many of these are still very functional as permanent residences today. Big city business men would have a cottage at New Brighton and not always for the wife and family! This is where the saying started—*"Are you married or do you live at Brighton?"* We still hear this today.

After sunset there were the amusement arcades on the pier, some of these were considered slightly risqué *"What the Butler Saw"* was a very popular penny arcade machine.

Sun cream had not been invented just Mum's remedy for sunburn after the damage had been done. My Mum swore by vinegar and baking soda mixed to a paste and then slapped on our backs, and then singlets on top which set hard. Imagine the pain as the singlet was ripped off!!!

The strong tides, holes and rips kept the surf club's strong swimmers busy, and provided more entertainment for the sun bathers.

