

NEW ZEALAND HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

'Promoting historical study, teaching and research'

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NZHA President's Report 2014

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GENERAL

The NZHA Executive is now based in Otautahi Christchurch. We are continuing the excellent work of the Otago Executive in promoting historical study, teaching and research, maintaining and raising the profile of history including recognising achievement through awards, lobbying government, connecting with stakeholder groups and disseminating information to NZHA members.

FINANCES

Finances were transferred from the Otago to the Canterbury Exec in February 2014 and our thanks are extended to John Stenhouse at Otago for his assistance during the handover period. Online banking facilities have been activated. Following advice from Otago, a separate account will be opened for the 2015 Conference.

NZHA MEMBERSHIP

2014 subscriptions have been received from individuals and institutions, some members elected to pay both 2014 and 2015 membership.

ROYAL SOCIETY

Constituent subs have been paid for 2015. On 10th December 2014 the NZHA President attended the Royal Society Constituent Societies meeting in Wellington, which was very useful. Membership, lobbying and what the Royal Society can do for us were the among the topics of discussion.

LOBBYING

Letters were submitted to Hon. Peter Dunn, Minister of Internal Affairs, in early 2014 in regard to recent changes at Archives New Zealand, namely the appointment of Marilyn Little, a non-practicing archivist, as the new Chief Archivist and General Manager. The letter invited the Minister to liaise with the Association whose membership base represented a wide range of expertise.

In January 2015 a submission was made to Archives New Zealand asking not to implement the destruction of DSW files after 120 years. The matter is on-going.

NZHTA/NZHA YOUNG HISTORIAN'S 2014

This year's marking of the Young Historian's Award was undertaken by the Otago History Teachers' Association. The markers were impressed with the quality of the work submitted although the actual numbers of entrants each year continues to decline. The 2014 winners are:

Year 13: 1st Arabella Pullon, Otago Girls' High School, *Ashburn Hall: A window into history*; 2nd Esther Liddle, Tauranga Girls' College, *Gateway to Tauranga: Gate Pa and Beyond*; 3rd Samuel Coad, Hutt International Boy's School, *New Zealand's Military Heritage*.

Year 12: 1st Jacobi Kahu-Morris, Logan Park High School, *Times of Protest: A case study of North American Indians and NZ – Little Big Horn and Gate Pa*; 2nd Nina King, Otago Girls' High School, *Protest Movements that Shaped Our World: Second Wave Feminism*; 3rd Aimee Stevens, Rodney College, *Times of Protest: Vietnam War Protest in New Zealand*.

Year 11: 1st Ella Yiannett, Logan Park High School, *1870's Vogel Scheme and Family History*; 2nd Rejoice Lien, Otago Girls' High School, *Black Saturday, Samoa*; 3rd Jessica Ryan, Taieri College, *The Wahine Disaster*.

NZHA has transferred their portion of the prize monies over to the NZHTA. An informal suggestion has been made regarding whether to disband the 'Young Historians' prize and replace it with a 'Young History Teacher's' Award. Members' views on this matter are welcome.

PRIZES

Mary Boyd Prize.

This prize is for the best article on a New Zealand history topic published in a referred journal from anywhere. The Judges are Professor Margaret Tennant, Massey University, and Dr Felicity Barnes, University of Auckland. The prize winners will be announced at the 2015 NZHA Conference.

Call for Mary Boyd Prize applicants, to be posted to the NZHA website:

The New Zealand Historical Association is calling for submissions to be considered for the inaugural Mary Boyd prize. This is an award for the best article on any aspect of New Zealand History published in a refereed journal. For this initial competition such articles need to have been published between 1st April 2013 and 1st April 2015.

To enter, authors should submit a pdf copy of the article attached to an email: the email should have 'Mary Boyd Prize Entry' in the subject line and be submitted to nzhawebmaster@gmail.com Individuals can only enter one article, but if an individual does not enter the competition themselves, they are able to nominate an article by

another historian by following the same process.

W. H. Oliver Prize

This prize for the best book on New Zealand history is to be instituted from 2015. Potential judges are currently being contacted. The competition will be explained to the AGM.

Call for W. H. Oliver Prize, to be posted to the NZHA website:

The W. H. Oliver prize will be awarded for the best book on any aspect of New Zealand history published between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2015. Authors and/or publishers should email nzhawebmaster@gmail.com with the full publication details of the works they would like to enter and send a copy of each volume direct to the judges.

Entries must be received no later than 1 May 2015. In making their assessment of the entries, the judges will evaluate the works on the quality of their research, the strength and effectiveness of their analysis, and the significance of their contribution to historical knowledge.

NZHA WEBSITE

This is proving to be an effective method of communication to members and the media. The NZHA Constitution has no mention of the website and the newsletter has not been active for some time. It is suggested that the NZHA constitution be amended to reflect this shift.

NZHA CONSTITUTION

Point 10 refers specifically to the NZHA Newsletter. The Newsletter is no longer active and has been replaced by the NZHA website nzha.org.nz It is suggested to change the word 'Newsletter' and replace it with 'NZHA website' and to change the word 'Editor' with 'NZHA Webmaster.'

NZHA 2015 CONFERENCE

Canterbury University will be hosting the NZHA 2015 conference from 2-4 December. A NZHA Conference Committee has been set up and a conference theme and call for papers will be distributed to members and on the NZHA website early in 2015.

We look forward to receiving your subscriptions and notices for 2015 and we'll see you at the Conference in December,

Nga Mihi,

Katie Pickles

NZHA President 2014-15.
