



AUCKLAND MEDICAL HISTORY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2022

Dear Members

This is to update you on recent events and the plans for the rest of this year and next year.

PETER HOLST

Peter Holst has resigned as Treasurer and as member of our Executive Committee. He indicated several years ago that he wished to resign as our Treasurer, but he agreed to continue until a replacement could be found. Peter has served as our Treasurer over many years. His wisdom, thoroughness and unfailing cheerfulness have been greatly appreciated by all members of the Society. His work as the Treasurer has been a very important factor in the successful function of the AMHS. On behalf of the members, I wish Peter a happy retirement, but we hope to see him at our meetings when they resume at the end of this year.

CHANGES IN THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pat Clarkson has volunteered to act as the Treasurer until a permanent replacement for Peter Holst can be found. Neil Pollock continues as our hardworking Secretary and Dr Tony Mark has recently joined the committee. Peter Stone is temporarily standing down from the Executive Committee for the rest of this year. Judy Murphy continues to manage the website.

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2022

Congratulations to:

Gordon Nicholson ONZM

Graeme Woodfield CNZM

WEBSITE

Remember to check the AMHS website regularly for news, updates and other interesting information. (Google analytics monthly reports show steady interest in our website.)

Check www.amhs.co.nz -go to *Publications / Documents* to see Pat Clarkson's updated documentation of New Zealand Medical Practitioners who served in the First World War. Alternatively go to the Auckland Museum link – <http://www.aucklandmuseum.com> - go to the search icon (screen top right) then enter *WW1 NZ Doctors*. (Another way of reaching the site is to google *Medical Practitioners of the First World War- Online Cenotaph*.) There also stories of New Zealand nurses who served in WW1 recorded in the Online cenotaph.

PROGRAMME 2022

It has not been possible to hold meetings so far this year, but the plan is to hold a meeting on **Thursday 3rd November 2022**. Distinguished Professor Ian Reid has agreed to deliver his lecture at this meeting. Ian's lecture has been eagerly anticipated for a long time, but it has been cancelled on two occasions because of lockdowns. Ian is a distinguished medical scientist and an excellent lecturer, and I hope that as many people as possible will attend the meeting. His lecture will be followed by the Annual General Meeting. We were unable to hold an AGM in 2021 and it is important that everyone has an opportunity to have a say about the way the Society is being managed.

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In Peter Stone's absence, I will organise the lecture programme for 2023. The first meeting in 2023 will be held on **Thursday 2 March 2023**. The guest lecturer will be Dr David Abernethy of Wellington. David recently retired after a long and distinguished career as a neurologist in Wellington Hospital and Senior Lecturer in the School of Medicine. David will be talking about pioneer neurosurgeon, Victor Horsley.

The programme for the rest of 2023 has not been finalised. I know several people have volunteered to give lectures, but please contact me if you would like to speak at one of our meetings, or if you can recommend a suitable speaker. You can contact me by e mail: neila@adhb.govt.nz

The format for the meetings will be the same as the last couple of meetings before Covid lockdown: a short *Special Interest* small group tour looking at some of the lesser known objects in the Ernest and Marion Davis Library- starting at 6.15 p.m., followed by one or two lecture(s) starting at 7 p.m. There will be book sale before the lectures commence and tea and coffee will be available.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEE

The Society has not been able to hold regular meetings, and therefore the Executive Committee has decided that the Annual Subscription Fee will be suspended until further notice. Donations are very welcome.

I hope to see you in November.

Neil Anderson

President

