

Albertland Museum & Heritage Centre

Newsletter



September 2019

PATRON : Mr Alan Gibbs

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**Albertland & Districts Museum
Inc
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Sunday 15 September 2019, 1.30
pm
Albertland Heritage Centre**



Join us to see how your local Heritage Centre operates. Take the opportunity to have your say in how we go forward.

The meeting will be followed by afternoon tea and a look around our displays of historic treasures.

2020 CALENDAR

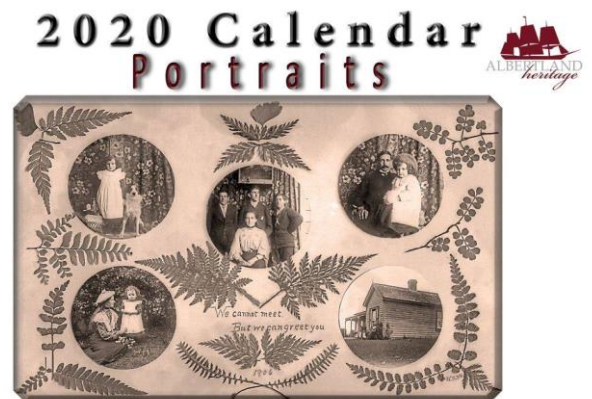
Our limited edition 2020 Heritage Calendar is now available.

Images from the Harold Marsh Collection include members of many families from early Albertland.

\$20 each - \$27 posted within New Zealand

Calendars can be purchased from the Museum or ordered online at www.albertland.co.nz

Be quick – last year's edition sold out!



Featuring photographs from our Collections
Above Photograph: W H (Harold) Marsh home-made Xmas Card for the Reid family
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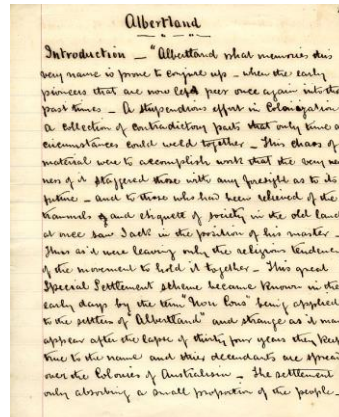
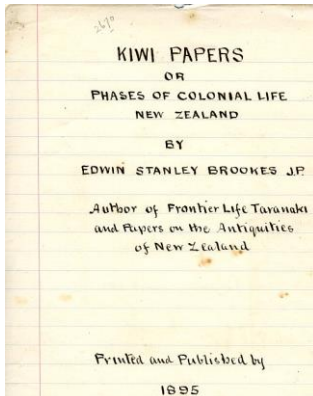
NOW SHOWING IN THE MARSH GALLERY

Our current exhibition, curated by Peter Marsh, features photos, cameras and equipment used by 5 of our local photographers. W H (Harold) Marsh, Cliff Grant, Don Worsnop, John Ross (Coast to Coast Courier), and Alistair Morrow. Make the time to visit and see how much photography has progressed over the last 120 years.



FROM OUR PROJECTS TEAM

Among our collections are many unpublished, hand written manuscripts penned prior to 1900 by E S Brookes Jnr and others about early colonial life here in Albertland and the provinces. Preserving and transcribing these valuable archives is providing volunteers, Helen Bennett and Jan Brady, with an interesting project which includes digitally scanning each individual page then skillfully transcribing each story into a Word document. From these photos you can see what is involved.



This week Helen has discovered how difficult it was in Sept 1863 to get to Auckland from Wharehine. Having spent 2 days walking through dense native bush from Wharehine to Big Omaha via Pakiri to catch a boat E S Brookes Jnr arrived at Mr Meiklejohn's only to find the boat had just departed. Disappointed but undeterred he pushed on to Matakana where he boarded another bound for Auckland.

Like to take part in this ongoing project or just come along and help with other tasks from time to time? Then please contact us.

Phone : Museum: 423 8181 (answerphone messages are checked daily) or Peter Marsh (Manager/Curator) Ph: 027 4979290
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WEBSITE UPDATE

Our current website was designed 8 years ago and while it has functioned well the time has come to give it a new look. Monster Graphics from Whangarei were most responsive and innovative. Towards the end of September we will let you know when our new website will come online.

'NZ MEMORIES' MAGAZINE

The August/September edition includes a story about Harold Marsh building his house in Wharehine. This was first published in Local Matters as one of our History columns.

BUILDING EXTENSION

At the suggestion of Colin Smith, Mark Enticott and Paul Allen met with Council staff. We were aware that Council is considering building public toilets somewhere near the skateboard park and had hoped that they may add these toilets to one end of our proposed additions. Even though it makes a lot of sense for council to do so, it would be about 4 years down the track before they could commit to it as the idea has to go through several layers. Our decision was to not bother to pursue this very long term idea and carry on as we are.

In the meantime we await council agreement to roll over the ground lease for the site for another term [33years] Until we have that in writing, we are in 'holding' mode. As we have said previously, things move slowly in regulatory circles, and we are not yet at the point of going out to tender!!!! We will keep you updated.

FUNDRAISING VISIT TO GIBBS FARM

This has now been scheduled for early in the New Year and once organised we will let you know details.

WELCOME

Terry and Rose Reid recently joined our Governing Committee and we certainly appreciate their input and expertise.

2019-2020 MEMBERSHIP

Sincere thanks to all those who continue to support our organisation by becoming members. Your subscriptions are an invaluable addition to funds for collection care. The subscription year ended in August 2019. 2020 Memberships can be paid either at the Museum, via the website, or by direct credit Internet Banking. Museum account number is ASB Wellsford. 12 3094 0077415 01. If paying online please include your name. **Life Membership \$100.00. Annual Membership \$10.00.**



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