

THE EPSOM & EDEN DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.



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NEWSLETTER : JANUARY 2008

Welcome to the first meeting of the year to be held

Monday 4 February 2008 at 7:30 pm

beginning with light refreshments

in the *Epsom/Eden Room*, **Epsom Community Centre, 202 Gillies Ave, Epsom**
(cnr Gillies Ave/Kimberley Rd).

Ample parking is available from either the Gillies Ave or Kimberley Rd entrances.

Speaker: Russell Stone on Logan Campbell Houses.

LOOKING AHEAD : Further Meeting Dates for 2008 : Monday at 7:30 pm

Diary Reminder:

April 7	June 2 (Queen's Birthday)
August 4 (AGM)	October 6 (final mtg for yr).

Where possible, outings will be organised for the first Monday of alternate months, i.e. March, May, July, September and November.

PROSPECT : The Journal of the Epsom & Eden District Historical Society Inc.

Jeanette Grant (638 8566) will be only too pleased to assist you with organising your memories and memorabilia.

Deadline: 31 March 2008

THE HISTORY OF EPSOM – Second Edition

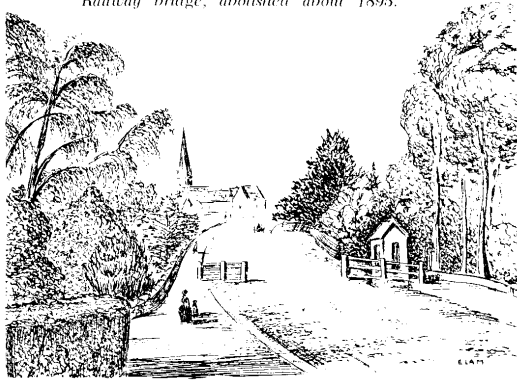
Available for sale at Time Out Bookstore,
cnr Stokes Rd/Mt Eden Rd, or their website www.timeout.co.nz @ \$65 per copy.

✚ New Zealand Hospital Ships. In World War I ✚

At our August meeting Dr Basil Hutchinson spoke about New Zealand Hospital Ships. In World War I, the Government requisitioned the steamers "Maheno" and "Marama", converting them to hospital ships. Many New Zealand doctors, nurses, dentists, chaplains and other ranks served on these ships which cared for our forces at Gallipoli and in France. A number of medical students were among the "other ranks" and these two ships are remembered at Otago University by Marama Hall which was originally to be a place where medical students learnt the medical science of war, but since then the hall has served as a gymnasium and theatre while in more recent years it has become the Department of Music! In World War II, the Netherlands' liner "Oranje" was given to Australia and New Zealand as a hospital ship and together with our own "Maunganui" served our forces well. "Maunganui" also helped Australian servicemen and their hospital ship "Wanganella" reciprocated. While not a hospital ship, "Menestheus" became a floating club and brewery to provide much comfort to many troops, in the Pacific war zone. Dr Hutchinson accompanied his talk with a selection of interesting photographs.

MT EDEN TOLL GATE

The last Auckland toll-gate, near the Mt. Eden Railway bridge, abolished about 1895.



It has been suggested that the small brick building standing on the southern corner of Mt Eden Rd and Akiraho St was once Mt Eden's toll gate. This historic sketch, however, would indicate that the original toll gate was on the opposite side of Mt Eden Rd, with the Church of the Holy Sepulchre (visited during our March outing) clearly visible on the skyline. **Have any members any information about the toll gate?**

LOOKING BACK : 2007

Summary of Meetings - Speakers

- February 5 John Denny, Puriri Press
(Designed and typeset *The History of Epsom*, also handled production of Society's Journal, *Prospect*, for past 5 years)
- April 2 Kit Howden (Park Ranger) representing The Friends of Maungawhau.
(Managing Mount Eden)
- June 4 Don Gallagher, President of The New Zealand Fencible Society Inc.
(History of Fencible pioneers who settled in Howick, Otahuhu, Onehunga and Panmure in 1847).
- August 6 (AGM) Dr Basil Hutchinson, Retired former Anaesthetist and HOD Auckland and Green Lane Hospitals. *(New Zealand Hospital Ships of WWI and WWII)*
- October 1 Davina Johnston *(Memories of "Marivare" after World War II)*

Summary of Outings

- March 24 Guided tour of **Church of the Holy Sepulchre**, Khyber Pass Rd, and walk around surrounding streets to view other historical buildings.
- May 27 Walk around notable buildings and heritage sites in Epsom area.
- July 1 Guided tour of *Marivare*, circa 1865, 60 Ranfurly Rd West, Epsom.
Followed by serving of Wine and Cheese.
- September 23 We met at the Epsom Community House, 202 Gillies Ave at 2pm.
The historic Epsom walk concluded at the Community House when refreshments were served.
- November 4 Guided tour of **Onehunga Community House**, Selwyn St, Onehunga
Followed by high tea.

Your Committee welcome any suggestions for speakers and/or outings. Please contact any of the following with your recommendation/s:

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