

WAINUIOMATA PIONEER CHURCH PRESERVATION SOCIETY INC

PRESIDENT'S REPORT TO ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

08 JUNE 2014

Another excellent year for the Society.

Since the official opening of the refurbished interior of the Church we have hosted seven weddings and one Vow Renewal ceremony, also Open Days, a Carol Singing evening and an Anzac Day Concert all held in our beautiful Church.

Fundraising events held at other venues include Market days, our highly successful High Tea, Devonshire Tea in a Country Garden, acting as Marshals at the Tuf Guy n Gal Challenge to name some of them.

Our forthcoming fundraising will include again Marshalling at the July Tuf Guy n Gal Challenge, another Quiz night, another even bigger High Tea and of course our current raffle of an authentic All Black Tour Jersey signed by 100 current and former All Blacks

The committee have had a number of working bees throughout the year and these along with the ongoing assistance given by the Wainuiomata Garden Club and our lawnmowing contractor mean our grounds are looking absolutely beautiful. We have now had a new sign made with the updated details on the known history of the Church and we are very grateful to Allan Flanagan of the Sign Team who generously did the sigwriting without charge and then Laurie Parker who made the lovely surround for it and then assisted by Steve Lister cemented it into place Where would we be without our members and committee husbands working and helping behind the scenes Also again our thanks to all the Grave Adopters who have made the graveyard to look cared for and loved by the community

We have received two quotes to install under floor insulation which will stop some of our heat escaping and have just been advised that we have been successful in obtaining a grant from the Infinity Foundation so will now get this work underway without delay.

Since our last AGM we have finally received the long awaited Conservation Report prepared by the Historic Places Architect. Therefore we are now able to proceed with planning for our next projects which are the replacement of the Vestry, painting the exterior of the whole Church and

installing a very necessary sprinkler system.

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Our Membership is currently 42 full and 19 hon comparing with last year numbers of 79 full and 24 hon means we are slightly down however trust this is just slowness by some members in renewing.

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Whilst everyone on our committee are invaluable I would like to again pay special tribute to Colleen Hira who puts together the magnificent newsletter which keep all our member so well informed of what is happening and what is coming up

We are fortunate that all of the outgoing committee have indicated they are available for re-election -they have worked tirelessly throughout the past year in what has been a true team effort. However that does not mean that we would not welcome any of our members to also assist on this committee - it truly is a case of many hands.

In closing my thanks to all of you for attending today and for your support during this past year and of course huge thanks again to our great committee

Joyce Lockyer  
President