



Minniesdale Chapel & Cemetery

Shegadeen Road
Wharehine

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MINNIESDALE NEWS 2020

Greetings to all our friends and supporters.

2020 has certainly been a very strange and unsettling year but we are looking forward to a brighter 2021.

Most of 2020 was very quiet although once back into Level 1 more people visited. There was a Christening in November and we have two couples planning their weddings for January and March.

Chapel booklets continue to sell well and we hope purchasers enjoy reading about the history of Minniesdale. Don't forget our website www.minniesdale.com which provides more information and historic images.

The cemetery has continued to be meticulously maintained by the Wellsford Lions Club and comments in our Visitor's book reflect this.

A large Puriri tree down below the chapel had become a potential safety issue so an Arborist was contracted to safely prune it back.



Our battery powered vacuum cleaner purchased last year has proven a huge help to the ladies who clean the Chapel. It's hard to believe we managed with broom, shovel and brush for so long!

The Chapel's new carpet runner arrived early this year, just in time for a wedding. It is absolutely beautiful and very plush to walk on. We didn't realise how threadbare the old one was until we lifted it.

AGM 2019

The Trustees held the Chapel and Cemetery AGM on Sunday 2nd February 2020. It was agreed by Trustees that current officers would continue:

Chairman Tony Hayward
Secretary Lyn Johnston
Treasurer Barbara Lane

Trustees are: Pauline Stables, Jill Jackson, Liz Sanders, Linda Casci and Sue Andrew.

Unfortunately, due to Covid lockdowns, the 2020 AGM has had to be postponed to early 2021. We will notify you when we set a date.

PROJECTS

Since a return to Covid Level 1, we have been able to get a couple of projects finished. Tony Hayward has tidied up beneath the Chapel, installing a storage cupboard and setting up solar power to lighting and sound system.

He has also refurbished the Grant Family 'lookout' covered seat on Shegadeen Road. The Trustees are treating this as part of the Cemetery grounds.



We had hoped the Chapel floor would be restored to its original glory before this year's Anniversary Service but two Covid lockdowns has meant this has been postponed until next year.

In the Cemetery there are a few headstones which are subsiding and some ground level plaques that need to be raised – a future project.

Anniversary Service

This year's Service, conducted by Jan Olsen, will take place on Sunday 27th December at 1.30 pm. This will be followed by afternoon tea at the Wharehine Hall. In keeping with tradition – please bring a plate.

Please note: We will have a QR Poster in the Chapel for recording visits in addition to our Visitors Book.

Wishing everyone all the best for the Festive Season.



Lyn Johnston
Secretary

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