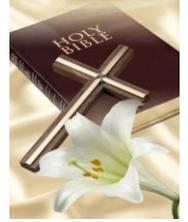




Minniesdale Chapel & Cemetery

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MINNIESDALE NEWS 2021

Greetings to all our friends and supporters

An Invitation

The Minniesdale Chapel committee wish to extend an invitation to the community to our annual anniversary service. This will be on the 9th of January at 1.30pm and will be followed by an afternoon tea at the Wharehine Hall. In keeping with tradition - please bring a plate.

A vax pass will be required on entry to the chapel and any others are welcome to enjoy the service from outside the chapel. The sound system will ensure that the service can be heard outdoors.

This service will be officiated by Chris Hill, an Albertlander, and local celebrant Clare Hayward and will include a tribute to Lyn Johnston.

Lyn was a long standing Minniesdale committee member and community person, we would also like to acknowledge her passing in this newsletter which she usually compiled.

Remembering Lyn Johnston

On the 9th of September this year our dear friend and fellow Minniesdale Trustee passed away.

Her untimely death after a short illness was a huge shock to everyone who knew her and has been a great loss to her family of course, but also to the ongoing trusteeship of Minniesdale and the wider community where she has lived since returning to the area in the early 1990's.

Lyn was descended from an Albertlander family (Marsh) and was deeply interested in all things related to the pioneer settlement of the area. As well as being a cheerful and hardworking trustee for Minniesdale chapel and cemetery, she volunteered at the Albertland Heritage Museum in Wellsford, giving a huge amount of her time and seemingly endless energy to the preservation and display of the district's past.

There was a lot more to Lyn of course. She painted, sang, and enjoyed the theatre and ballet. She regularly contributed an article to the local paper relating some local history and she liked boats – especially old ones.

This years' Albertland Museum calendar, which she compiled but did not live to see published, features lots of them mostly plying the Kaipara that she looked out over from the family home on Marsh Road, Wharehine.

Lyn was a special person who will be greatly missed.

AGM 2021

The Trustees held the Chapel and Cemetery AGM on Sunday 25th July 2021. It was agreed by Trustees that current officers would continue:

Chairman Tony Hayward

Secretary Lyn Johnston (sadly this position became vacant slightly less than 2 months after this AGM)

Treasurer Barbara Lane

Trustees are: Pauline Stables, Jill Jackson, Liz Sanders, Linda Casci, Sue Andrew, Roger Brookes & Jacqui Brookes.

At a recent ordinary meeting held 12th December a new trustee Andrew Fairweather was appointed and Liz Sanders has taken over the position as Secretary.

PROJECTS

Restoration of the Chapel floor is still on-going. Hopefully, this will be completed some time in 2022.

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

Please note:

We will have a QR Poster just inside the Chapel entrance for recording visits in addition to our Visitors Book.

Wishing everyone all the best for the Festive Season.

From the Trustees
Minniesdale Chapel and Cemetery Trust

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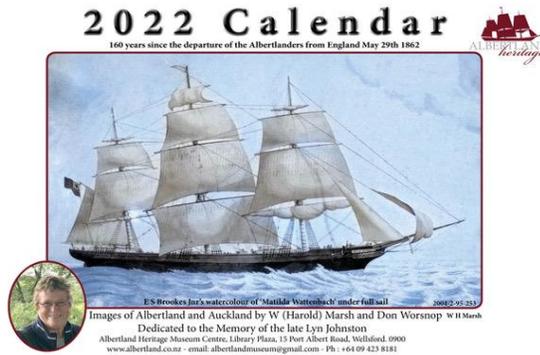
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Merry Christmas to one and all.
May you have a happy time with family & friends.
All at Minniesdale Chapel & Cemetery wish you the very best
for the New Year 2022.