



Minniesdale Chapel & Cemetary

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MINNIESDALE NEWS 2017

Greetings to all our friends and supporters.

As you will be aware, 2017 marks the 150th Anniversary of our little Chapel and plans are well under way to make this a truly memorable occasion. 2017 is also the Centenary of the Lions Club worldwide and your Trustees have been incredibly fortunate in having the Lions Club of Wellsford tackle many of our more difficult tasks as their community project. They have laid new concrete paths, concrete for an ashes berm extension and base for a seat donated by an Albertland descendant. The old tank stand has been replaced and graves cleared with tackling agapanthus a mammoth job. I'm sure you will all appreciate the effort they have put in towards Minniesdale's enhancement and upkeep.

Earlier this year the roadside picket fence was extended and looks great. We have also had squabs made for the Chapel pews to brighten the interior and provide comfortable seating during services. Thanks to Mick Tree, we have a new window installed to replace the decayed one at the western end of the Chapel.



The Trustees' AGM was held on 12th November. Tony Hayward and Lyn Johnston remain as Chairman and Secretary while Barbara Lane has taken over the Treasurer's role. Your Trustees are Jill Jackson, Linda Casci, Pauline Stables, Sue Andrew, Liz Sanders with one new member, Steven Stables joining the team. Runa Halfpenny tendered her resignation as Trustee which was accepted with regret. We truly appreciate service and support she gave Minniesdale for over thirty years.

The Chapel is continuing to be a popular location for weddings and more are booked. A Christening will also take place early in 2018. This year we farewelled two of our long-standing friends and supporters, Enid Wiltshire and Dulcie Radich. They were truly lovely ladies and we will miss seeing them at our services.

The Minniesdale Chapel website got underway during the year with Peter Lane very generously donating his time and expertise to set it up. It is proving an invaluable source of information and point of contact for the wider population. Our Facebook page also continues to attract comment and 'likes'.

150th Anniversary

Plans for the 150th Anniversary Celebrations are now well in hand. The Service at 1.30 pm will be conducted by Mr Peter Brookes and will be followed by afternoon tea at Wharehine Hall. The Hall will also display photos and memorabilia relating to Minniesdale over the years and a DVD created by Albertland Heritage Centre to promote the 150th will be available.

As the afternoon tea is being catered and numbers limited we must have expressions of interest registered in advance. You can do this by going to our website www.minniesdale.com and following the links to registration, or contact Barbara Lane direct : email barbielane53@gmail.com or phone 09 423 8187.

We look forward to seeing you at this very special celebration.

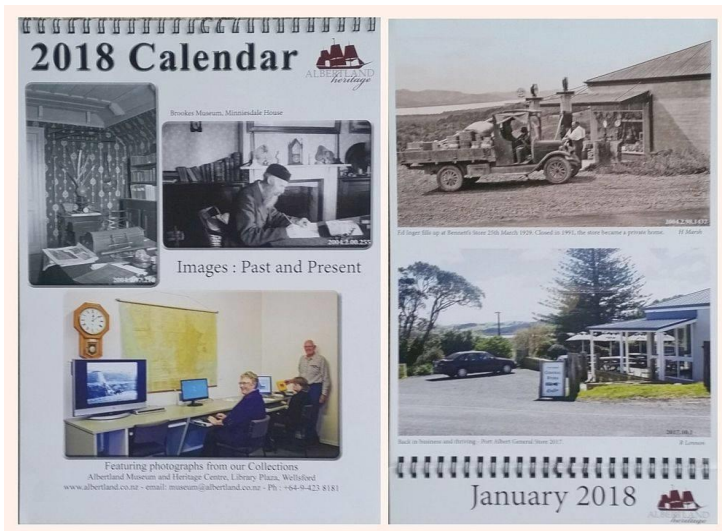
Wishing everyone all the best for the Festive Season and a happy and safe 2018.

Lyn Johnston
Secretary
Minniesdale Chapel and Cemetery Trust



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