

SHT ANNUAL REPORT 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019

1. General

The Trust had another busy and productive year, with a major focus on advocacy for the protection of Dunedin and Otago heritage on a number of fronts. We work with other interested parties and appreciate our relationship with Heritage New Zealand and the Dunedin City Council in this regard. A highlight of the year was saving the Cadbury Dairy Building from demolition for the hospital rebuild; the challenge now is to find a sustainable use for public benefit and funding. We continue to be faced with some ongoing heritage challenges, notably the preservation and the protection of the Donaghy's Ropewalk, and we offer ongoing assistance to the Gasworks Museum Trust.

We offer a range of events for our members and the public and as always, we have been ably supported by volunteers in all of our activities, and a special thanks goes to you all.

2. The Trustees

Since Barry Clarke's illness in 2016 the Board of Trustees has been ably led by Brent Lovelock as Chairman, who is to be thanked for his major contribution to the Trust. However, he has now resigned from the role and is currently overseas on sabbatical leave from the University: he will remain on the Board on his return. We are grateful that trustees Jo Galer and Merrin Bath, who lead very busy lives, have agreed to share the duties as Co-Chairpersons. Treasurer Mandy De Leeuw, with Polson Higgs' professional assistance, has researched and implemented a financial system that best suits the Trust's needs: Mandy is ably supported by volunteer PhD student Quyen Nguyen. We are sad to lose the services of Jack Gordge, who joined the Board in 2017, because of a career move to Auckland. We are currently seeking additional Trustees, suggestions are.

3. Heritage Advocacy

The Trust continues to advocate for heritage protection in a number of ways in collaboration with Heritage NZ and others:

- **DCC 2nd Generation District Plan:** The Trust and City Rise Up group of residents in collaboration prepared submissions and ably presented them at the hearings. Our thanks and appreciation to Jo Galer, Meg Davidson, Liz Angelo and the team.

- **Dunedin Heritage Fund:** Brent Lovelock continued to represent the Trust on the Dunedin Heritage Fund committee, which is jointly administered by the Dunedin City Council and Heritage New Zealand. The Fund provides grants to support the protection and conservation of Dunedin's built heritage, as well as the continued use and appreciation of these places by the community.

- **'Heritage Matters' Otago Access Radio:** Thanks to professional veteran broadcasters Dougal Stevenson, Bill and Judy Southworth and Jane Edwards, and to Keith Scott, Ann Barrowclough, Richard Stedman and Gregor Campbell for their dedication in producing new fortnightly episodes of fascinating local history stories. Thanks to sponsors Ryman Health Care.

- **Cadbury's Dairy Building:** The Trust saved and catalogued some equipment, thanks to Emma Cornelius and team and Judith Mair and Martin McArthur from Cadbury's. We were instrumental in initiating support through Heritage NZ, DCC and other important supporters to save the building from demolition for the new Hospital

re-build. We are looking for suggestions for a future use that ensures public access and sustainability.

- **Donaghys Ropewalk Building:** The Trust is working with Heritage NZ and DCC in preparation for negotiation with the owners for the future of building.

- **Braemar St Cottage:** The intention is for this to be linked with the Gasworks Museum for displays of domestic appliances and social history, but a permanent location is urgently needed (now temporarily at DCC Tahuna site). The Trust has been closely involved with the Gasworks Museum since early 2000s, with Ann Barsby and Jonathan Cweorth playing a major part.

4. Events and Activities

- **The 2018 AGM** was held on Thursday 21 June in the offices of Galloway Cook Allan at the heritage award winning warehouse building at 123 Vogel St. Speaker Nick Dickson, recently appointed DCC Senior Manager, compared his experience in the UK with heritage challenges in Dunedin.

- **“Visions for Dunedin: our Heritage, our Future”:** The successful series of monthly talks continued with topics ranging from settler Dunedin to the harbour of the future, our thanks to all the speakers (6pm, third Tuesday of each month, 4th floor Dunningham Room run in partnership with the Library)

- **David Cox Memorial Award:** This commemorates the work of David Cox, consultant structural engineer, and recognises excellence in conservation and restoration. The award was presented at the DCC Heritage Awards function to the Quarantine Island community for the restoration of the Married Quarters Building, with a merit to the DCC for the Ross Creek Dam Project. A difficult task for the judges Lois Galer and Darrel Robinson from five nominations!

- **Northern Cemetery:** A further trail brochure has been added featuring Boer War memorials, compiled by military historian Peter Trevathan, who also led a popular ANZAC Day tour. Thanks to Bunnings and staff for assistance. Several Larnach's Tomb visits were arranged for small groups during the year. The Sextons Cottage has been open to visitors on weekdays or on weekends by arrangement; thanks to long standing volunteer Richard Hercus for his commitment.

- **Other events and activities** were fewer but included a members' Garden Party at 12 Royal Terrace, various visits and talks and three themed Savoy Afternoon Teas.

5. Trust strategic planning

The Trust has been formulating strategies concerning our structure and future direction. Operation and management by a small group of busy volunteers needs to be well ordered to be effective. We are working to streamline management and communication systems (including internet e-news, website and social media), and are in the process of rebranding to build the Trust's profile. This process will improve outreach to our members: it will also involve a wider audience in debate and inform them of our events and activities.

We thank all Trustees, members and volunteers for their ongoing work in preserving our heritage and acknowledge valuable support of many others which has enabled the Trust to achieve its goals.

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