

April 2015 Newsletter



A view of the ANZAC Memorial Bridge, February 2010. Photo by K Flavell

Dear Friends and Neighbours

The Board of the Friends of the ANZAC Memorial Bridge (FOAB) is pleased to invite you to attend our 2015 ANZAC Day Service at the ANZAC Memorial Bridge Kaiparoro on Saturday April 25, 2015 from 2:00pm – 3:00pm followed by afternoon tea at Pukaha, Mt Bruce.

The theme for this year: Not Just on the Frontline

The service will be led by our FOAB Chairman, Peter Bryson of Palmerston North, who is a Great-grandson of Alfred Falkner, the designer and builder of the ANZAC Bridge.

It will include participation by members of the Armed Forces, ATC Squadron 21 Masterton, RSA, and the Rathkeale and St Matthews College Choir – Viva Camerata and Palmerston North Boys High School.

Palmerston North Boys High School student, Isaiah Smiler, will present a biography of Fallen Soldier, Sergeant Donald Kelway Pallant who was an old boy of PNBHS and is commemorated on the ANZAC Bridge.

NZ Pacific Studio Artists' Residency Centre's 2015 ANZAC Bridge Fellow, Connah Podmore will present her community project *Writing to History**. Selected participants from the workshops below will read from the project.

Afternoon Tea will be at Pukaha, Mt Bruce at 3:00pm following the ANZAC Memorial Bridge Service. Cover charge \$5.00 per person.

If the weather is inclement we will direct everyone to Pukaha, begin with afternoon tea followed by the Service, and conclude with a wreath laying ceremony back at the bridge.

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**Writing to History* is a community based project that offers the opportunity to consider our continuing link to the World Wars; to those who fought in them, and those who suffered from home.

All are welcome to participate in this project by writing a postcard to a war-time ancestor. Your postcard will contribute to a video artwork and instillation made by Podmore that will be presented on ANZAC Day at Pukaha.

> Writing to History project workshops will be held: Masterton Library on Friday 10th April, 11:00am Eketahuna Library on Friday 17th April, 11:00am
> NZ Pacific Studio, Mt Bruce on Saturday 18th April, 2:00pm

If you have received this newsletter by post, you will find enclosed a postcard which, given your connection with the bridge, we invite you to participate with our *Writing to History* project.

If you have received the newsletter by email and would like to be involved in the project please reply to this email. Postcards need to be returned to NZPS by: Wed 22nd April 2015, to be included in the instillation. Eight years on, the bridge, walkway and ANZAC reserve are still in the slow process of being transferred from NZTA to the Department of Conservation and receiving appropriate reserve status. We sincerely hope that the transfer will be completed this year. The FOAB have applied to the Lottery World War One Commemorations, Environment and Heritage Fund for funds to have Conservation and Management Plans prepared to ensure the long term conservation of this much loved memorial. Hopefully our application will be successful.

FOAB appreciate and acknowledge Eastern and Central Community Trust's and Tararua District Council's financial assistance for maintenance of the bridge and walkway. Also a thank you to Pub Charity for their assistance with the costs for the Anzac Day Service and to Trust House Community Enterprises for funding the ANZAC Bridge Fellowship through NZ Pacific Studio Artists' Residency Centre.

This is the time of year we invite donations and renewals of membership, as well as new membership. Our sincere thanks to all our Life Members for your continued support. We invite you to consider making a further donation to support our work. If you have received this newsletter by snail mail and you have an email address PLEASE send us your email to our Membership Secretary, Lynette. <u>ian.lynette.dewes@xtra.co.nz</u>

The FOAB Annual General Meeting will be held at Pukaha Mt Bruce National Wildlife Centre on Saturday May 30th at 1:30pm. All interested people are welcome.

Please Like us on Facebook and share your stories & photos. https://www.facebook.com/pages/Friends-of-ANZAC-Bridge/530342073698688

Thank you again for helping us to continue this important work. We look forward to seeing you at this year's service on ANZAC Day 2015.

Best regards from the Board of FOAB:

Chairman Secretary Treasurer Membership Secretary Board Members Peter Bryson Corinna Carew Doug Phillips Lynette Dewes Hayley Grant, Glenys Hansen, Felicity Lamm, Jennifer Lamm, Mac McColl, Michael Pinhey, Glenne Sheppard

<u>Friends of the ANZAC Memorial Bridge Kaiparoro Inc. CC</u> 27304 Membership Form

Thank you for supporting us !

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Email:	glenayr@xtra.co.nz
Mailing Address:	The Treasurer, FOAB Inc Doug Phillips State Highway 2 RD 1 MASTERTON 5881 Ph: 06 375 8336

100 Years

To Honour those who made the ultimate sacrifice for our Country from Kaiparoro 100 years ago.

The flag will be flown at half mast on the following days in 2015:

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8 May 2015 Sergeant Donald Kelway Pallant



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28 August 2015 Trooper Victor Andrew Falkner



Friends, family and community members are invited to lay wreaths at 2:00pm on these days.