



THE GODLEY BEACON

The Godley Head Heritage Trust Newsletter, June 2009

From the Chairman's desk

While it has been a busy year for the Trust it hasn't been for the members or the newsletter. Much effort will be made in the coming year to change both. Our Curator Graeme Hines has found us a builder so the adaptation of the Quarter Master's Store into a heritage centre is moving a pace. In October this year there will be an open day at the Head in co-ordination with DOC. We are planning for the first of our displays to be ready then. With this in mind we have decided to incorporate our Annual General Meeting this year with a working bee at Godley Head so we can clear out the main display room for the builder to get it painted. It is a pleasure to welcome two new members to the Trust's Board. Grant

Campbell who's the Programme Manager for Community Relations at the Mahaanui Area Office of DOC. Grant already attends the Board as the DOC representative but now sits on it in his own right as a Trust Member. The latest to join is Michael Fitzgerald who has just completed a degree at Lincoln and was introduced by Lynne Lochhead.

A reminder that the Historic Places Trust is organising a field trip to Burnham Military Camp on the 11th July for a cost per head of \$20. Please phone Lynne Lochhead ChCh 3515-928 for details.

Peter C Wilkins Chairman

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Peter Bulman fitting insulation to the Quartermaster's Store.



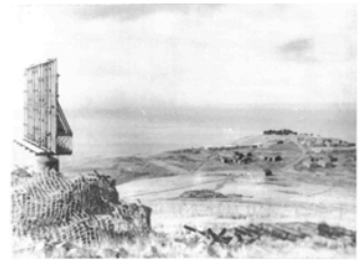
Graeme Hines the Trust's Curator is organising the building work.

Peter Bulman of Moncks Bay has contracted as the Trust's builder. He is in the process of installing foam insulation, repairing the interior of the display areas, re-installing doors and painting as he goes. Combined with the work already done by Trust Members the interior is being transformed. Graeme Hines, the Trust's Curator is organising the work says "All going well, we hope to have the first public displays ready for the open day in October. We have all been working on this project several years and its exciting to see it coming together. It will be a great asset for the whole city." Display cabinets donated to the Trust by the Air Force Museum at Wigram are to be employed for the more valuable and fragile artifacts.

Sound and light will be used to bring the display's to 'life' and give visitors the 'feel' of war time at Godley Head.



Bill Mooare and his team have been beavering away at both the guns and the tow vehicle. They are now able to tow the Bofor and the 3.7 out from the Gun Room with ease. This is a credit to their combined engineering skills and determination.



Francis Barr NZ Built radar above NZWAAC 1943 GH Battery & Camp WW2

A recent oral history interview with Francis Barr, -ne Kane of Timaru provided a whole range of the most useful information about a WAAC's life during WW2. Especially useful to the Trust was being able to pinpoint the location of a NZ built radar operated at GH.



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Notice of Annual general Meeting 2009

The Godley Head Heritage Trust's Annual General Meeting will be held at the Godley Head Officer's Mess on Sunday the 21st of June 2009, at 1.30 PM (1330 hrs).

It will be preceded by a barbecue lunch provided by the Trust at 12.30 PM (1230 hrs)

Members, friends & family are invited to attend.

Those able to help with the work day please assemble at the Quartermaster's Store at 10.00 AM (1000 hrs) with work clothes.

Anyone who has any difficulties with transport to the Head for this day please ring Graeme Hines on ChCh 384-3866 and arrangements will be made to get you there and home.

Please remember Trust Membership Subscriptions are now due. Could you please post in your \$20 or bring it with you to the Annual General Mtg.