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Greetings FRIENDS of HERITAGE MAHURANGI INC WARKWORTH

THANKYOU for your interest and indeed for the welcome comments re our first edition in August.

Again, we have been busy communicating and planning for future events relating to our concept. It is encouraging to note that as our membership continues to grow, so too does the support for our community involvement. May I draw your attention to the following:

KOWHAI FESTIVAL “HUGE DAY OUT” This Saturday 18th Oct 9am to 8pm. Come join in the festivities on the occasion of our 53rd year. Look out for our stall site.

“WELCOME TO WARKWORTH” – New signage



Warkworth landmarks signposted

Visitors to Warkworth will have no excuse for not being able to find their way around the town following the installation of a new sign on the footpath in Baxter Street, between the library and the Masonic Hall. The sign is a newer version of the one removed from Queen Street during the construction of the new walkway. Heritage Mahurangi chair Dave Parker thanked Warkworth's service clubs – Warkworth Rotary, Warkworth Lions and Kowhai Coast Lions – for their support, as well as Auckland Council. Pictured, from left, are Dave Parker, Rotary immediate past president Kay Flower, current Rotary president Lily Watson, and Lions representative Peter Henderson.

In conjunction with Warkworth Rotary and the Lions Club, we have been able to come up with new signage to replace the old and out of date one that was positioned by the bridge. There are now two signs outside the Warkworth library which Welcomes all visitors to our township. The contents, in the main, features our Heritage Brochure 'Things to See and Do'. Special thanks to AKL Council for their support in the provision of the signage.

MEMORIAL DAY – Saturday 15 November

In addition to our efforts to recognise all Heritage Buildings and sites in our township, we have agreed to now "Commemorate and Honour Early European Settlers" There will be three plaques embedded into a Memorial Rock which will be placed down on the riverbank below Wharf St. One will honour our Founder and Settlers of Warkworth. The second of those from Mahurangi East Peninsula and thirdly, recognition of Heritage Vessels 1832 – 1939. An official Unveiling Ceremony will be held at 2pm to which any descendants of original settlers or those associated with the Heritage Vessels, are most welcome to attend. ALL Committee and members are welcome. PERIOD COSTUME is welcome. This will be followed by a reception and afternoon tea in the Southgate room above the Warkworth Hotel.

Those wishing to attend will need register with Secretary Kay Flower info@heritagemahurangi.co.nz by 31st October please. Invites will be sent out shortly.

Please note that this event will supersede the proposed 'Founders Day'

HARRY LANGRIDGE WALKWAY:



Many of you may have walked the newly constructed walkway by the bridge. As a matter of interest, this original part of the riverbank once saw much industrial activity including the Flour Mill. In more recent years, it was through the efforts of the Warkworth Beautifying Society that our riverbank and township was beautified by numerous plantings and trees. Harry Langridge was the inspiration and developed the original walkway. In 1969 the Town Council of the day formally recognised Harry and so did name that walkway the 'Harry Langridge Walkway' We are following up on appropriate signage to recognise part of that history.

*It is to be remembered and recognised also, that Lucy Moore Park was originally developed by a Claude Thompson and his son Peter Thompson.

HARRY PARRY KAURI PARK: – Signage

We have been approached by Ray Jensen (Kauri Bushman's Assoc) to lend support for a Heritage sign which would outline the history of the park as well as the walkways. Progress is being made.

GLOBAL SISTER-TOWNS

I am pleased that finally, we have communication from our other Warkworth in Banbury Northamptonshire UK. We are working with the Chairman of the Parish Council in the hope that we can become officially 'Twinned' in the near future. The township is a much smaller town than Northumberland but has an even greater history. We look forward to further communication as there have been residents visit on various occasions.

NEXT BI-MONTHLY MEETING: Wednesday 26th: Venue TBA

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