

Newsletter – February 2010

2010 Jim Gardner Lecture – Christchurch's first CBD

Professor Geoffrey Rice will deliver this year's lecture on Sunday afternoon, 25 July. Professor Rice will speak about Victoria Square. He has pursued the history of the square for many years and has a lively story to tell on collecting pictorial material and information on people and events from its first days as Market Square. Professor Rice hopes to finish a book about the square later this year

Christchurch is about to consider new plans to reinvigorate its centre. A recollection of how the city's original core developed, and of how it contained the seeds for growth and many changes, should be an apt accompaniment to the discussion.

Fuller notices of the lecture will be given in later newsletters; but **members are urged to note this event in their diaries for 25 July.**

Progress on Business History

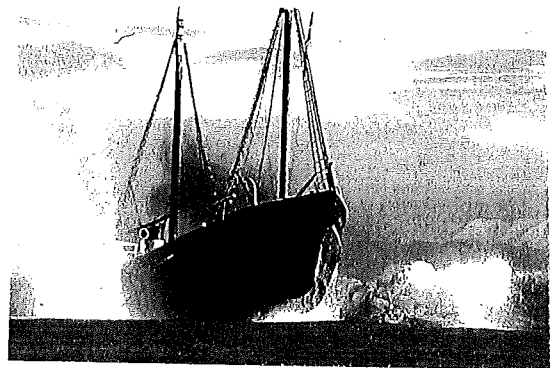
A Foundation rule change last year facilitates membership by commercial entities. An Executive sub-committee is now exploring ways to encourage businesses to support the Foundation, and to encourage businesses to be careful of their own history. Simon Dorset convenes the group.

An interesting innovation being explored by the sub-committee is the University of Canterbury BA internship course. This new course associates university study with businesses or local organizations in specified projects. If a third-year history student proposes a suitable project, it is hoped two members of the sub-committee, Professor John Cookson and Graeme Dunstall, will be able to provide the necessary academic supervision.

Work continues on preparing advice for retaining material for archiving; on finding suitable space to hold records until they are sorted and deposited in permanent library archives; on alerting the managements of moving, merging, or liquidating enterprises to the importance of holding records for posterity; and on ways of communicating with the business world. Happily, excellent models of business histories exist to inspire others.

Good News from Kaiapoi

The December newsletter reported that the Foundation had promised \$1000 to the Kaiapoi Rivertown Trust to help fund its publication of Colin Amodeo's book on the MV Tuhoe. The required funds have been raised, enabling The Caxton Press to produce *Tuhoe Tales* for a launch in March. RRP \$39.00. At Blackwells, Kaiapoi, Leslie's in Lyttelton, and other bookshops.



Tuhoe crossing the Waimakariri bar