

# WEST AUCKLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY: INDEX-WEST OF EDEN JOURNAL, Issues One to Nine

	Title	Summary	Issue No.	Pages
01	Introduction: Local Geographic	Unique landscapes make for unique histories by Grant Cole.	One	
02	The road to Whatipu	A detailed account of travelling by 'road' to Whatipu in 1921. Retrieved from the archive by Marc Bonny.	One	2-3
03	The quarry	Duck Brothers Photo Essay part I: Duck Brothers' quarry in the Waitakere Ranges presented by Vivien Burgess.	One	4-8
04	Book reviews	Rudy Sunde looks at Tudor Collins' <i>Kauri Cameraman</i> and two WWI classics.	One	9
05	The bach by the wharf: Cornwallis Beach	Certain places carry powerful inter generational memories for families. This is the story of such a place, as recounted to 2007 J.T. Diamond Essay winner, Mia Brown by members of her family.	One	10-14
06	The Auckland Regiment	The pathway taken by Auckland Regiment to the Western Front and to 'New Zealand's bloodiest day' by Bruce Harvey.	One	16-18
07	Remembering Passchendaele	Trixie Harvey's father fought at, and survived, the battle of Passchendaele. This article describes the journey that Trixie and Bruce Harvey, and many other New Zealanders, made to Ypres in 2007 to commemorate the 90th anniversary of that battle.	One	19-21
08	Working for the Brothers	The second part of a photo essay of a West Auckland contracting and earth moving company, presented by Vivien Burgess.	One	22-23
09	What's in a name change?	An update on the origin of the place name 'Henderson'. Although it seems like a cynical modern practise, David Luxton reminds us that changing the name of a place to make it more attractive is nothing new.	One	24-25
10	Burton Brothers visit West Auckland	The pre-eminent documentary photographer of Victorian New Zealand visited Taupaki and Onehunga to record the kauri timber industry of the 1880s. This is the result - Burton Brothers images presented by John B. Turner.	One	26-29
11	Journey's End	Jim Brown was an avid historian who wrote poems that recorded the West's past. This one is about a log's journey from bush to villa.	One	30-31
12	The Riverhead Paper Mill	An account of a visit to the Waitemata (Riverhead) Paper Mill in 1911, retrieved from the archive and supplemented with detail by Vivien Burgess.	One	32-34
13	Remote connections	What was the connection between Thomas Henderson and Robert Louis Stevenson's <i>Treasure Island</i> ? Ian Rockel considers an answer.	One	35-36
14	Introduction: It's a question of history	Gai Bishop asks some searching questions about the limits of what we consider to be History and in so doing flags some of the ambitions of this journal.	Two	
15	Book reviews	Marc Bonny reviews Lois McIvor's <i>Memoir of the Sixties</i> , Rudy Sunde looks at <i>New Zealand Shipwrecks</i> and <i>The Little School in the Valley</i> .	Two	2-3

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16	West by northwest	In the early 1950s the northwestern motorway was thrust across the causeway from Waterview to Te Atatu, then onto Massey. Residents and businesses looking for cheap housing and industrial leases migrated shortly after. Another set of unique images from the Duck Brothers Collection with notes by Vivien Burgess.	Two	4-9
17	The tree tomato saga at Landsend	Overall winner of the 2008 J.T. Diamond Essay Competition, Anne Marie Endt-Ferwerda's account of growing tamarillos in Oratia during the 1960s.	Two	10-13
18	Riding the roller coaster	Spectacular unpublished images of the mill boiler being shifted from Karekare to Piha in 1910, from the Lisa Prouting Collection.	Two	14-19
19	Working the cables	How did the Karekare-Piha Tramway actually work? John Wise presents the fruit of some 25 years research on this technically challenging section of line. Diagrams recreate and locate important features.	Two	21-21
20	Accident at Muriwai	An account of a curious incident at Muriwai Beach in 1934. We pay respect to writer and historian Peter Buffett who originally wrote this column in 1988.	Two	22-23
21	Fleeting peninsula	Photographer John B. Turner stands at the gate between the present and the past in rapidly changing Te Atatu.	Two	24-29
22	Almost paradise: The accommodation houses of Muriwai	This history of various attempts to lure paying guests to the undeniable charms of Muriwai is told by Ben Copedo. Featuring striking images from the 1922 promotional brochure.	Two	30-34
23	Whatipu tragedy	This story of the 1873 demise of Rev. David Hamilton in the wilds of West Auckland is told by Professor Edward Blaiklock aka Grammaticus in this reprinting of his 1973 column. Prof. Blaiklock uses his intimate knowledge of the Ranges to recreate the Reverend's final minutes.	Two	35-36
24	Introduction: Journeys into the wild	Often our historical fascinations are to do with the industrial past. Issue three of West-Of-Eden bucks this trend. Introduction by Grant Cole	Three	
25	From the archive	A 1901 Otago Witness report on a tramping expedition to the wild West Coast - 'Facing the Lion Rock' - retrieved by Vivien Burgess.	Three	3-5
26	Brothers of the wild west	The five Ingram brothers each had an interesting connection to Waitakere's west coast. One of them, William, liked to roam the Waitakeres... "this we did at all times of the day and night in search of adventure of which we found plenty." Researched and written by Vivien Burgess.	Three	5-6
27	Karekare anniversary	When photographer Herbert Arthur and his bride Rhoda honeymooned in a tent at Karekare in 1896, they weren't entirely alone. A camera was their constant companion. On their return to Karekare for their fortieth anniversary, it was still there.	Three	6-13

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28	Driving into the Glen	First of a two-part article on Tui Glen, New Zealand's first motor camp. Gai Bishop describes the context for the coming of the motorised wilderness camper to West Auckland.	Three	14-15
29	A man of comfortable means and leisure	A close look at the life of Henry Swan, often the subject of hearsay, misinformed reports, fiction and fictional non-fiction. The revised version of the life of a famous Westie by Robyn Mason.	Three	16-30
30	Book reviews	Rudy Sunde reviews Keith Stewart's <i>Kauri</i>	Three	31
31	The tree tomato saga at Landsend	Part two of the 2008 J. T. Diamond Essay Competition winner - Annemarie Endt-Ferwerda's account of growing tamarillos in Oratia during the 1960s.	Three	32-35
32	Introduction: What to keep, what to throw away	Grant Cole takes a look at the question from a heritage point of view	Four	
33	Saturday night dine and dance	In the 1950s and 60s Aucklanders came to Pinesong restaurant in their droves to let their hair down on a Saturday night. By Marc Bonny.	Four	2-7
34	Early recollections of Godleys	The site on which Pinesong was established impressed many visitors during the time of the Godleys and the Gardners. By Marc Bonny.	Four	8-9
35	Lincoln Road - The golden mile	Before the urban blanket rolled over the land between the Huruhuru and Henderson Creeks, a rural way of life prevailed. Vivien Burgess contributes the first of a series on Lincoln Road.	Four	10-11
36	Exploring the golden mile	Although not appealing in an obvious way, Lincoln Road offers plenty to interest the observer with an eye for the past. Photo essay by Grant Cole.	Four	12-13
37	From past to present: George Wood remembers orchard life on Sturges Road.	This essay by Bella Berman, overall winner of the 2009 J.T. Diamond competition, recounts the life of a man she stopped to talk to one day.	Four	14-18
38	Norm Laing 1921-2009	Bruce Harvey pays tribute to an incomparable West Auckland historian.	Four	19
39	Landing Beechey's Wreck of H.M.S. Orpheus	Bob Harvey tells the story of how he promoted the patriation of Beechey's painting to New Zealand, aided and abetted by Thayer Fairburn and Norm Laing.	Four	20-21
40	Sounds and sensations of Customs Street	An evocative re-creation by Ben Copedo of a particular time and place - downtown Auckland near the end of the tram era.	Four	22-23
41	Driving into the Glen	Second of a two-part article on Tui Glen, New Zealand's first motor camp. Gai Bishop describes the rise and fall of Claude Brookes' brainchild and why the legacy of Tui Glen is worth saving.	Four	24-30
42	The Kemsley Family of Poplar Farm near Henderson's Mill	Vivien Burgess gives a quick research lesson by tracing the movements of a pioneer family through reference to some readily available resources.	Four	30-21
43	Kathleen Donaldson remembers: Franks' store, penny ice creams and other stories	Louise Maich's J.T. Diamond prize-winning essay on her Aunt Kathleen's memories of growing up in Henderson during the 1920s and 30s.	Four	32-35
44	A song returns to the Cascades	Ben Copedo, whose forebears lived at the Cascades, was present when kokako were recently released into that part of the Waitakere Ranges.	Four	36

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45	Introduction: Local identity	Grant Cole visits the question of local identity.	Five	
46	Muriwai racing	Gil Howard was a motoring enthusiast who competed in the New Zealand Motor Cup in the 1920s. His son Grant Howard, who lusted after a Bentley like his Dad's for most of his life, tells the story of the Muriwai Beach races, supported by his father's photographic collection.	Five	2-8
47	Norcross Printing - sponsors of <i>West of Eden</i>	Illustrated timeline of the Norcross family's association with West Auckland.	Five	9
48	An early Dalmatian family settles on Lincoln Road	The Bilich family came to Lincoln Road in 1903, where their story became the story of the economic development of the district — progressing as it did from gumdigging, to fruitgrowing, viticulture and wine production. Illustrated with superb photographs from the family collection, this article by Vivien Burgess continues her series on Lincoln Road.	Five	10-21
49	Steel boatbuilding at Kelston	2007 J. T. Diamond Essay Competition entrant Gerhard Breckveldt tells the story of the introduction of steel boatbuilding to New Zealand by fellow Dutch immigrants Len Brijs and Herman Scholten at Span Farm in the late 1950s. From their small boatyard on the Wairau Creek they produced innovative pleasure craft, fishing boats and tugs.	Five	22-28
50	1950s Dutch migration to New Zealand	A brief look at migration from the Netherlands in the 1950s.	Five	29
51	Letter to the editor	Janis Fairburn and Dinah Holman respond, from a point of historical accuracy, to the HMS <i>Orpheus</i> article in the previous issue.	Five	29
52	Miller's dream	In the 1950s William S. Miller had the idea of turning some pig sheds on his Kelston farm into an industrial estate, and he dreamed that the manufacturing activity fostered there might one day transform the New Zealand economy. William S. Miller was no stranger to grand designs, as this potted history of his business endeavours reveals, by Grant Cole.	Five	30-35
53	Introduction: Gatherings of the like-minded	Gai Bishop considers the role of clubs over the years, particularly in regard to the study of our history.	Six	
54	Henderson's Foresters Hall: a photograph, a story revealed	A photograph of a curious-looking building that once occupied a site on Henderson's main street piqued Vivien Burgess' curiosity enough for her to unravel its mystery. An engaging community story emerged.	Six	2-8
55	The road to Huia	Arnold Turner describes the persistence of settlers, in particular his grandfather Edward Turner, in urging local authorities to construct a stable shoreline road, beyond the reach of the Manukau tide, connecting Little Huia to Huia.	Six	9-11

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56	The boys of summer: A brief history of the Karekare Surf Live Saving Club, 1935-2012	A dramatic sea rescue in 1935 at remote Karekare Beach prompted the formation of a surf lifesaving club around a nucleus of Manukau Cycling Club members, by Bob Harvey. Includes a short article about the Governor General Viscount Galway who visited the Karekare Surf Live Saving Club in 1935.	Six	12-20
57	Mr Waitakeres, Part 1: Working for waterworks	Bill Beveridge spent the larger part of his life in the Waitakere Ranges and developed an intimate connection to this environment. In the first part of his story, Bill describes his time as a Waterworks caretaker based at Waiatarua. From an oral history recorded by Norm Judd.	Six	21-32
58	The Beveridge Track	Brief report about the opening of the Beveridge Track link from Mackie's Rest to Arataki and installation of interpretive signage on Exhibition Drive.	Six	31
59	Subdividing Woodford Avenue: Early residential Ssubdivision off Lincoln Road	It was subdivision, but not as we know it. In this final article in our series on the development of the Lincoln Road district, Vivien Burgess presents recollections of the forming and kerbing of Woodford Avenue in 1955 through the dawn-to-dusk graft of the Buscomb brothers.	Six	34-37
60	Letter to the editor	Bob Harvey responds to the letter in Issue Five from the Fairburn sisters.	Six	37
61	Introduction: It's a big world	Grant Cole looks at the way our history and our physical environment are intertwined, and touches on the rise of the internet in the history story.	Seven	
62	Mr Waitakeres, Part 2: A man for all seasons	The creation of a dedicated Parks department at the Auckland Regional Authority in 1969 provided Bill Beveridge with the opportunity to move from Waterworks, at a time when search and rescue became very important. An oral history recorded by Norm Judd.	Seven	2-7
63	Joan's story	Joan Beveridge recollections.	Seven	10-11
64	Commemoration: The <i>Orpheus</i> remembered, 7 February 2013	Photo essay of a special event that commemorated New Zealand's worst maritime disaster, featuring photographs by Ted Scott.	Seven	14-17
65	Retrieval	Louise Maich's essay traces a very personal journey into her Dalmatian roots. A uniquely West Auckland story that won best overall entry in the Out West Essay Competition, 2011.	Seven	18-24
66	The Kare Kare Bushmen's Ball	Published in the Observer, 17 January 1885, this poem written by the pseudonymous Long Kangaroo describes colourful action and characters at the Karekare Mill. Retrieved by Bob Harvey from Papers Past.	Seven	25
67	Auckland's Centennial Memorial Park	The original idea was to create a national park in the Waitakere Ranges. Instead, Auckland established a park that would mark the nation's and the city's centennial year. Arnold Turner, former chair of the park, outlines its formation.	Seven	26-27

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68	The energy and enterprise of Bill Miller: Span Farm revisited	Barry Birchall reveals just how innovative Bill Miller was in putting the word 'service' into service station at his premises on Khyber Pass Road, and in developing his own supply chain for motor spirit based at Span Farm.	Seven	28-31
69	Konaki	Historic photos of this unusual, locally developed vehicle at work in West Auckland.	Seven	32-34
70	Clever NZ invention or archaic curiosity?	Ben Copedo speculates on the origins and the name of the konaki.	Seven	35-36
71	Introduction: Stories of our place	Robyn Mason introduces John Thomas (Jack) Diamond (1912-2001), the man behind the name of the J T Diamond Essay Competition. A selection of essays from the first three years of this local history writing competition forms the content of the journal issue.	Eight	
72	Memories of 75 years in the valley	Jack Chapman remembers working at Dudley Russell's Western Vineyards in Henderson Valley during the 1940s.	Eight	2-4
73	The man who brought a special sparkle and unique sound to West Auckland	Juliette Patterson celebrates the unique character that Willy and Stan Bonsel's jewellery store brought to Henderson's town centre.	Eight	5-7
74	Alf's purpose! Alf way	The irrepressible personality Alf Way, a brickie from Cornwallis, is celebrated by his former workmate, Winston Hansen.	Eight	8-11
75	A memento	Margaret Stockford traces her family's inter-generational link to the Waitakere Ranges.	Eight	12-15
76	Whenuapai. Air base up, up and away!	Sally Willmot tells the story of the construction of the NZRAF base at VVhenuapai, and the effect it had on the local community.	Eight	16-19
77	Memories of Te Atatu in the 1960s	Glennys Clare McGlashan remembers building a family home on a gorse and blackberry covered section in the raw new suburb of Te Atatu North in 1960.	Eight	20-22
78	A mini-supermarket comes to West Auckland	Cyril Kelleway describes his enterprising introduction of a self-service grocery to suburban Kelston.	Eight	23-25
79	Winning posts	Raymond Ryan revisits a farm at Anawhata where he helped his uncle Horace Mobbs construct a boundary fence in the 1940s.	Eight	26-29
80	Tenuous tenancies: a history of the Cornwallis baches	Emma Louise Joyce recounts the tussle between public and private land values, in the removal of baches at Cornwallis Beach.	Eight	30-35
81	Index New Zealand (INNZ)	Thersa Mills, indexer at Index NZ introduces INNZ, the finding aid for articles from a wide range of New Zealand and South Pacific magazines and newspapers.	Eight	36
82	Introduction	Gai Bishop, president of the West Auckland Historical Society, reflects on 40 years of engagement in, and advocacy for, the collection and preservation of the history of the West Auckland region.	Nine	
83	Rose Hellaby House	During the 1980s West Auckland Historical Society developed an ambitious display centre at Rose Hellaby House in the Waitakere Ranges. Vivien Burgess chronicles the pioneering work undertaken by the society to bring the history of the region to life.	Nine	2-13

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84	Mill Cottage, a stubborn survivor	When the Corban family gifted Mill Cottage to Waitakere City in 1993, the time had come for the society to take over the restoration and guardianship of this seminal West Auckland building. Gai Bishop, Vivien Burgess and Fiona Drummond tell the story from mill cookhouse to society headquarters.	Nine	14-25
85	Memories: Talk by Jack Diamond	J T Diamond was invited to talk to the society in 1999, and he chose to recall subjects of interviews he conducted in the 1950s whose memories were long enough to extend back into the 19th century.	Nine	26-30
86	Jack the Lad: Memories of a Massey Hobsonville boyhood	In this J T Diamond essay winner, Sally Willmot outlines the settlement in the Massey district by the Luckens family, as it was recounted to her in interviews with local identity Jack Luckens before his death in 1996.	Nine	31-34
87	Adey's Place: a memorial	Ava Real's prizewinning essay draws on a broad cast of characters to describe a world of pies, patties and beach politics in this history of the Piha shop, destroyed by fire in 2017.	Nine	35-39
88	Society activities over 40 years	Since its inception West Auckland Historical Society has been involved in many public events in its role as an advocate for regional history and as an involved member of the community. Gai Bishop, Vivien Burgess and Fiona Drummond have compiled an illustrated list of these varied activities.	Nine	40-43
89	Publishing the stories of West Auckland	The society has always been highly active in bringing the history of the region to public attention through printed publications. Here is a list of the society's publishing activities since 1977.	Nine	44