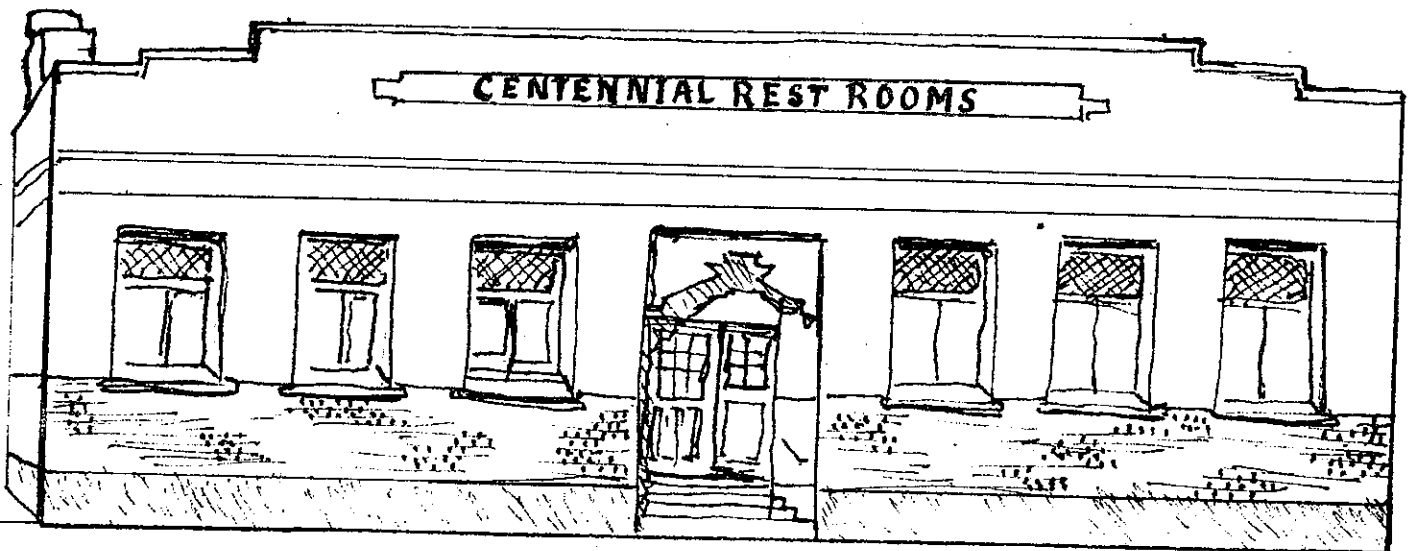


# The Rest Room Saga

(A Gore and Country Women's Endeavour)

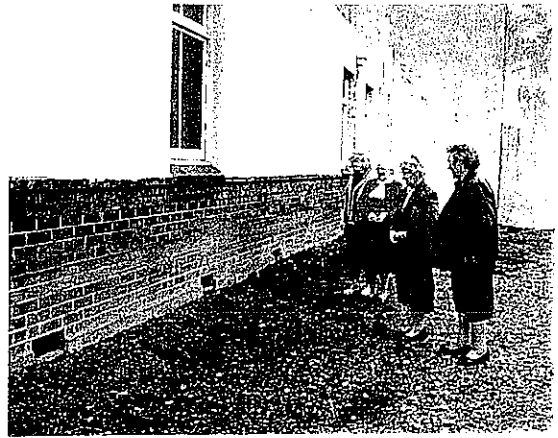


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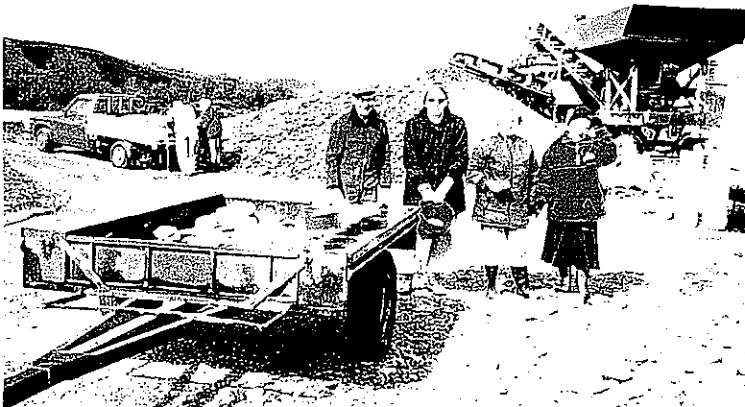
(a) Jean McDonald, Doris Macgregor, Win Roy and Margaret Church. These ladies were awarded Life Membership of the Pioneer Women's Memorial Trust.



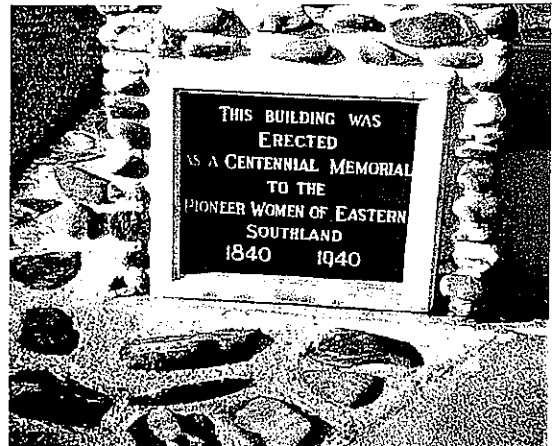
(b) Members contemplate the discoloured section of brickwork at the back of the Rest Rooms where the railway roadway had butted up against it.



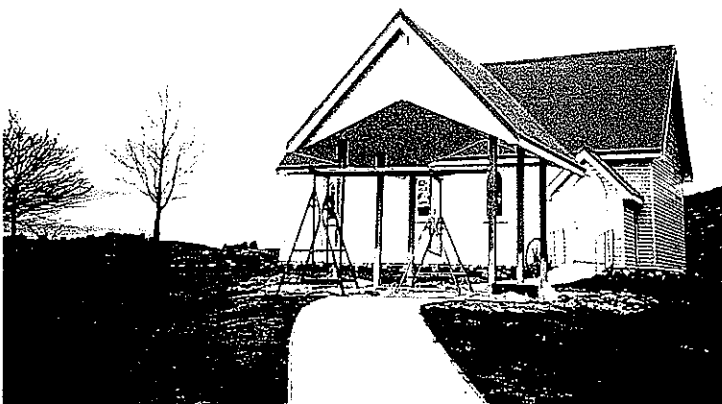
(c) The Rest Rooms building was located immediately north of the Railway Station.



(d) Working bee collecting Mataura River stones. (Left to right) Herbie Horrell, Jean McDonald, Paisley Laird, Brenda Cook, Hazel Mercer, Bertha McFadyen.



(e) Two types of stone were used: Mataura River stone into which the plaque is set; and the stones from the Otamita Stream, which form the base.



(f) The Lychgate in course of erection.. It appears to dwarf the church but in fact, is in perfect perspective. See g.



(g) The completed Lychgate in front of the former Mandeville Anglican Church.

- These notes are the result of research carried out by Win Roy who has put together an interesting account of the immense concerted effort that resulted in the establishment of the Gore Women's Rest Rooms – and of its regrettable demise. The account also tells of subsequent steps taken to ensure that the efforts of the pioneer women of Eastern Southland are not forgotten.
- For early records thanks go to Mrs Kath Geddes whose mother kept detailed accounts of the Saturday Markets; Mrs Joyce Donald, who recorded W.D.F.F. early events; and the descendants of David Dickie the first secretary/treasurer whose records go back to 1930: Miss Margaret Dickie and Mr Norman Dickie.
- The following list of those appointed (on 18 Apl 1936) to be members of the Gore Rest Rooms Organising Committee was posted to David McDougall M.P. to keep him informed.
  - Mesdames: J. Stewart; D. Dickie; F. Gutschlag; J.J. Gresham; Henry Smith; Wm. Orr; J. McKinnel; Jas A. Johnston;
  - Messrs: F. Walker; Fred Trapski Jun. H.E. Bacon; David Dickie.
  - Trustees: Messrs D.L. Poppelwell; Henry Smith; R.L. Byars.
  - ( Note: Others joined the Committee after this date.)
- It was the custom up to 40 or 50 years ago for women to be known by their husband's initials. To put this right we have tried to find out the 'real' names of the ladies concerned. e.g. Mrs J. Stewart may also appear in the text as Mrs J. Stewart (Mary Stewart). Where we have been unable to find out a lady's Christian name we have just left things as they are.
- A Lychgate was a gateway under a porch, close by but not connected to, a church. The architecture was usually in keeping with the structure of the church.
- Donations for the Bursary Fund are still being gratefully accepted. Committee member, Doris Macgregor, set the ball rolling by donating \$2000, money earned from the sale of her own handcrafts, and originally meant to boost Rest Room funds.
- Thanks to Ian McKelvie for help with the photographs, and Kath Crump for the illustration on the Title Page.

*Charles Muir, assistant researcher.*

Eastern Southland Pioneer Women's Memorial  
*History, the record of events in the life of a Nation, State or Institute, is a fascinating study – and the closer the subject is to home and our hearts, the more inspiring we find it. Some of us have lived through a very interesting period of history, and benefited by progressing in its good times and through overcoming difficulties in its bad times. The 'ups' in life are exciting but the 'downs' are the times that build character and resourcefulness. This was very evident in the Thirties Depression and was a source of pride for women, demonstrating what they could, and did, accomplish.*

#### **A major concern – no rest room**

A branch of the Women's Division of the Farmers' Union was formed in Gore in 1926, and members interested themselves in projects for the benefit of women in the community. Of major concern was the lack of a women's Rest Room in Gore. Action came to a head in 1929 when Branch representatives approached the mayor, Mr D.L. Poppelwell for his assistance to acquire a central section whereon the proposed rest rooms could be built at a later date. On 29 August, 1929 Mr Poppelwell with representatives from the Farmers' Union attended a meeting of the local Women's Division. The mayor announced that he had been successful in negotiating with N.Z. Railways for the lease of an area on which to site the proposed rest rooms. (Originally this site was north of the Mersey Street railway crossing but at a later date another site north of the Railway Station was substituted. Here the rooms were eventually built.)

The rental of the site (static for at least the 10 years from 1929 to 1939), was two pounds per year.

#### **Trustees and Women's Division representatives.**

Steps were taken to put things on a legal footing. Trustees appointed to hold the lease were Messrs D.L. Poppelwell, Henry Smith and R.L. Byars. A sub-committee of Mrs J. Stewart (Mary Stewart) of Pyramid; Mrs William Cunningham (Florence Cunningham) of McNab; and Mrs David Dickie (Ann Dickie) of Croydon Siding was also appointed, their job being to confer and co-operate with, the trustees. This sub-committee appears to have co-opted the aid of two well-known men to help with the fund-raising. They were Mr H.E. Bacon, a town milk supplier of Mandeville Road (who acted as President); and the farmer/historian, David Dickie (who acted as Secretary). In the early years these five were the public face of the Gore Rest Rooms Organising Committee.

Mrs Mary Stewart took over the reins as President from April, 1936. Mr H.B. Bacon's note of resignation is of interest: 'I take this step with regret. I found it difficult to hear at the last meeting. I had expected to have had artificial aid by that time but it did not turn up.' David Dickie continued on as Secretary. Both he and Mrs Mary Stewart worked long and hard until November 1939 when they resigned as their job was completed: the money they had helped raise was passed over to the Centennial Committee.

### Fund raising

With the tenure of the section assured [1929], country and town members started fund-raising in earnest so that the rest rooms would become a reality as soon as possible. Typical money-raising ventures included social evenings in the Croydon district; a concert organised by the Mandeville Women's Institute; and catering for various ploughing matches by local Women's Division members. Donations came from all over including money from Brydone, Tapanui, Waikaia, Moa Flat, Waikaka, Mandeville and Balfour. The C.W.I. also did their part. The Gore Women's Club and several individual donors made donations. The Mataura members of the W.D. sent a donation but explained that it was all they could afford as Mataura was itself considering building a Rest Room.

Then there was door-to-door collecting. It worked this way: Collection books were sent to the various branches whose job it was to allot them to reputable collectors who would canvass a specific area. A tight check was kept on things. Records for 1 Dec, 1939 show books returned and amounts collected. One book (returned) was from the estate of a gentleman who had died before he had time to start collecting. Other tardy collectors were given a polite reminder. The following two letters show that the role of collector was not always undertaken willingly:

*Dear Mr Dickie,*

*I am returning the book I got some time ago. I did not collect anything.*

*Dear Mr Dickie,*

*I have been handed a letter from you dated 16 July re. rest room collection book etc., I received these from you alright but was not prepared to do any collecting. The book has become mislaid - I may come across it. If I do I will forward it.*

However, almost without exception the collectors did what was asked of them, no doubt at considerable personal inconvenience in those days when not everyone owned a car. It was Depression-time and the income from all these sources was small. However it was these small contributions which formed the nucleus of the Rest Room funds. As the Scots say, 'Many a mickle makes a muckle'.

### The Market

On 23 May, 1931 Women's Division members conducted their first weekly market with Mesdames J. Stewart (Mary Stewart) and J. Johnston (Clara Johnston) as conveners. They were ably assisted by a strong committee of willing workers. Originally the Market was held in a Carrington Hotel room for a rental of five shillings per day. The room was actually owned by Wright Stephenson Ltd. It was a very dark room and it was found necessary to have the light on (which cost a further one shilling a day.) The following year H. & J. Smith Ltd. provided premises free of charge. The Market transferred there on 27 August, 1932. Saturdays were the busy shopping days. 'Late Night' was also on Saturday. H & J Smith did not lose from this gesture as some of the profits would go back into small purchases.

At this time farmers were selling their fleece wool for five or six pence per pound. Wool 'pieces' were practically worthless. One sheep run sent three bales of locks to a sale and got back a bill for handling! Dairy farmers were getting three pence per gallon for milk – so housewives were glad to sell their surplus eggs, cream and butter to make a few shillings.

### Price List

The Market opened up new opportunities especially for the display of the superb baking produced in the farm kitchen. It is probable that the element of competition would also be a factor in maintaining what older members recall as high quality output. A daughter of one original member has kindly provided the following price list which should be of interest.

|   |               |
|---|---------------|
| Large preserving jar of cream (including jar, lid and seal) | 2/-           |
| Round pickle jar of cream                                   | 1/-           |
| Square pickle bottle of cream                               | 1/3           |
| Goose   | 5/-           |
| Chicken   | 2/-           |
| Fowl  | 2/6           |
| Boiler fowl   | 2/9 and 3/-   |
| Duck  | 3/-           |
| Turkey (dressed)  | 7/6 to 9/-    |
| Butter  | 8d to 1/-     |
| Eggs (according to season)                                  | 8d to 1/- doz |
| Girdle scones (four)  | 6d            |
| Oven scones (eight)   | 6d            |
| Sultana cake  | 3/6           |
| Fruit cake  | 5/6 to 6/-    |
| Filled cream sponge (large)                                 | 2/-           |
| “ “ “ (small)   | 1/6 to 1/9    |
| Swedes  | 1d each       |

Monthly, the takings varied from thirty pounds to fifty pounds for the first year. In later years totals ranged up to 80 pounds depending on whether it was a four or five Saturday month. Commission was one penny in the shilling, one halfpenny going to the Women's Division of the Farmers' Union. (The Farmers' Union was the forerunner of Federated Farmers); and the remaining halfpenny was paid into the Rest Rooms Fund. The venture was a great success owing to industrious farmers' wives. The efforts of two hard-working ladies is particularly noteworthy: One arrived at the Market every Saturday morning by 10 o'clock with twelve large cream sponges. Yes – filled! Another made up to 30 cups of flour into scones each Saturday – half for a.m. shoppers and half for p.m. shoppers.

### Rest rooms mooted as Centennial Memorial

In view of the approaching Centennial of New Zealand (1940), the Mayor called a public meeting of citizens to ascertain opinions on a fitting memorial to commemorate the occasion. Varied suggestions were made and Mrs J. Stewart

spoke in favour of the Women's Division ambition – a rest room. She emphasised that the Country Women's Institute was also strongly in agreement. This was the one firm proposal and there were two factors that carried considerable weight: (1) the project was already being worked for and (2) there was money in hand. The project was adopted by the meeting.

Towards the end of 1939, the rights of the railway Lease were transferred to the Council.

The Women's Division passed the following motion, moved by Mesdames W. Faithful and seconded by Mrs D. Dickie (Ann Dickie) on 15 December, 1939:

*That this meeting of the Gore Women's Division, notice of motion having been duly given, does hereby resolve that owing to the death of two of the Trustees and the resignation of the sole surviving Trustee, under the N.Z. Railways Lease No 18992 held on our behalf by the said Trustees, we agree to transfer all our rights and interest in the said lease and consent to a new lease being taken out in the name of the Gore Borough Council to be held by them in trust for the Gore Centennial Memorial Women's Rest Room Committee in which our Branch is to be represented in the management thereof.*

Early members of this Gore Centennial Memorial Rest Room Committee were Mesdames J. Stewart (Mary Stewart), D. Dickie (Ann Dickie), D. McDonald (Jean McDonald of Croydon Bush) and W. Cunningham (Florence Cunningham).

The Gore branch of the Women's Division transferred to the Gore Borough Council moneys from the Rest Room fund (along with an additional amount) to make a total contribution of two hundred pounds. This amount was still far short of the fourteen hundred pounds approximately that was the estimated cost. Fund-raising continued in both town and country areas. People agreed that the project was worthy of support and their contributions along with the Government subsidy for Centennial projects, ensured that the cost would be met.

### **Work Starts and The Opening**

In 1941 the Mataura Ensign stated: A start was made today by Mr Watson Rhodes on the contract for the erection of the Centennial Women's Rest Rooms in Gore on the site between the Post Office and the Railway Station. The contract price is slightly more than 1400 pounds and the work will be completed within three months.

A second Ensign report: The Rest Room Committee reported today that the Minister of Internal Affairs, the Hon W.E. Parry has consented to open the new rooms on Friday Sept. 12. The Committee was of the opinion that, as the rest room was being erected to commemorate the pioneer women of the district, an

opportunity should be provided for the public to subscribe to the furnishing. Donations to the fund (150 pounds required) will be accepted by the treasurer, Mr D. Harvey [the Town Clerk].

The Ensign, reporting the official opening, tells us that the Hon W.E. Parry because of pressure of Parliamentary business was unable to attend, the opening being performed by the mayor, Mr W.D. Shelton. The Ensign continued: Unfortunately the function was marred by rain, but nevertheless there was a large attendance. The new building provides a fitting memorial to the pioneer women of Eastern Southland, and at the same time fills a long-felt want in a rural centre such as Gore.

'The contract price was 1312 pounds and extras brought the cost up to 1450 pounds. The donations and subsidy brought in 1433 pounds so that the rooms were opened virtually free of debt. The architect was Mr James Speden and the contractor was Mr Watson Rhodes.

'The speakers included Mrs T.L. McDonald, (wife of T.L. McDonald, M.P. for Mataura electorate); Mrs C.D. Taylor (Martha Taylor), President of the Mataura Branch of the W.D.F.U., Mrs H.J. Shorter (Mabel Shorter) of the Women's Institute, Mrs Henry Smith (Grace Smith) of Waikaka Valley and Mr David Dickie, President of the Gore Early Settlers' Association.'

### Facilities and Custodians

Wisdom in the planning ensured a very usable facility. There was a large lounge or meeting room; a small lounge with a fireplace; two toilets and a small office for the custodian; and facilities for heating a baby's bottle and for making a cup of tea to refresh weary shoppers or travellers. Note: The conditions of appointment of the custodian are listed in the Appendix. So far as can be ascertained the custodians employed by the Borough Council (not necessarily in the order listed), were:

Mrs Collett; Miss Joyce Johnston (later the wife of Stewart Rose); Mrs Day; Mrs Stephens; Mrs M. Herbert; Mrs B. Aimers.

Each lady contributed something of her own character and caring to the office.

### Upkeep and Usage

The C.W.I. (Country Women's Institute) and the W.D.F.F. (Women's Division Federated Farmers) made yearly contributions to the upkeep of the facility. The C.W.I. concentrated on providing facilities e.g. a carpet, a cabinet an electric jug and cups and saucers. Later, they donated \$600 to install hot water. Later again, they donated a Zip, chairs and curtains. The rooms were certainly widely used: not only did these two organisations hold meetings there – so did 25 other groups. It quickly became well-known locally but also it was soon recognised by out-of-towners as an excellent rest room. In fact, two hitch-hiking girls said it was the best they had used in New Zealand. They enjoyed the warmth and welcome, were able to make a cup of tea, change their socks, repack their knapsacks and start off again, refreshed. It was also a haven for young mothers needing a rest or to breast feed their babies. The rooms were increasingly popular: Mrs Doris Macgregor, keeping a count of visitors, in one day recorded 96.



### **Trouble**

This popularity of the Rest Rooms continued for many years. However, in an impermanent world, change was in the wind. One factor was that people were tending to travel in their own cars rather than use train and bus. Despite this, bus travel was still popular and the N.Z. Railways built a platform behind the Rest Rooms so the buses could load and unload off the main street. Unfortunately it covered over the air vents into the building. Another drawback was water seepage resulting in damage to the back wall of the rooms. Neither the Railways nor the local building inspector (as agent of the Gore Borough Council) would accept any responsibility for the damage.

The Borough Council declared themselves unable to carry the expenses incurred in the upkeep and running of the facility and decided it should be closed. It was offered back to the C.W.I. and W.D.F.F. committees for their members to run on a roster basis but, as in most organizations, the members wanted an easing of responsibility in their retiring years. The Rooms were a treasured interest and gathering place for both organizations, and a very deep concern followed the announcement of the impending closure.

Headlines in *The Ensign* told it as it was: Local Women Upset by Proposal to Close Rest Rooms; Support for Women over Rest Rooms; Country Support for Rest Rooms; Country Women defend need for Rest Rooms. Meetings were held and feelings expressed; reasoned facts were presented. It was all to no avail. Even with the support of the Southland County Council, nothing was achieved. With deep disappointment and sad hearts, the closure had to be accepted. The hard struggle was over when the Deputy-mayor locked the door in 1995 - thus putting an end to a dream that had its birth in the Depression and whose continued existence had almost come to be taken for granted.

### **Grant from Ngai Tahu people**

In a changing world, Gore was also being subject to various changes. One of these was that railway land reverted back to Maori ownership. There were plans for commercial development - the Railway Station and the Rest Rooms were demolished for this purpose. When the Ngai Tahu people became aware that the Rest Rooms building was a sacred Memorial they were sympathetic and gifted \$10,000 as compensation.

### **A good suggestion**

The Pioneer Women's Memorial Trust Committee made up of the four female Life Members: Jean McDonald, (President), Doris Macgregor, Win Roy, and Margaret Church; Gabriel Farry (also a Life Member); the Mayor, Mary Ogg; along with Beverley Mouat, Natalie Hill, and Jim Copland, discussed the best means of honouring the Memorial commitment, keeping alive the accomplishments of the pioneer women and acknowledging their wide and wise influence in the solid founding of Eastern Southland. It was with wisdom and foresight that Mr Gabriel Farry suggested applying to other charitable donors to increase the money in hand. This would enable the establishment of a Pioneer Women's Memorial Bursary Fund to be awarded to Eastern Southland students

to help finance their tertiary studies. The suggestion was wholeheartedly approved and accepted. The Gore Borough Council Rural Special Fund backed the idea as did the Trust Bank Southland Community Trust Inc.

The President of the Bursary Committee spent many hours in a dedicated attempt to gain more support. Finally the treasurer, Mrs Margaret Church, advised there was sufficient funds for the first group of three scholarships. The first awards of \$500 each were made in December, 1997. The Committee took great pleasure in making these awards, their only regret being that they could only make an annual grant to three of the applicants.

### **The last problem solved**

There was still the problem of what to do with the Memorial Plaque (the Foundation Stone of the Rest Room) so that it would be visible and in a permanent and protected position. A member of the Council suggested a spot in the gardens. While this would have been suitable for public viewing, the inscription was not suitable as its wording read: 'This building was erected to the memory of the pioneer women of Eastern Southland'.

Further discussion by Committee members resulted in a few suggestions none of which appeared entirely suitable. Win Roy broke the deadlock with the suggestion that a request be made to the Hokonui Pioneer Park Committee to build a Lychgate (pronounced lichgate) in front of the church in the Pioneer Village. The Committee agreed. Consent was applied for and given, and a final plan accepted. Peter Goodger builder, and Jack Prattley stone mason, both of Gore were engaged and, with the help of volunteers from the Hokonui Pioneer Park Committee spearheaded by those indefatigable toilers, Paisley Laird and Herbie Horrell, a substantial and attractive Lychgate was erected. The Memorial Plaque is safely housed in an ideal situation.

The C.W.I. and W.D.F.F. contributed money for the project. One source of income was a contribution from the sale of the Hokonui Heritage Cook Book, compiled by a W.D.F.F. special Committee. The recipes were gleaned from members' old-time family cook books. All in all there was sufficient funding to enable the structure to be completed debt free. The Park had installed a new Water Wheel and this and the Lychgate were opened at a joint function making for an historic and memorable day.

For the record the members of the Bursary Committee in 2003 are Jean McDonald, President; Jim Copland, Secretary; Margaret Church, Treasurer; Doris Macgregor; Beverley Mouat; Jeanette McIntyre; Nola Muir; Gabriel Farry.

## *APPENDIX*

### **APPOINTMENT OF CUSTODIAN FOR THE REST ROOMS**

1. Applicants shall submit the following information with their applications, which close on Thursday 3 October.

- a. Full name and address
- b. Date of birth
- c. Marital status
- d. Details of previous positions
- e. Copies of two recent testimonials

### *CONDITIONS AND DUTIES*

2. The successful applicant will be responsible to Council through the Town Clerk from whom she will receive instructions.

The Council vests in the Custodian of the Rest Rooms, authority to maintain order and manage the rooms in the best interest of all concerned and in accordance with the wishes of the Rest Rooms Committee of the Council. The Council expects all persons and organizations using the rooms and facilities, to co-operate with the Custodian and to comply with any rules made from time to time by the Council.

- a. **Salary:** The salary offered for the position is \$40.68 per week which is subject to yearly review and is changed in accordance with cost of living adjustments.
- b. **Hours:** The custodian usually commences work 9 – 9.15 am, and concludes at 5 pm, Monday to Fridays, and is in attendance from 6 – 8 pm on Friday evenings. However, it is not necessary for the Custodian to be in attendance during the whole of these hours. Arrangements to the satisfaction of the Rest Room Committee can be made.
- c. **Holidays:** The appointee will qualify for three weeks annual leave in addition to the Statutory Holidays.
- d. **Termination of Employment:** The appointment may be terminated by two weeks notice in writing by either party. The Council however, reserves the right of terminating the appointment summarily if in the opinion of the Council, the appointee is not capable of carrying out the duties required of her or if she so misconducts herself as to make her employment undesirable.

### *3. DUTIES*

- a. **Cleaning:** The Custodian shall daily clean and tidy the rooms and all facilities, furnishings and fittings in a thorough and hygienic manner and shall at all times maintain the rooms to the satisfaction of the Council. Cleaning equipment and materials are provided by the Council and the Custodian shall ensure that the equipment is maintained so as to provide a satisfactory performance and shall report any failure or repairs required, to the Town Clerk in order that such equipment may be repaired or replaced.

- b. **Heating:** The Custodian shall ensure that the rooms are adequately heated as and when required.
- c. **Furnishings, Fittings and Equipment:** The Custodian is responsible for the safe custody and maintenance of furnishings, fittings and equipment and shall report to the Town Clerk any damage done or any furnishings, fittings or equipment in an unsatisfactory condition.
- d. **Hire of Room and Facilities:** The rooms and facilities are in demand for meetings and other functions and the Custodian shall receive all enquiries for the hire of rooms and shall let the rooms upon request and shall co-operate with those concerned to ensure that the rooms are used for the convenience of the public and to the best advantage.
- e. **Cash and Receipts:** The Custodian shall, from time to time, receive revenue arising from the hire of rooms at the rates fixed by the Council and shall issue receipts for and on behalf of the Council. The Custodian shall be responsible for all cash received and shall account monthly to the Town Clerk for such.

#### ***GENERAL***

4. Generally speaking, the Custodian shall be expected at all times to assist the public and the users of the Rest Rooms, in a capable and congenial manner. The Custodian may supply to the public on request, tea and biscuits. The materials used apart from crockery and equipment, shall be provided by the Custodian and the Custodian shall be entitled to receive all the proceeds. All cleaning material, fuel, furnishings and equipment necessary to maintain and operate the Rest Rooms, are provided by the Council.

R.G. Winwood  
Town Clerk

5 September 1975

# Bursary Recipients 1997 - 2002



1997. Colin Ballantyne, Chairman Community Trust Southland; Jean McDonald, President Pioneer Women's Trust Scholarships; Connie Moir, Stephen Laird, Katrina Henderson.



1998. Sarah Holding, Alice Grimm, Catherine Bruce



1999. Gary Breen, Richard Wood, Katrina Johnson.



2000. Karyn Renolds, Phillipa Renouf, Janelle Macgregor.



2001. Katrina Rogan, Owen O'Connor, Mayor: Christine King, Angus Hamilton.



2002. Emma Sim, Levi McCall, Anna Renouf.

from H L Smith files.

## REST ROOMS

The building in Main Street was not constructed until many years after it was first proposed in 1929 by the Women's Division of Federated Farmers

A lease of a part of the railway land adjoining the Gore Station was secured and placed in the names of three trustees.

Members of the Women's Division were joined by members of the Country Women's Institute in raising funds with which to meet the cost of erection of a suitable building. Country women needed a place where they could feed their children when they came into town ?on the train? to shop.

but very slow progress was made until 1939 when proposals to recognise the centenary of New Zealand were discussed locally and it was agreed that a Rest Room would be a suitable local project.

The contribution from the Centennial Fund when added to the locally raised moneys met the cost of \$2,900. The lease was transferred to the Gore Borough Council in trust as a Rest Room.

It was evidently the intention of all parties that the administration be in the hands of the sponsoring bodies as only small allowance was provided for in the council's estimates. Subsequently council became more involved in management of the building through a Rest Room Committee of the council and most of the annual cost was met from rates.

By 1984 the building was in poor condition and in need of repair. It had been used as a meeting room by the sponsoring bodies and others, a small charge only being required.

Marlene Piercy was Chairman of Parks & Rec, with Town Clerk Richard K and mayor HLS, after looking at council's expenditure over many years, decided that the continuing costs of running the rest rooms, which included a custodian paid from ratepayer funds (Query \$4000+ pa. -- Check that from ensign files, council records, etc.) could not be justified.

Council agreed, noting there were now good toilet facilities (and meeting rooms) at the Jas Cumming Wing and other places in the borough, and modern mothers had an entirely different attitude to parenting.

After discussions with other parties including the Southland County Council, the GBC offered management of the facility to the women's groups.

This offer was declined.

An alternative rest room was then constructed in the James Cumming Wing and the Centennial Rest Room closed. The substitute room was little used and was removed when the administrative building was reconstructed.

## **Bursary Recipients 2003-2012**

**2003**

**Jenna Morton  
Raewyn Moate  
Layla Curruthers**

**2004**

**Jessie MacKay  
Benjamin Perry  
Hamish Martin**

**2005**

**James Garrity  
Faith Johnson  
Sandra Jensen**

**2006**

**Joshua Roy  
Jenna Riddle  
Brooke Young**

**2007**

**Trent MacGregor  
Craig Hayward  
Jasmine Kubala**

**2008**

**Paddy Kubala  
Scott Thompson  
Bryce Hannah**

**2009**

**Bridget Pask  
Sapphire Kubala  
Danielle Smith**

**2010**

**Paige Croad  
Christina Robertson  
Amy Welsh**

**2011**

**Cameron McIntyre  
Kendall Witham  
Niamh Doncaster**

**2012**

**Alice Millar  
Caroline Morton  
Amy Sim**