Waipu and the Great War

Waipu Village and Environs WW1 Exhibition

The grandchildren and great grandchildren of Waipu's Highland settlers answered the call to 'King and Country' in their hundreds. They departed their homeland for foreign shores, leaving their families, like thousands all over the world, facing the possibility of potential and horrific loss. Tragically for some it would be the last adventure of their young lives.

Our museum has embarked on further research into the lives of some of these individuals, and it is hoped that during the four years centenary of the war, the research will continue to build files of photographs, documents, and letters related to these individuals, their family details, their wartime experience, and what happened to them after the war if they survived. This research is already facilitating a reconnection with many descendants of Waipu's remarkable migration.

As part of this research, an exhibition of story boards is planned for the village and the wider environs of Waipu, including Waipu Cove and Langs Beach.

This Exhibition will be opened on 5th August marking 100 years since the start of WW1. At the end of the war period, it is hoped that we will have built digital files containing the information we have gathered, about as many of these Waipu descendants as possible. Having amassed this information the files can then be passed on in digital form to families, and also published in print form.
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1. Names Board - Locals Who served in WW1
2. A.P (Little Buka) McKay - Death at Chunuk Bair
3. A.D McKay - Death at Chunuk Bair
4. Julian Cornelius Brook - The Headmaster’s Son
5. Lt Col. The Rev. Angus MacDonald - The Padre
6. Lachlan Bain & Owen Campbell - Boys from the General Store
7. Duncan, Mary & Hugha Sutherland - Two Nurses and their Brother
8. David Pallant & David Landers Quintal
9. George McKenzie and his Nephews - The Boys from the Boarding House
10. William, Richard & Allan McKenzie - The Boys from the Post Office
11. Hector, Hugh & Grant Sutherland - The Sutherland Brothers
12. Col. William Robert Lang - Langs Beach to Passchendaele
13. Hugh Gordon ‘Tui’ Haswell - Tui & The Battle of Ayun Kara

Exhibition Map
The genealogists at Waipu Museum have identified over 687 people who had a very close association with Waipu and who were engaged with WW1. As part of this research, an exhibition of story boards is planned for the village and the wider environs of Waipu, including Waipu Cove and Langs Beach.

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