

## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION ✂

Mr Mrs Miss Ms Other (please indicate)

Surname .....

First Name .....

Postal Address .....

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Contact Phone/s: .....

We may contact you by email to advise of dates for working bees, or guided tours. Please supply an email address if you would like to receive these occasional messages.

Email .....

Are you interested in:

- a) taking part in working bees? Yes/No  
b) becoming a tour guide? Yes/No

Do you have an ancestor buried in the Park? Yes/No

Relevant family name:

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I/we enclose annual membership fee:

Individual membership	\$15
Family membership	\$20
Corporate membership	\$85
Donation*	\$.....

Total payment \$.....

(\*We are a Registered Charity, #CC22686; Donations of \$5 and over are tax-refundable.)

Post membership application with payment to:

**Friends of Bolton Street Memorial Park Inc.**

**P O Box 12 426**

**WELLINGTON 6144**

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## BOLTON STREET MEMORIAL PARK

The Park is formed from Wellington's first major burial ground, comprising three adjacent cemeteries which operated for half a century from the city's founding in 1840. The Park contains graves of considerable historic and social interest, ranging across all sections of the community

The Park is situated in the centre of Wellington between Bolton Street and Bowen Street on either side of the main motorway. It provides a central green space rich in historic artefacts and plants, for quiet exploration and appreciation of Wellington's colonial history.

Now part of the adjacent Botanical Garden, it also contains the Garden's collection of 250 heritage roses and is a heritage rose site of national importance. Within its boundaries are the old Sexton's Cottage (1857) and a replica chapel with displays and a burial list containing the names of the 8,500 people buried in the Park.

## THE FRIENDS

The Friends' incorporated society was formed in 1977 out of community concern for the well-being of the cemetery, during and following motorway construction and the need to recognise the overall values of the cemetery. Although the society has been responsible for raising the profile of the old burial ground and preserving many elements of its history, ongoing work is needed to maintain this important conservation effort. The work is spear-headed by a small committee which is elected at each annual general meeting.

## AIMS OF THE FRIENDS

The Aim of the Society is to preserve, protect and enhance for the public benefit the three Wellington historic cemeteries now known collectively as the Bolton Street Memorial Park. Its objectives include:

- Supporting Wellington City Council (WCC) in restoring graves and developing the area as an historic cemetery-park.
- Sponsoring grave repairs and encouraging families and groups to maintain graves.
- Researching historical information and heritage restoration techniques.
- Encouraging public interest in the Park.

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## CURRENT WORK OF THE FRIENDS

- Liaison with WCC on restoration projects, ongoing historical interpretation and general improvements.
- Development of policy and identification of guidelines, practices and priorities for the preservation and restoration of graves.
- Conducting research of the burial records for the historic cemetery and liaison with WCC for preservation and maintenance of these records.
- Preparation and publication of material about the Park, including the production of newsletters and website.
- Responding to enquiries about the Park and about people buried there.
- Conducting guided heritage tours for groups (by arrangement).

## WHY JOIN THE FRIENDS?

- Your subscription will go directly towards the work of the Friends and the preservation of this important part of Wellington's and New Zealand's heritage.
- You will be informed of ongoing projects through the Friends' newsletters.
- You will have the opportunity if you wish, to assist in the voluntary work, including working bees, research, conservation and guiding.
- You will learn more about this unique and precious area in the heart of Wellington.

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## HOW THE SOCIETY IS FUNDED

The Friends of Bolton Street Memorial Park Inc. is a community-based, voluntary, incorporated society with charitable status (#CC22686). Its funding comes from subscriptions, donations, and from providing guided tours of the Park. All funds are put towards the ongoing work of protecting, conserving and maintaining the Memorial Park.

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## BEQUESTS

*Remember the Friends of Bolton Street Memorial Park in your will.*

*Bequests will assist the Friends to preserve the cemetery for future generations.*

## INFORMATION ABOUT BOLTON STREET MEMORIAL PARK

### In the Bolton St Chapel

The chapel is open daily from 10.00am to 4.00pm. It contains displays, a memorial plaque, and a full burial list with plot locations.

### On the internet

<http://www.boltoncemetery.org.nz>

General material about the Park's history and burial sites, a burial list, and information about the Friends of Bolton Street Memorial Park.

<http://www.wellington.govt.nz/services/gardens/>

Visitor information about the Wellington City Council Botanic Gardens including the Park.

**At the Alexander Turnbull Library, National Library of NZ, Wellington**

The library holds comprehensive archival material, and produces a useful pamphlet entitled *Was your ancestor buried in the Bolton Street Cemetery?*

### From publications

The most authoritative source is the book by Margaret H. Alington entitled *Unquiet Earth – A History of the Bolton Street Cemetery* (Wellington, 1978). This is available in libraries and from second-hand bookshops or from the Friends.

## INFORMATION PAMPHLET & MEMBERSHIP FORM

# FRIENDS OF BOLTON STREET MEMORIAL PARK INCORPORATED

[www.boltoncemetery.org.nz](http://www.boltoncemetery.org.nz)

