

# Friends of Holy Trinity Kameruka

*Formed in April 2015 for the purpose of ensuring long term preservation of the Church & Cemetery*

*Patrons: Frank & Odile Foster last family owners who sold Kameruka in 2007*

*Chairman: Sandy Macqueen*

*Secretary/Treasurer: Philip Boyd*

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Dear Friend

Thank you for requesting more information on 'Friends of Holy Trinity Kameruka'.

There is so much history associated with this Church it is mind boggling. Weddings, funerals, baptisms and memorial services number in the hundreds as you could imagine of a Church approaching its 150th anniversary.

Sadly when the last family member to own Kameruka sold in 2007 it was the end of an era. Mr & Mrs Foster took a very close interest in the Church and undertook on a number of the tasks necessary for preservation and presentation. This included regular cleaning, mowing of grass surround and and maintenance of the road in.

The property was sold to an English family who made very few visits. Clearly it was not incumbent on them to care for the Church, Cemetery and War Memorial. The property is again for sale which further removes the link with Kameruka Estate.

If this Church is to survive the next 100 years and beyond there must be mechanisms in place for this to happen. One such possibility is the creation of a group of people who want the Church preserved and maintained for future generations. One need only think of the ages of Churches in other countries. For those fortunate enough to have seen there number would know that after 4-500 years some Churches are so well preserved their age is not evident. There are equally many that have not survived.

Friends of Holy Trinity Kameruka want to see this Church survive and by forming a group with unlimited numbers of 'members' it is reasonable to think that there will always be someone to carry the torch.

We are doing everything we can to inspire interest and membership. We are not seeking money or labour, just concern for preservation. Your details will be retained on a private database to enable communication of the activities surrounding this beautiful "Church on the Hill".

The attached documents are from our inaugural meeting and will give you some insight into what we are all about. Please consider joining us and tell your friends. **An application form is also attached.**

Thank you for your time and we look forward to you joining the members team.

Best regards

Sandy Macqueen

**An Anglican Church built on the Kameruka Estate in 1869**

*FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY KAMERUKA*  
*INAUGURAL MEETING*  
*28<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2015 3:00PM*  
*HOLY TRINITY CHURCH*  
*MEETING REPORT*

**ATTENDANCE:** Philip Boyd, Henry Lucas, Susan Jones, Vickie and Peter Charlton, Ian Jessop, Carol Newton, Geraldine McCann, Sandy Macqueen. Archdeacon David Ruthven  
**APOLOGIES:** Libby Macqueen, Melva Dunn, Jane Boyd, Scott Avery, Alan McCann, Rev Lou Oakes.

Light refreshments and a beautiful chocolate cake from Carol Newton were enjoyed before the formal meeting began at 3:20pm. Sandy welcomed and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

Sandy then read a letter from Frank & Odile Foster expressing their delight in the formation of the Friends of Holy Trinity Kameruka. They have agreed to be the founding Patrons of the group. Their letter is attached has been placed in the Record of Meeting book. Our appreciation to Mr & Mrs Foster for their letter and support will be conveyed.

Sandy then gave a presentation of the need and purpose for creating the group a copy of which is attached and retained in the record book.

He outlined a number of visions for the future of the Church and Cemetery. Sandy also brought up the possibility of a number of events that could be considered over the next 3+ years. The detail of vision and events are attached have been placed in the record book.

A discussion was held on the need for some form of structure to manage the Group and it was determined that Frank & Odile Foster be Patrons, Sandy Macqueen Chairman and Philip Boyd both Secretary and Treasurer (the latter if we started handling any funds).

A lengthy discussion was then held regarding a range of issues.

- Bi-annual cleaning bee (perhaps with BYO picnic)
- Definite need for toilets at annual service
- Investigate permanent Toilet
- Renew 2 gate posts from Church to Cemetery
- All movable brass to be cleaned and coated- investigate
- Clean Alabaster Lucas-Tooth Memorial – Grant?
- On going security

Suggestions were made for promoting Friends of HT including:

- Create own FaceBook page/YouTube
- Radio stations (local)
- All Bega Valley Press
- Word of mouth
- Parish weekly Sheet

It was agreed that a data base be developed that would permit an 'occasional' newsletter.

**A second meeting is planned to be held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 10:30am at the Collinswood home of Philip & Jane Boyd. Collinswood is on the Wolumla – Candelo Road.**

Directions will be sent prior to the meeting.

Archdeacon Ruthven formally closed the meeting in Prayer at 4:15pm.

## CREATION OF 'FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY KAMERUKA'

2015

### PURPOSE

To be a group of people interested in the maintenance and longevity of Holy Trinity Church, Kameruka.

### WHY

During the period of Kameruka Estate ownership (140 years plus) by the Lucas – Tooth/Foster family, the Church was maintained on a regular basis by the owners.

With the sale of the property in 2007 The Parish took up the maintenance and preservation of the Church and Cemetery and all lands thereon. The management of the Church has become the responsibility of the Parish.

### TODAY

During 2014 a number of repairs and maintenance issues were addressed. This included the repair and painting of the front fence, renewal of the sign, cleaning of the War Memorial, installation of the 2 'missing' pews, floor improvement in the annex and through a Heritage Grant by the BVSC the gables were painted, the bell tower inspected and the broken slate tiles on the roof replaced. All white features of the Church are being painted. The RFS cleared and burnt dead trees and rubbish.

An annual service is conducted in the October period and traditionally includes an inspection of the Kameruka Homestead gardens, Memorial Hall and a BYO picnic beneath the trees surrounding the Lords View cricket oval (on the property). Throughout the year, marriages, baptisms and funerals can be arranged.

We have a contract arrangement with a garden maintenance contractor who regularly mows the grass areas surrounding the Church and Cemetery. The costs are generally covered by donations.

### A WAY AHEAD

A group of interested persons in the style of the 'Friends of Holy Trinity Kameruka' has been created.

This group are committed to the care and maintenance of the Church for the many many years ahead. It is incumbent on the group to ensure that the good works continue and that there was always a committee to take care of this incredible piece of history.

We do not expect to have a 'membership' fee but a small annual donation may be determined for sundry administration costs. This is not an appeal for money. It is a way ahead for protecting and retaining this splendid Church. It is envisaged that there would be no more than one or two meetings a year. There is no obligation to attend. A number of special events are being planned for the future and as a member you will **advised electronically** of these events well ahead of anyone else. **Postage cost is beyond our financial capability at this time.**

### NEXT STEPS

Holy Trinity is a significant historical building in not only the Bega Valley but in NSW. We have a responsibility to ensure its longevity. *We can make a difference.* The Church is in excellent condition and this is because people cared and care for its future. *We must not let it fall into disrepair denying future generations the opportunity to enjoy the pleasure we feel here today.*

PLEASE JOIN BY COMPLETING THE ATTACHED FORM.  
THANK YOU

Dear All,

24/4/2015

Sandy Macqueen has kept Odile and I right up to date with all that has been going on with Holy Trinity Church, Kameruka and quite a lot of other news, from time to time, as to what is happening around Kameruka and the district!

Firstly congratulations must go to those who were involved with the restoration of the cenotaph within the church grounds. The structure looks fantastic and who would of thought that there were different colours of stone used in its' construction. I am sure that those names upon it and their families would be eternally grateful for all that has been done.

The painting and roof work have really set off Holy Trinity as the beautiful little church that it is and Edmund Blackett would be thrilled with the present looks of his work.

The missing pews, now returned, were a great find and a lovely reuniting, after all those years away from their rightful spot.

The best news of all though is the newly proposed "Friends of Holy Trinity" group and the interest that you have all shown. I cannot tell you how deeply touched we both are by the proposal. I know that the church is really no different to any other, in that it is owned by the Anglican Diocese and a public place of worship, but Holy Trinity means so much more than this to the Tooth and Foster families and obviously to those of you who are joining together as the "Friends of Holy Trinity". We are sincerely thankful.

Our very best wishes go to all the "Friends".

Frank and Odile Foster.

## **VISIONS.**

An avenue of appropriate trees on either side of the roadway to the cemetery. Could be personal with plaque.

Memorabilia walls. Either side of the foyer. Shelved with 'lockable' glass covers.

Carpet replaced

Internal paint. Cracks repaired

A history board

Over time much of the above can be grants, benefactors or specific fund raising. No one minds giving money for something that is tangible, long term and visible.

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## EVENTS.

- A musical evening. spring /twilight  
Imagine the setting as the sun goes down.  
Songs of praise, orchestra, choir.  
Enjoyment more than just a fund raiser.  
Bega Valley has wealth of musical talent  
Handle 200+.  
Have seating/marquees/broadcast equipment.  
Church and outside seating with broadcast.  
Supper provided by a local caterer
- 2018  
The end of WW1  
A commemorative service to give thanks to all those who served as shown on the memorial.  
Frank and Odile foster invited to attend.  
A church service with a walk to the memorial and laying of wreaths. Single Piper Bishop to officiate.  
Something in the hall to finish(Honour Roll on wall)  
Advice on appropriate service is available.  
Start now and will work on descendants of those listed on the memorial.
- 2019  
The 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the church.  
A thanksgiving service extrordriane  
Frank and Odile Foster to be invited.  
200+.  
Have the seating/marquees/broadcast equipment
- Annual Service  
Very successful now  
keep alive  
Plan ways to both maintain and increase the interest

*FRIENDS OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH  
KAMERUKA*

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DATE.....

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

.....P/CODE.....

**CONTACT DETAILS:**

HOME PHONE.....MOBILE.....

EMAIL.....

*Please note your information will not be shared with any person or organisation. You may be asked in the future for permission to use you contact points in the management or promotion of the group.*

HAVE YOU AN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION WITH THE CHURCH AND/OR KAMERUKA?

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HAVE YOU ANY SPECIAL SKILLS/EXPERIENCE YOU WOULD LIKE TO MENTION?

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT. IT IS VERY MUCH APPRECIATED.

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