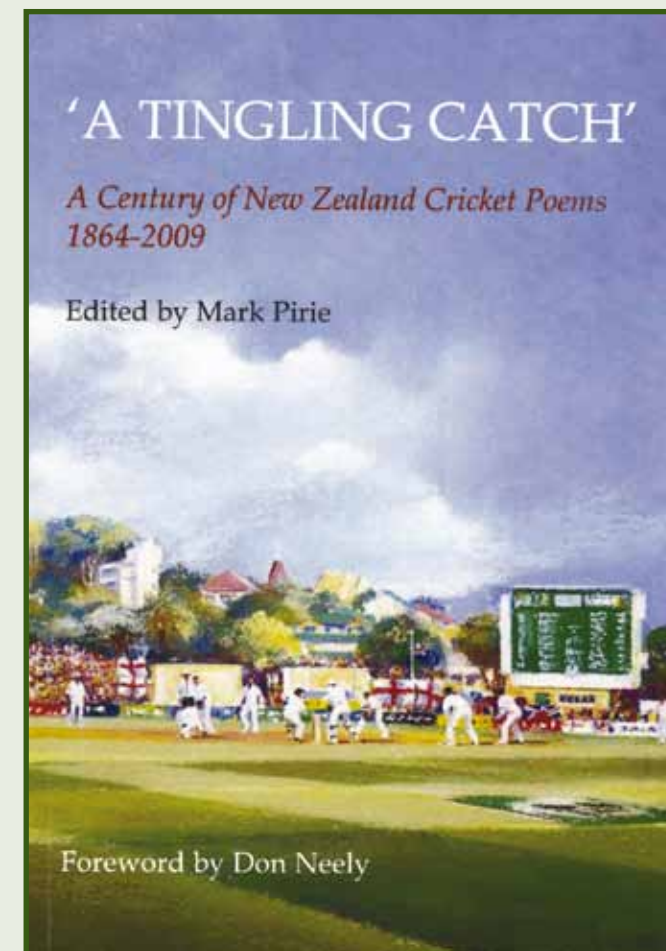


# NEW ZEALAND CRICKET MUSEUM



Brendon McCullum 2008 / Photographer: Mike Lewis / Photography Collection, NZCM

## EDUCATION / MARKETING



The Cover of 'A Tingling Catch'  
Edited by Mark Pirie  
Published by HeadworX, Wellington 2010

### Third Best Museum in Wellington!

The museum was recently voted the third best museum in Wellington in the 'Best Arts & Culture' museums section of the Capital Times 'Best of Wellington 2010' annual reader's survey. Te Papa was voted first and the Museum of Wellington second. It is the first time the museum has featured in the top three positions.

### Visitation Record

Visitation numbers have increased significantly for the period June to November from last year's figures, with 1,202 visitors compared to 965 visitors i.e. a 24.5% increase. This is a museum visitation record for the six month period June to November. Also, the 12 month Business Plan target of 30 school and community group visits to the museum has been nearly reached in six months with 25 groups visiting the museum between June and November and participating in education programmes.

### Book Launch

A book entitled "A Tingling Catch: A Century of New Zealand Cricket Poems 1864-2009" and edited by Mark Pirie was launched in association with the museum at the Basin Reserve on Sunday, the 31st of October. The book was formally launched by Don Neely in the Long Room of the R.A. Vance Stand and this was followed by a number of poets reading their poems. Invited guests then retired to the museum to view the exhibitions and displays. "A Tingling Catch" is the first anthology of New Zealand cricket poems to be collected. It brings together over 100 poems and songs by some of our best poets – past and present. It is sure to appeal to cricket lovers and poetry readers of all ages.

## VISITS TO THE MUSEUM

### The Old Grandstand, Basin Reserve, Wellington

#### Public Hours

**Summer Season:** 10.30 – 3.30pm Monday to Sunday and all match days i.e. 01 November to 30 April.

**Winter Season:** 10.30 – 3.30pm Weekends only i.e. 01 May to 31 October or by special arrangement.

#### Schools & Group Hours

**Summer Season:** Open Monday to Friday 10.30 – 3.30pm by prior arrangement (not match days).

**Winter Season:** As above but by special arrangement.

#### Admission Charges

\$5 adults; \$2 students/children. Children (12 years & under) free if accompanied by an adult.

School groups \$1 per student and \$2 per adult.  
Other group visits by arrangement.

#### Bookings

The museum welcomes school/group visits by prior arrangement. We appreciate at least two weeks notice to enable successful liaison time with the Host/Guide and to ensure that you are able to book the most suitable times.

**Note:** The museum can comfortably accommodate 25 students and accompanying teachers and adults, split into two groups, at one time.

Phone: 04 385 6602

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Website: [www.nzcricket.co.nz](http://www.nzcricket.co.nz)

#### Basin Reserve Tours

Tours can be organised to the New Zealand Cricket Museum, the R.A. Vance Stand, the Groundsmen's Shed and the perimeter of the ground to view famous historical cricket plaques.

#### Facilities

Museum toilet including disabled toilet.

Bus & car parking adjacent to the museum.

Museum shop stocks a variety of books, postcards, miniature cricket bats, balls etc.

#### Lending Library

The library is available for lending, research and study purposes. Hours by arrangement. A cornucopia of cricket history.

#### How To Find Us

**By Car:** Drive in/enter by the southern (J.R. Reid) Gate at the Basin Reserve.

**By Bus:** Stagecoach Wellington. Buses 1, 42, 43, 44 travel to/from Kent and Cambridge Terrace to the Central Railway Station.

**By Rail:** NZ Tranz Metro units depart from the Central Railway Station.

**By Foot:** Enter the Basin by the northern or southern Gates and proceed to museum.

#### General

Smoking, food or drink are not permitted.

## EXHIBITIONS / DISPLAYS

### New Zealand Cricketers' WWI & WWII Memorial Display

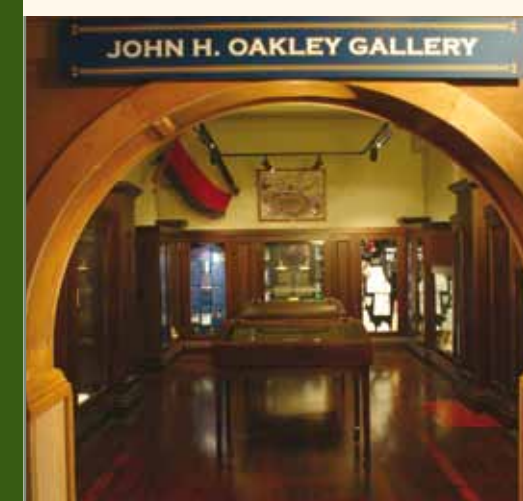
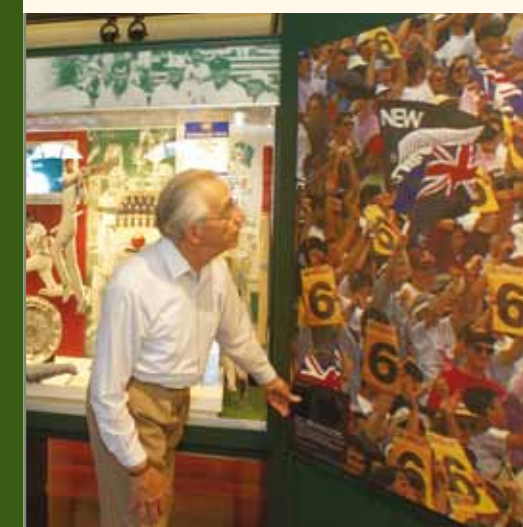
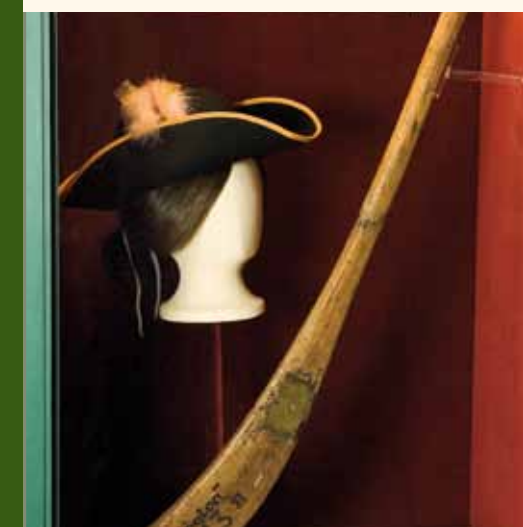
Commences 01.03.2011

This wall-mounted display panel commemorates those New Zealand first-class cricketers killed in World War I and World War II. During these two wars New Zealand cricketers redirected their sporting energies and passion towards the war effort. A large number of them were never to return. The display panel will list the names of all of those men who sacrificed their lives in the two World Wars.

Amongst them were two New Zealand representative players, namely D.A.R. Moloney and W.N. Carson. 'Sonny' Moloney was a bespectacled all-rounder whose three test appearances came during the New Zealand Cricket Team's 1937 tour to England. He was wounded and taken prisoner during the first battle of Al Alamein while serving as a lieutenant in the 20<sup>th</sup> Battalion, New Zealand Infantry, and died in captivity on 15 July 1942, aged 31.



D.A.R. Moloney (left) & W.N. Carson 1937  
Photographer: Unknown  
Source: 'W.N. Carson – Footballer & Cricketer' by A.H. Carson 1947



New Zealand Army Cricket Team 1843  
Photographer: Unknown  
Photography Collection, NZCM Accession No. 2005.15.1

W.N. (Bill) Carson was a very talented batsman who also toured England in 1937 and was a great personal friend of 'Sonny' Moloney. A Major in the Fifth Field Regiment of the NZ Army, he died of wounds at sea on board the hospital ship evacuating him from Bari in Italy to Egypt on the 8th of October 1944.



New Zealand Services Cricket Team 1943 or 1944  
Possibly at the Gezira Sporting Club, Egypt  
Photographer: Unknown  
Photography Collection, NZCM Accession No. 98/98

The memorial display panel will add to an existing display showing a substitute cricket ball made and used by New Zealand and Australian prisoners of war in P.O.W. Camp 57 Udine, Northern Italy 1942.

**New Zealand WWII Services Cricket Teams Photographs**

The museum has a small number of photographs of New Zealand WWII Services Cricket Teams in its Photography Collection. A selection of these images is shown below to complement and supplement those images on the Exhibitions/Displays page of this newsletter.



- New Zealand Services Cricket Team 1944**  
Photographer: Unknown  
Photography Collection, NZCM  
Accession No. 99/44
- New Zealand Air Force Cricket Team 1944**  
Photographer: Unknown  
Photography Collection, NZCM  
Accession No. 99/42
- New Zealand Air Force Cricket Team v 'Plum' Warner's XI, Lords 1945**  
Photographer: Unknown  
Photography Collection, NZCM  
Accession No. 99/74

**Mike Lewis – Museum Photographer**

In 2008 the Manager/Curator was approached by Mike Lewis to take photographs of New Zealand cricketers' and officials during cricket matches at the Basin Reserve. He very kindly and generously offered to provide this service to the museum on an ongoing basis at no labour or materials cost to the museum. His expertise and professionalism is evident by the photo of Brendon McCullum on the front page of this newsletter, and a selection of his images reproduced below. This growing collection of images of NZ test and 1st-Class players and officials is a valuable addition to the museums Photography Collection.



- Air-Vice Marshall Isitt shaking hands with S.A. McVicker, Air Force v Navy, Basin Reserve 1944**  
Photographer: Unknown  
Photography Collection, NZCM  
Accession No. 99/41
- Kyle Mills 2008**
- Tim Southee 2008**
- Jacob Oram 2008**
- Tim McIntosh 2008**

**A High Scoring Plunket Shield Match**

**Wellington v Otago 1923-24**  
**Carisbrook, Dunedin, 18, 19, 21, 22, 23 January 1924**  
**Wellington won by 145 runs**



The Wellington Cricket Team which defeated Otago by 145 runs, January 1924  
Standing – l. to r.: Mr. C.G. Wilson (manager), B.J. Kortlang, M. Henderson, W.S. Brice, H.C. Watson, Mr. K.H. Tucker (selector)  
Seated – l. to r.: H.R. White, W.A. Baker, D.C. Collins (captain), H.M. McGirr, J.S. Hiddleston  
In Front – l. to r.: K.C. James, C.S. Dempster  
Photographer: H.C. Gore, Dunedin  
Photography Collection, NZCM Accession No. 98/119

An astonishing 1,905 runs were scored in this match played over five days for the loss of 40 wickets. The aggregate was the second highest ever compiled in a game of cricket up to that time and even today is in seventh place as the highest aggregate for a first-class cricket match in the world. The highest aggregate in a first-class cricket match is 2,376 when Maharashtra played Poona at Bombay in the 1948-49 season. Canterbury and Wellington have the fourth highest first-class match aggregate

of 1,945 which they compiled at Christchurch in the 1994-95 season. The seven hundreds in this match equalled the New Zealand record set in the Otago versus Wellington game of 1923-24.

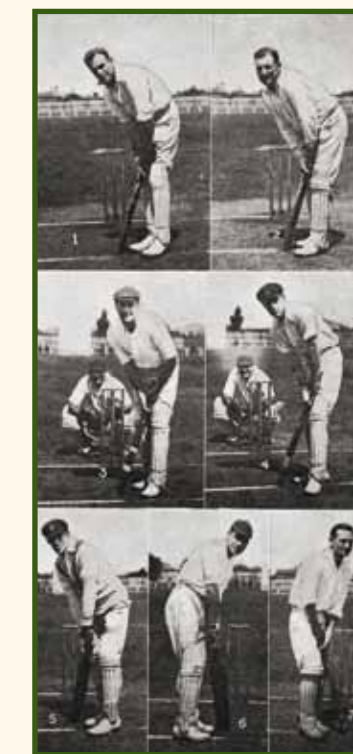
In the match at Carisbrook in January 1924 numerous records were broken and broken again. A number of large partnerships were established. Apart from the seven centuries scored in the game, and two nineties, the greatest feature was possibly the magnificent performance of the Otago team in the fourth innings of the match.



The Otago Cricket Team that was defeated by Wellington by 145 runs, January 1924  
Standing – l. to r.: W. Beal (umpire), D. Leslie (masseur, Wellington), H.C. Alloo, H. Duncan, Knight (12th man), A.W. Alloo, W. Butler (umpire)  
Seated – l. to r.: G.R. Dickinson, A. Galland, J.S.F. Shepherd (captain), J.J.M. McMullan, Rev. E.O. Blamires, R.V. de R. Worker  
In Front – l. to r.: W.M. Douglas, R. Cherry  
Photographer: H.C. Gore, Dunedin  
Hocken Library, Uare Taoka o Hakena, University of Otago

Wellington				Otago						
First Innings		Second Innings		First Innings		Second Innings				
J.S. Hiddleston lbw b Dickinson	18	b Shepherd	150	J.S.F. Shepherd (capt) c Collins b Watson	76	b Brice	92			
W.A. Baker b Alloo	143	b Alloo	21	R.V. de R. Worker run out	106	c James b Collins	94			
B.J. Kortlang c Cherry b Alloo	103	c A.W. Alloo b Douglas	30	J.J.M. McMullan b Henderson	56	(4) c Brice b McGirr	111			
H.C. Watson c Shepherd b Alloo	29	b Alloo	0	E.O. Blamires b McGirr	39	(3) c James b Hiddleston	36			
D.C. Collins (capt) b Blamires	85	st Gallard b Alloo	110	A.W. Alloo b Collins	5	(7) c Hiddleston b Henderson	3			
C.S. Dempster b Alloo	4	st Gallard b Blamires	1	H.C. Alloo c Hiddleston b Collins	16	(6) b Collins	68			
H.M. McGirr b Alloo	117	c Douglas b Alloo	72	H. Duncan b McGirr	3	lbw b Brice	0			
M. Henderson lbw b Dickinson	0	(10) not out	30	A. Galland b Brice	19	(5) c Watson b Brice	10			
K.C. James b Douglas	27	(8) b Douglas	0	R. Cherry b Collins	21	c Baker b Brice	35			
W.S. Brice not out	4	(9) c Douglas b Alloo	23	G.R. Dickinson not out	2	not out	6			
H.R. White b Alloo	1	b Alloo	5	W.M. Douglas c Baker b Brice	0	b Brice	0			
Extras:	29	Extras:	23	Extras:	42	Extras:	40			
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>495</b>			
Fall of wickets: 35, 262, 307, 316, 322, 506, 507, 551, 553, 560		Fall of wickets: 26, 32, 182, 285, 288, 362, 363, (8, 9, 10 unknown)		Fall of wickets: 154, 249, 277, 297, 322, 334, 338, 339, 384, 385		Fall of wickets: 155, 208, 280, 287, 296, 432, 433, 489, 489, 495				
	O	M	R	W		O	M	R	W	
A.W. Alloo	38	6	136	6		Brice	23.4	2	99	2
Dickinson	38	2	173	2		McGirr	13	-	56	2
Shepherd	8	1	41	-		White	3	-	31	-
Blamires	11.4	1	89	1		Henderson	17	-	67	1
Douglas	22	3	92	1		Watson	2	-	16	1
						Hiddleston	5	-	32	-
						Collins	10	-	42	3

(Umpires: Messers W. Beal and W. Butler)



The Seven Century-Makers, Wellington v Otago, January 1924  
1. David Collins, captain of the Wellington team, who scored 110 runs;  
2. John Hiddleston (Wellington), who scored 150 runs;  
3. Bert Kortlang (Wellington), who scored 103 runs;  
4. Wiri Baker (Wellington), who scored 143 runs;  
5. Herb McGirr (Wellington), who scored 117 runs;  
6. Rupert de R. Worker (Otago), who scored 106 runs; and  
7. J.J.M. McMullan (Otago), who scored 111 runs.  
Photographer: Unknown  
Hocken Library, Uare Taoka o Hakena, University of Otago

In Wellington's first innings total of 560 Wiri Baker, Bert Kortlang and Herb McGirr scored centuries. Baker and Kortlang set up a second wicket partnership of 227, and for Otago A.W. Alloo returned the best bowling figures of 6 for 136. The Otago opener with the wonderful name of Rupert Vivian de Renzy Worker scored a century for Otago and with Shepherd started the Otago first innings with a partnership of 154, but the Otago score of 385, though satisfactory, was 175 short of the Wellington total.

Wellington batted again and John Hiddleston and David Collins were the century makers besides putting together a partnership of 103 runs. Hiddleston had two partners in another partnership of 148 owing to injuries received by Kortlang and Collins. The total reached 465 and A.W. Alloo again returned the best bowling figures with 6 for 141 to give him a fine match analysis of 12 for 277. Otago required the not insubstantial total of 641 runs to win the match.

Shepherd and Worker opened with a partnership of 155 to follow upon their 154 opening partnership in the first innings. J. McMullan then scored 111 and with A.W. Alloo put on 137. With courageous attacking cricket Otago passed 400 for the loss of only five wickets when Stan 'Sixer' Brice, with the tenth new ball of the match, claimed four wickets in a hurry and ended Otago's valiant attempt at 495. Wellington's victory by 145 runs gave them the Plunket Shield. An interesting final statistic was the 134 extras scored in the match.

Sources: 'New Zealand Cricket 1914-1933' by T.W. Reese, published by Whitcombe & Tombs Limited, Christchurch 1936, pg.300; '100 Summers: The History of Wellington Cricket' by Don Neely, published by Moa Publications, Auckland 1975, pgs. 100, 102; Otago Cricket Association: Centennial Souvenir Programme 1876-1976, published by the O.C.A., Dunedin 1976, pgs. 36, 63, 64.

This New Zealand cricket history article was first suggested by Carey Clements.

**Cricket Trivia**

Two different sets of cricket trivia questions and answers were again provided to New Zealand Cricket for use on digital screens at the two test match venues – New Zealand v Pakistan at Seddon Park, Hamilton, and the Basin Reserve, Wellington, in January 2011. These sets of cricket trivia questions and answers were relevant to each test match venue, and referenced on the digital screens to the museum. They are designed to raise awareness of the museum and New Zealand Cricket history.

**New NZCM Board Chair**

Dr Conal McCarthy was appointed the new Chair of the New Zealand Cricket Museum at the AGM on the 24 September 2010. He replaces Ross Macdonald who retired from his position as Chair at the AGM. Conal is Director of the Museum and Heritage Studies Department at Victoria University. We wish him well in his new position.

**Building Maintenance**

An area of interior rotten floor joists and floor boards by the front windows of the museum in the main gallery were replaced in November. The exterior concrete window sills which were the initial cause of the problem by allowing the ingress of water through cracks in the concrete were also repaired. Additionally, a section of the ceiling was replaced in the women's toilet. The flooring and window sills project was funded by Wellington City Council and the ceiling project by the Basin Reserve Trust.

**Play and Film**

A repeat season of the one-person play "The Second Test" by Jonny Brugh took place at the Circa Theatre in Wellington in December. Sub-titled 'A true New Zealand story of courage on the sporting field' the play tells the story of the profound drama at the NZ v South Africa test match at Ellis Park, Johannesburg on Boxing Day in 1953 and the railway disaster at Tangiwai, which claimed the life of the fiancée of the NZ player Bob Blair. The play had a highly successful season at Bats Theatre in Wellington early in 2010. Also, a new film for television on the same subject entitled 'Tangiwai' is in production phase. Historical research for the play and the film has been undertaken at the museum.

**The Bert Sutcliffe Story**

A well researched new biography on Bert Sutcliffe entitled "The Last Everyday Hero" written by Richard Boock was published earlier this year. It has met critical acclaim and has been described by retired cricket broadcaster Iain Gallaway as "...a wonderful tribute to our country's most gifted batsman – it's magic."

