

Wendy Anderson

Wendy Anderson has lived in Central Hawke's Bay most of her life, but it's the communities of Ashley Clinton and Makaretu that have truly felt Wendy's efforts and commitment.



Wendy is incredibly passionate about the local history of people and places. Her work in the Ashley

Clinton and Makaretu Cemeteries have touched the very core of these communities.

Hours of research, and covering the costs from her own pocket on so many occasions, Wendy has cleaned and identified the personalities of unmarked graves. Her efforts have seen these graves marked, recorded and no longer forgotten.

During the early pioneering years in Central Hawke's Bay many children didn't survive the harsh environment. Wendy has fundraised through guided cemetery tours, and managed to have signs made that list the names of these adults and children.

Wendy is an incredible researcher, often finding lost photographs of people, she has then laminated these photos and put them by the specific graves, something that has meant so much to these families.

Wendy is also on the Sherwood School Board of Trustees, served on the Ashley Clinton - Makaretu Hall committee, Custodian of the hall, and an active member of Rural Women NZ.

Wendy, we cannot thank you enough for your knowledge and efforts over the years!