

# The Central Otago Oral History Project



## What is the project about?

Our 'Central Otago way of life' is derived from our unique landscape and the experiences of people who have lived within its boundaries. This is most vividly captured in the stories of the people themselves, and the memories they share which describe our collective community identity and shared heritage.

The project aims to record, preserve, share and celebrate these stories for the benefit of all.

The project is managed by the Central Otago Heritage Trust who receive funding from Central Lakes Trust, Otago Community Trust and Lotteries to coordinate this project.

## Why do you want to interview me?

Interviews are guided around themes and topics that celebrate Central Otago's rich heritage. These themes and topics have been developed by the Central Otago Heritage Trust.

## What will it involve?

Your memories will be recorded in a relaxed one-on-one interview by a volunteer oral historian at a time and place that suits you.

You can also provide photos and other relevant materials that can be copied and kept with your recording to provide additional context to your memories.

## What will happen to the recording?

A key goal of this project is to share oral histories with the wider public. With your permission, your oral history and other relevant materials will be published on the Central Otago Oral History website-based platform. Copyright is held by the Central Otago Heritage Trust, and online listeners are informed that copies of the recording may not be made.

If, at the end of the interview, you are uncomfortable with any aspect of the recording being placed online, we can remove the relevant excerpts to ensure you are satisfied with the final outcome. This will be noted in the Recording Agreement signed at the completion of the interview.

With your permission, additional material may also be placed online including a short, written summary of the interview (an abstract), and any photos or scanned documents (such as newspaper clippings) that you are happy to share to support the interview.

Personal Information such as birth dates, location of birth, and any information you provide in the *Interviewee Information Form* **will not** be published on the internet. This may be made available to researchers or genealogists only upon request to the Oral History Manager.

We will also provide a copy of the recording for you to keep and share with your family.

## What if I want to know more?

Please contact the Central Otago Oral History Project Manager at [oralhistorycoord@gmail.com](mailto:oralhistorycoord@gmail.com)