

# Central Otago Oral History Project



## Information for Interviewees

Our Central Otago way of life comes from our unique landscape and the experiences of people who have lived here. This is most vividly expressed in the stories of Central Otago people. The memories and experiences they share bring to life our community identity and heritage.

The aim of the Oral History Project is to benefit the community by increasing awareness of the value of oral histories and engage more people in preserving and sharing their experiences.

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.

Oral history interviews focus on themes and topics that celebrate Central Otago's rich heritage. These themes and topics have been developed by the Central Otago Heritage Trust and the wider community. 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. We will provide you with a copy of the recording for you to keep and share with your family.

All recordings are archived at Central Stories Museum and Art Gallery. A key goal of this project is to share oral histories with the community. We are excited to make the stories of Central Otago as widely accessible as possible through the Heritage Central Otago website. Your story will look like this:

The screenshot shows the website's navigation menu with links for HOME, ABOUT US, MEMBERS, NEWS, EVENTS, and CONTACT. The Central Otago Heritage logo is centered in the menu. Below the menu is a video player featuring a portrait of Catherine on the left and a historical photograph of a woman on the right. The video player includes a progress bar and a play button.

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Catherine grew up in Cardrona Village in the 1940s, her grandparents worked as postmaster and storekeeper, and her father worked on Waiorau Stn for the Lee family, later purchasing a farm on the banks of the Shotover River near Arthur's Point. Catherine recounts her time growing up in a remote rural village, and later describes her training at Teachers College, Bible College and Deaconess College, after which she became a Presbyterian Minister for the Upper Clutha region where she served for many years. Listen to 3 minute excerpt of Catherine's story.

Copyright is held by the Central Otago Heritage Trust, and online listeners are informed that copies of the recording may not be made.

Because the recordings are available online, we need to ensure that interviews do not contain content which may be defamatory or hurtful to another person. Please keep this in mind when you are sharing your story.

We will not place anything online without your permission. After the interview, please let us know if you feel uncomfortable with any part of it. We will be able to edit the recording to ensure you are completely happy with it. This will be documented in the *Recording Agreement* which you will be asked to sign after the interview.

Additional material that may be published online includes a short summary of the interview and any photos or scanned documents (such as newspaper clippings) that you have provided to support the interview.

Please be aware that due to the nature of online access, we cannot guarantee that the interview will not be copied by listeners.

Personal information such as dates of birth and any information you provide in the *Interviewee Information Form* **will not** be published on the internet. Some information may be made available to researchers or genealogists upon request to the Oral History Manager, once the Manager is satisfied that the request is genuine. If you prefer, we can specify your permission must be obtained before access to personal information is permitted. If this is the case, please note it on the Recording Agreement.