

CANTERBURY/WESTLAND BRANCH

of the

NEW ZEALAND FOUNDERS SOCIETY INC



Welcome to our first Newsletter of the Canterbury/Westland Founders Branch.

The Branch has been in recess since the 2010/2011 Canterbury earthquakes. It is our intention to re-establish the branch, to grow the branch and to share our history, to keep our history alive for generations to come.

We have met at The Old Vicarage, Halswell, where we shared pleasantries, coffee, cake and heritage conversations. Ancestral tales, historical events and cases, available resources and possible venues were shared with great enthusiasm and interest.

The Branch has documents and resources which since the earthquake, are in storage. We do need to find where these resources are and ascertain what they consist of; so is a discovery in progress.

Your committee is:

Chairman: Pam Absolum
Secretary: Melville Opie
Treasurer: Ray Absolum
Committee: Alan Airay
John McSweeney

Of course, we would welcome more people on the committee. It certainly helps to share responsibilities

Financial: the Branch has a bank trust account of \$4,000. John McSweeney is currently updating bank signatories to the account.

Annual subscriptions: will remain at \$20 (the national body fee). We do not require Branch subscriptions at this stage.

Membership falls into three categories:

- Full Membership- those whose forebears arrived prior to 1866.
- Associate Membership - those who are family, partners of Full Members.
- Friends' Membership - this is available for interested person who ancestors arrived after 1865.