



NZ FOUNDERS SOCIETY INC.

CHAIR NEWSLETTER

March 2026

Dear Member,

The 2026 Hybrid AGM that trialed the use of zoom, giving access to the meeting from Branches was successful (although we did have some glitches with speech). When considering the high cost of travel and accommodation, it appears that this method is preferred with some communication improvement.

The highlight of the occasion was the following presentations to:

Paddy Bayley – Life Membership award

Kathy Dent – Life Membership award

Richard Bailey – Commemorative Award

Faye Sherrif – Commemorative Award

Carol Cowling – Commemorative Award

This year focus is membership growth. The committee will be undertaking a strategy to finalise 'Who We Are', 'What we Do' and 'How We Do It'. This will involve a review of our marketing material, library facilities and literary award procedures.

The key Branch activities are:

1. Activating the Student Literary Award.
2. Appointment of an active membership liaison
3. Writing member short stories on family and local events that tell us life prior to Jan 1866

The website has been updated to improve the exposure of our stories, with the aim of attracting Branch membership. We would love to hear the story of your Ancestors, please send these to webadmin@nzfounders.org.nz for publishing.

To discover what has happened at each Branch go to www.nzfounders.org.nz and select your Branch from the menu item 'Society Events'.

The home page of www.nzfounders.org.nz/ has a calendar to announce the activities of interest to both members and the wider community. This is another great way to attract new members and encourage existing members to attend your events. Please send all your event notices to webadmin@nzfounders.org.nz

Any feedback about improving the AGM can be sent to secretary@nzfounders.org.nz

The next AGM is scheduled for 13 March 2027.

Raymond Mudford,
Chair.

Photos from AGM





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