



NZ FOUNDERS SOCIETY INC.

CHAIR NEWSLETTER

(September 2025)

Dear Member,

The Committee has been meeting every month to plan the future of New Zealand Founders.

An important change to the website has been delivered by Faye Sherrif and Lynley Fowler. These changes are the beginning of promoting Founders to all whoes ancestors arrived before 1866.

We have also discussed ideas on how to attract new members and encourage existing members to participate and learn more about our New Zealand heritage.

Some ideas that we would like you to share on our website with other members are:

1. Written, video stories, photos from descendents that tell the life of the family
2. Photos and stories of events that occurred prior to 1866
3. Sharing digital links to material that would be of interest to other members
4. Sharing guest speaker material with all founders members.

These can be sent to webadmin@nzfounders.org.nz for publishing.

We are also investigating options for connecting a document management system to either Helloclub or the website. It is intended that this material is exclusive to NZ Founders members.

The committee is also looking at enhancing the Hawkes Bay student literary competition with the aim of encouraging the younger generation to join NZ Founders. Your thoughts on this subject would be appreciated.

I understand that a number of you are experiencing difficulty logging into HelloClub. The owners have been asked to review the login method to make it easier for everyone. We will update progress with this request, through the Branch co-ordinator.

Activities that have happened recently:



Hawkes Bay
Chocolate Box Lunch



Wanganui
Whanganui River History



Waikato
Certificate Presentation

To discover what has happened at each Branch go to
<https://www.nzfounders.org.nz/branch-events/>

The home page of <https://www.nzfounders.org.nz/> has a calendar to announce the activities of interest to both members and the wider community.

Please send all your event notices to webadmin@nzfounders.org.nz

Lastly, the National AGM is scheduled for 14 March 2026. There are three options under consideration:

1. Continue to rotate around, organised by the Branches, exploring the local history;
2. Centralised location, Wellington for New Zealand or Taupo for the North Island, to encourage greater member participation;
3. Online link to each Branch from a central point. All Branches meet on the same day for the AGM, linked via a laptop (using ZOOM), celebrating with a lunch after the AGM.

The committee is seeking your recommendation by 26 September 2025, on which option above you would engage in and the activities you would like to participate in when the AGM is scheduled. Previous years have included holding the AGM, a local bus tour to explore some of the history, evening dinner for those staying over. There is a charge for the tour and travel, accommodation and meals are at the members own expense. If you have any ideas to make this event more interesting, please let us know.

Any feedback can be sent to secretary@nzfounders.org.nz

The daffodils, camelia's and other flowers are displaying their beauty.

Raymond Mudford,
Chair.