

NEW ZEALAND FOUNDERS SOCIETY INC.



Taranaki Branch

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Hello everyone,

NEXT MEETING – Friday 31 October 2025 1.30pm New Plymouth Genealogy Rooms, 2 Breakwater Road, Moturoa. Entry off Whitely Street to the carpark.

There will be a raffle available at the meeting, subject to numbers attending. \$2 per ticket.

Our last meeting in June.

The Hawera Genealogy Society hosted our meeting on a miserable and very wet day. What an adventure for the 4 of us who turned up. There were more members from Hawera Genealogy than us, which was a bit embarrassing. Maybe we should ask for RSVP responses for out-of-town events, so we are not disrupting those speakers, hosts who generously give of their time. I do appreciate that we all have other commitments, health issues etc. and that it is not possible to always be available.

If you are ever in Hawera the group can be found at Storage 4U Building in Union Street, the previous Masonic Lodge, and is open to the public on Wednesday afternoons from 1 pm to 3 pm for research or inquiries. They are happy to do research for you but may require a donation towards photocopying and postage.

They also hold a vast array of books for sale at reasonable prices. Their book fairs are legendary and a great fund raiser for them.



Gillian making the most of one-on-one conversations.



Only a small part of the books for sale

Opportunity to set a local project.

As mentioned in the last newsletter, the National Committee are keen to see more public awareness of NZ Founders and have asked branches to consider some local project that would create this. The Branch would need to cover the cost, so if we are too ambitious, we would need some sponsorship. Have a think about some suggestions that we might consider.

We are currently holding around \$2400 in funds.

Generating new members.

Do you have a friend or relative who may be interested in joining us. If so, please invite them to come to a meeting or two so they can see what we are about.

A member is someone who can show that they are a direct descendant of an early arrival to NZ prior to 31 December 1865.

A friend is someone who doesn't meet member criteria but has an interest in our early arrivals and history.

We need some inspiration. – Please let me know your thoughts.

What type of meetings/gatherings would you like to see us do.

Do you know of any good speakers perhaps?

Are we focusing on historical meeting content or are we open to current information also?

Visit's involving transport, mobility issues?

Lunch meetings at members own cost?

Timing of meetings? What suits best for the majority.

Taranaki Branch structure.

Some branches have elected various members to do specific tasks. Some are more involved perhaps than what we may need. My thoughts are that we could perhaps have another representative at the National level by appointing a Branch Co-ordinator. This would involve attending zoom meetings every 6 weeks that take approx. 1½ hours. I will still be attending these meetings as National Secretary.

Also, it would be great to have an activities coordinator and someone genealogy minded checking any new membership applications.

Any volunteers would be welcomed as I am running out of ideas on what to arrange activities wise.

Marsland Hill from Carrington Street



Production date 1893

Description

View of Pukaka / Marsland Hill from Carrington Street, with Vivian Street to the left. There are several houses located at the base of the hill. According to notes on the image, the old railway line runs through the midground although it is difficult to see the traintracks in this image.

Maybe it is worth a visit to see what state the memorials here are in? A possible project?

Looking forward to seeing you all on 31st October in the New Plymouth Genealogy Rooms.

Carol Cowling