

# NEW ZEALAND FOUNDERS SOCIETY INC.



## Taranaki Branch

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Hello everyone,

**NEXT MEETING – Thursday 26 June 2025 1.30pm Hawera Genealogy Rooms, Storage 4U Building in 48 Union Street – Hawera**

**If you require transport to attend this meeting, please let Carol know no later than 23<sup>rd</sup> June. There will be a raffle available at the meeting. \$2 per ticket.**

### Subscriptions are now due - \$25 per member

If you have loaded it on your internet banking, please amend this to;

New Zealand Founders Society Incorporated

Account Number is 38-9019-0178686-00 (This is a Kiwibank account)

Particulars – Your Name

Code – Taranaki Branch

Reference – what the payment is for (Subs or Event etc.)

You will have received an email (or printed invoice for those without email) from a website called Hello World. This is the software being used by the National Office for payments of subscriptions and for communications from the National Office.

You can either use this site to process your payment or use your usual internet banking platform. Alternatively, you can pay cash to Carol Cowling who will bank it on your behalf.

Many thanks to those who have already paid, following the Hello World notification.

### Opportunity to set a local project.

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.

### 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.

### <https://nzfounders.org.nz> Our website.

Try to take a few minutes to browse through the website. In the Heritage Tales section, you can find links to various short commentaries of local history.

It is even better if you can send in more of these to keep the website growing and more interesting.

## HERITAGE TALES

[Inglewood 150 Yearspdf](#)

[Keirunga Homesteadpdf](#)

[Chew Chong - visionary entrepreneurpdf](#)

[Thomas Tanner \(Father of Hastings\)pdf](#)

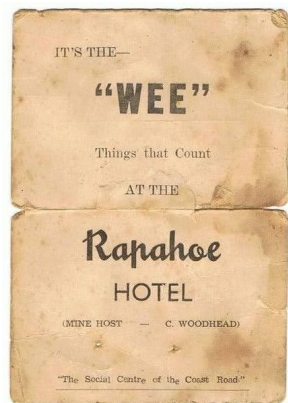
[David Brown founding Taranaki Member - AGM presentationpdf](#)

[Fowlers of Stanley Valepdf](#)

[Taradale Hotelpdf](#)

[Some History of Park Island, Napierpdf](#)

## A Wee bit of West Coast humour



The folded card was used as a seat minder at the Bar when the need arose and a man needed to 'Water his horse'.

The Rapahoe Hotel was commonly known as The Seven Mile which was coincidentally seven miles north of Greymouth.

## Book Grants.

We administer awards to promote the study of New Zealand's national and local history. [Research / Publication Award info and past recipients.](#)

You may find the link above interesting should you wish to apply for a grant for something you are writing for publication. It is also interesting to view the list of past applicants publications – you may find a book there that you would like to read. These are available through our National Office. If you want one (to borrow only) let me know and it can be arranged.

## 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 to check any new membership applications.

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

Looking forward to seeing you all on 26<sup>th</sup> June in the Hawera Genealogy Rooms.

Carol Cowling