



NZ FOUNDERS SOCIETY INC.

PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER 17 JUNE 2024

Dear Member,

It is with great pleasure that I can give you all an update following our very successful and enjoyable Annual General Meeting held in Napier at the East Pier Hotel on 15 June 2024.

A stunning location, great hospitality from the staff, good food and sunshine on the day.

Our host branch of Hawkes Bay had all the necessary arrangements in place, everything ran very smoothly and efficiently. They also arranged a guided coach tour for the afternoon for those who wished to see more of this stunning region. The trip took us through Napier, Havelock North and Hastings with an afternoon tea stopover at Duart House, an Historic old homestead and museum. We saw a wide variety of architecture, agriculture and horticulture along with sights of the remedial work still underway in the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle. The commentary was made by Paddy Bayley, President of the Hawkes Bay branch and was very well researched and received by those who took the trip. We passengers were privileged to see more of the Hawkes Bay region and learn more about it.

Who could ask for more?



The view from the hotel.



Duart House.

My thanks on behalf of your Executive Committee to all those who attended, provided proxy votes on the Constitution remit and especially for each of you who are the membership foundation of this great organisation.

The vote on the new Constitution was accepted unanimously by those attending, allowing for 6 proxy votes against, following some discussion on concerns that members wished to raise. Those concerns have been met and we can now move forward into 2025.

What happens now is that the new Constitution will be filed with the Incorporated Society's and Charities Services government departments to take effect from 1 January 2025. Between now and then the old Constitution remains in force.

To assist in the transition to the new Constitution from 1 January 2025, the National Financial balance date has been moved to 31 December 2024. This will make the new Constitution financial year valid from 1 January – 31 December annually.

The Committee elected at this AGM have a transitional Committee role until the 2025 Annual General Meeting which will be held in New Plymouth at a date yet to be confirmed in March 2025.

The subscription for 2025 will be set at that meeting, and will be payable in April 2025, rather than in February as it has been in the past.

Your elected Committee members are;

President: Raymond Mudford
Vice President & Auckland: John Burns
Membership Secretary & Remote: Carolyn Adams
Treasurer: Kathy Dent
Administration Secretary & Taranaki: Carol Cowling
Bay of Plenty: Mark Windsor
Hawkes Bay: Faye Sherriff
Waikato: Patrick Cummings
Wanganui: Lynley Fowler
Wairarapa: Alan De La Mare

Now the Constitution has been approved, we will continue to work on our by-laws (rules and operating procedures) to ensure a smooth transition. Some work has already been done on these and members will have another chance to comment on these before they are finalised.

The next big move will be focused on our website, making it more user friendly, adding new content, encompassing our branch and national office co-ordination etc.

This is all a bit like a favourite shrub or tree.

The roots are the legal requirements

The trunk is the Constitution,

The branches are the By-Laws (how we do things),

The fruit or flowers are the membership. May they continue to produce and provide growth.



May the NZ Founders Society continue to prosper, adapt and grow.

Raymond Mudford,
President.