



## NZ FOUNDERS SOCIETY INC.

### PRESIDENTS NEWSLETTER 18 December 2024

Dear Member,

It is with pleasure that I send this update from the National Executive Committee who continue to meet every 6 weeks via Zoom teleconference.

Our By-Laws are now almost complete in preparation for how we will operate under the new Constitution which will come into effect on 1 January 2025. These will be our procedures and rules for the Society and will outline how the continuation of Branches will be able to operate. Your nominated committee representative on the National Committee has a copy of these available **and they, along with the new Constitution will be available on the website as soon as possible.**

We have been testing the process of the National Body being responsible for all funds with the Waikato Branch and this is helping us to iron out any potential problems before 2025. So far, so good with no major issues for either the Branch or the National Office. Some branches have already transferred their banking needs to the National Office in line with the new Constitution requirements. All NZ Founders branch funds need to be transferred no later than **31 January 2025.**

Work is also underway on scoping out a new, improved website as the existing platform is at capacity and not suitable for too many changes or new information. It is anticipated that the new website will be multi-functional for all members and business needs.

Meanwhile, check out the current website at <http://www.nzfounders.org.nz/> for branch activities, meeting dates, membership applications, book grant applications etc.

There are some good meetings being held around the country and the website is a good way of promoting these.

**Book Grants:** This year we advertised our support in book grants in the NZ Author magazine and have had a strong response in applications. This has been very encouraging and we hope it continues as strongly into the future.

AGM 2025 planning is underway for 22 March 2025 so mark it in your diary if you plan or hope to attend. This will be hosted in New Plymouth. It's hoped that the weather will be more obliging in March, than our previous June timing. Having made that comment, Hawkes Bay gave us a sunny, though cooler day on the Saturday this year and set a high standard of hospitality. More on this to come in the New Year.

Our Purpose statement in the new Constitution is;

The **Society** is established and maintained exclusively for charitable purposes (including any purposes ancillary to those charitable purposes), namely:

- Stimulating interest and take an active part in activities relating to early New Zealand history.
- Maintaining a collection of material of any format connected with the early arrivals to New Zealand.
- Telling, writing and publishing the stories of the early arrivals.
- Supporting others by way of research/publication grants.
- Encouraging the preservation of historical places, buildings and monuments, particularly those associated with the early arrivals to New Zealand.
- Commemorating the arrival of early New Zealanders.
- Maintaining friendly and mutually working relationships with other historical organisations with similar aims.

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

If you have any questions or comments which we may be able to assist with, please let us know via our [nzfounders@gmail.com](mailto:nzfounders@gmail.com) email address.

I wish to express my personal thanks to the members of the Executive Committee for their hard work behind the scenes in the processes of our new Constitution, By-Laws and website considerations, along with the day to day administrative and communication with members that they have undertaken through the year.

On behalf of your Executive Committee, I send festive greetings over the Christmas and New Year holiday season and wish you all a safe and meaningful time. For those who have lost family or friends throughout this year, it may possibly feel different. We are here for you, please reach out if we can offer friendship and support.

Raymond Mudford,  
President.