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**NEW ZEALAND FOUNDERS SOCIETY**

**OAMARU HARBOUR**

**Sumpter Wharf**

**Commemorating the 1913 return of the ship**

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**from 1910-1913 British Antarctic Expedition**

**bringing news to the world of the tragic loss of**

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**Dr Edward Wilson, Capt Lawrence Oates**

**Lt Henry Bowers and Petty Officer Edgar Evans**

**Marking the Centenary**

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THE SEVENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
NEW ZEALAND FOUNDERS SOCIETY  
PRESENTED BY THE NATIONAL PRESIDENT

For Founders it has been a year of steadiness. Financially we have held our own, but membership numbers have declined due to the aging of members and the loss of the Canterbury Branch. We have also had changes in our administration, with Kathy Dent now as our National Secretary and Treasurer and Janet Robinson ceasing as a paid secretary (but still doing sterling work for us). Janet has been honoured with an Honorary Membership of Founders.

Glen Robertson, Immediate Past President, has resigned from the Executive because of his health.

He has produced a very fine 2014 Bulletin for us again and has said that he would do another Bulletin but we must find a future editor for this fine publication. Russell Hurst, another Executive member, has also suffered ill health and we wish him a good recovery. There have been gains, one is the digitisation of membership records. Carol and Janet, with some helpers, have pulled all the stops out, and the placing of our fragile and fading membership applications, as well as recent ones, are all preserved on a hard drive and been indexed. This has been a major undertaking. The ladies who have seen this project to this stage are to be congratulated for their persistence and perseverance. There are some privacy issues with making them widely available, which are to be sorted, and also the final funding towards this. What it means at the moment is that the paper records need not be damaged further when membership searches take place. There are other plans for their use later.

One of my objectives this year, has been to create a means by the Executive can be brought more close to Branches throughout the



country. This means has now been established, as teleconferencing for the Executive has been embedded as the means of having monthly Executive meetings, instead of all travelling to Wellington.

The next stage is to incorporate each Branch into the Executive, by each Branch having an appointed member, to conference monthly by teleconference. This should be achieved in the year ahead. It depends upon having a strong support at the National Office, through Kathy Dent, to prepare agendas and minutes. It has worked well these last months and we are now ready to move to the stage of having each Branch participating in Executive decisions.

The Executive has also begun preparation of an effective website with a contract for the development and maintenance being let to a firm of website developers. As well as the main page with information about the Society, contact details of National Officers and a membership application form. It will incorporate as well a page for each Branch which will give details of Branch contacts, meeting places and meeting times. Each Branch will be able to amend these as they wish. This will not only let each Branch know what the others are doing but also make this available to the public. When I have mentioned the Founders Society to various people I have been asked many times,

"What's that?" I should have been able to say, "Look on our website." I have been told that 'if you don't have it out there, you are dead'. That is the fact in this world today. It should make us a more united Society, and by bringing this information to the public have a positive effect on future membership, by making this available to not only members but the public of our nation. The completion of this is my goal for the year ahead.

I have been privileged to visit several Branches this year but have not been able to get to all.

I have discovered the diverse nature of Branch meetings, enjoyed the varying formats, the good company, and the opportunity to listen and to discuss where the future may lie for our Society.

Sadly, I have been unable to make contact with Canterbury. I have been to Christchurch, as has Glen Robertson as well, but we were unable to find any office bearers or members. National Office has some concern that the assets of the Branch be preserved for a future re-start, as in the Constitution and are trying to trace the holders of these assets.

We complete this year with a plan for the way ahead and a Society that is ready to face the future.

**Adrian Gover**  
**National President**



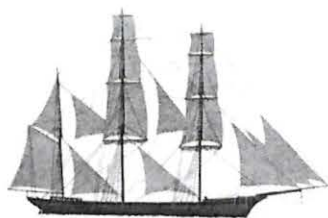
**Membership as at 31st March 2014 stood at:-**

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Honorary	151	139
Life	23	25
Senior	339	371
Junior	3	6
Associate	46	42
Hon for service	6	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>*568</b>	<b>588</b>

	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Auckland	20	26
Bay of Plenty	71	66
Hawkes Bay	147	154
Taranaki	42	40
Waikato	45	50

Wairarapa	95	90
Wellington	93	108
Wanganui	55	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>*568</b>	<b>588</b>

(\*The 2013 total membership included 34 members in Canterbury which are no longer included in these figures as that branch is currently in recess)




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## FOUNDERS SOCIETY NEW MEMBERS IN THE PAST TWELVE MONTHS

Name	Port	Ship	Date	Ancestor
<b>Auckland</b>				
	Wellington	Oriental	1841	Robert & Elizabeth WILTON
	Wellington	Zealandia	1858	John RANBY
	Port Chalmers	Andrew Jackson	1864	Gordon McKINNON
<b>Bay of Plenty</b>				
Miss J. McGinley	Auckland	Jane Gifford	1842	James & Ann FITZPATRICK
Mrs P.M. Jones	Bay of Islands	Minerva	1828	Rev. Charles BAKER
Mr R.W. Hicks	Bay of Islands	Persian	1834	John EDMONDS
Miss D.E. Gore	Nelson	Bolton	1842	Henry & Sarah BROWN
	Nelson	Skiold	1844	Johann & Christine LANKOW
<b>Hawkes Bay</b>				
Mrs E.J. McNeill	Wellington	Pudsey Dawson	1854	George Andrew OLIVER
Mrs E.M. Wiggins	?	Lord Wolsley $\phi$	1860	Charles Hermann WEBER
Mrs J.E. Crysell	Wellington	Martha Ridgway	1840	George Joseph WHITLEY
Mrs D M E Fussell	Wellington	London	1840	Henry & Elizabeth COLLETT
	Wellington	Indian Queen	1857	John & Jane MASON
Mrs LA MacDonald	Wellington	London	1840	Henry & Elizabeth COLLETT
	Wellington	Indian Queen	1857	John & Jane MASON



Mr W.J. Hirst	Wellington	Martha Ridgway	1840	Charles & Ann BROWN
	Wellington	Wild Duck	1860	Henry Louis GALLIEN
Mr J.A. Hirst	Wellington	Martha Ridgway	1840	Charles & Ann BROWN
	Wellington	Wild Duck	1860	Henry Louis GALLIEN
Ms. C. F. Lambert	Wellington	Cornwall	1853	Alfred LAMBERT
	Nelson	Will Watch	1842	Thomas Richard BERRY
Mrs C.E. Cameron	?	Lord Wolsley $\phi$	1860	Charles Hermann WEBER
Mr D.W. Weber	?	Lord Wolsley $\phi$	1860	Charles Hermann WEBER
<b>Waikato</b>				
Mr D.C. Sandford	New Plymouth	Blenheim	1842	Thomas RUSDEN
	Port Chalmers	City of Hobart	1863	Capt Alexander McNEILL
Mrs J.M. Sunkel	Lyttelton	Sir George Pollock	1851	William GRAHAM
	Auckland	Ellen Wilson?	1863	John KIRK *
Mr M.R. Parle	New Plymouth	Timandra	1842	Richard Whiting POPE
Mrs A. Jones	Lyttelton	Zealandia	1858	Henry & Sarah WOODING
	Lyttelton	Glenmark	1865	Richard PICKERING
Mrs LE Kitchingman	Nelson	Active	1858	Peter & Esther MIDDLEMISS
Mrs B.E. Jones	Wellington	Aurora	1840	Catherine PARKES
<b>Wairarapa</b>				
Mrs M.L. Nelson	Wellington	Martha Ridgway	1840	Charles & Ann BROWN
	Wellington	Wild Duck	1860	Henry Louis GALLIEN
	Nelson	Will Watch	1842	Thomas Richard BERRY
Mrs J.J. Goodwin	Wellington	London	1842	Joseph DIXON
<b>Wanganui</b>				
Mrs P.A. Flutey	Wellington	Martha Ridgway	1842	John & Martha HANDLEY
Mr M. Dalmer	Lyttelton	Charlotte Jane	1850	Ann HILL
	Lyttelton	?	1863	Thomas Spark BROWN
Mrs M.A. Field	Nelson	Martha Ridgway	1842	William & Mary HARRISON
Mr W. Skudder	Bay of Islands	Active	1814	Capt Thomas & Hannah HANSEN
Mrs C L Skudder	Bay of Islands	Active	1814	Capt Thomas & Hannah HANSEN
Mr M W Skudder	Bay of Islands	Active	1814	Capt Thomas & Hannah HANSEN
Mr C G Skudder	Bay of Islands	Active	1814	Capt Thomas & Hannah HANSEN

\* Not verified

$\phi$  Possibly Lord Worsley

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## AROUND THE BRANCHES



### *Auckland Branch*

Auckland Branch continues in the same pattern as former years, -that is, holding monthly meetings, except for January and December. We meet at historic Kinder House in Parnell, or a cafe elsewhere. Over the last year we have had lunch at Eden Gardens, the Art Gallery and Smith & Caughey's department store. At these meetings we talk about Founders generally and local happenings, including our family news, historical or otherwise.

If at Kinder, we provide the tea or coffee while members bring their own lunch. Our attendances (not only for this year but others) can be as low as three with others up to a dozen - so although small we still meet - this despite widespread rumours that we have closed down some years ago.

In April we hosted our National President at Kinder House - the first time in about 40 years that we have had a visit from the President. At this meeting we discussed a wide range of concerns and also heard Adrian's ideas for the future of Founders. All considered it was one of the most worthwhile meetings we have had for some time as we had, we believe, informed him of our worries, and heard his conclusions.

We send greetings to all other Branches and wish, with them, a good result from this AGM and other future meetings.

**John Webster,**  
Chairman

### *Waikato Branch*

The Waikato Branch meets every second month at the Te Rapa Racecourse in the Colours room.

Adrian Gover re-elected as Chairman with a full committee which meets before each meeting to conduct its business. Carolyn Adams has continued as Secretary/Treasurer also.

Following our AGM, Michel Easter told us about his family and how he met his father for the first time as an adult. We were most intrigued by his life's story.

At the June meeting we listened with interest as Barry Neale spoke on the Albertlander's settlement north of Auckland, and how their goal was to establish a place in which they could practise their beliefs.

August was a meeting where we were fortunate to see some rare and valuable early embroidery, one such done by Mrs Cook, Captain Cook's wife, while he was away exploring. To see this and hear the tales of these rare pieces was a privilege we will not hear nor see again.



Our thanks go to Sheryl Cobb for arranging for Vivienne Caughley of the Auckland Museum to show us these and tell the stories behind each of these rare and delicate pieces.

In October our speakers were members of the Hamilton Genealogy Club. Margaret Johnston told us about the Hamilton Group and the Irish interest section of their club. Roger McGirr spoke about the Scottish Interest Group and the Greater London Interest Group. Both were most enthusiastic and told many interesting stories on tracing their heritage and gave us websites and clues on tracing other generations of Irish, Scottish and London family.

Our Christmas programme (held in November) consisted of entertainment from our own members, after a sumptuous Christmas lunch, with all the trimmings. We heard stories, sang carols and had a grand time. Our thanks go to Hillary Bedgood for preparing the table places and carol sheets. These were of an entertaining and high standard.

In February, Roger McGirr shared with us his love of porcelain from childhood, telling us of wagging school to go to

the auction rooms. He showed rare and old pieces he had collected for very little money, as well as the stories behind each piece. We were challenged to try our own hand at seeking out such plates, at low prices and he will return in June to examine



what we have found and give an opinion as to true value.

My thanks again go to the committee members who keep the Branch alive, and make things run well - Gwendoline, who organises the raffles, our faithful bar attendants, and Carolyn who ensures that we operate smoothly. Her value to the Branch is beyond praise.

Our caterers again must have a special mention for the quality and variety of our luncheons. They are of the highest standard. We welcome members of other Branches to join us in the year ahead.

**Adrian Gover**  
Chairman



## *Bay of Plenty Branch*

It is with pleasure that I present my report for 2013. We have had an interesting year with 5 bi-monthly meetings held in Katikati, Rotorua, Whakatane and Tauranga. We spread our meetings out in the 5 localities in the Bay of Plenty so that the same members don't always have to travel a distance to attend. I try to find venues of historical interest as well as interesting speakers.

We visited the Princes Gate Hotel, Rotorua, and were given a plated meal delightfully served by the original dining-room.

Marvelly the to us about the hotel and how it had



presented and waiting staff in the Afterwards, Brett proprietor, spoke history of the been built in 1897

and moved from Waihi to Rotorua where it became the focal point for the development of the town. After the meeting we were given a tour and also shown the new conference facilities.

Our next meeting was held at the Citizen's Club, Te Puke, where Helen Riddell presented a "Snapshot of WWII History - The Roydon Downs Settlement" where her parents farmed and she grew up. This was followed by an interlude of music and songs our forebears knew and loved presented by Marie Lewis and enjoyed by members.

On a spring day we visited the RSA, Whakatane, where Wayne Marriot gave a presentation on Henry Cohen Pirani (1818-1894) a merchant, mason, journalist, Sephardic Jew and bankrupt! A very interesting man and a predecessor of Wayne's. Some of his family came briefly to hear the presentation and learn more of this man of his time.

The Christmas meeting was held at the Armitage Hotel, Tauranga. Shirley Arabin, a well-known local historian spoke to us about the Brian Watkins House history. Following the meeting members



visited the house and were given a conducted tour room by room to learn of the life of this family. This was followed by afternoon tea on the lawn organised by Maree and myself.

Our Meeting and AGM was held in the High Tea Room at the Blue Baths in Rotorua. This generated a lot of memories by members who remembered the social times there was well as taking their families swimming in the pools. Ann Sommerville, a local historian, spoke to us about the Tarawera eruption and how it affected the women in the area and their role. She also touched on the history of the Blue Baths.

Our Branch membership has decreased dramatically through the year due to attrition.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to our Secretary Audrey Henderson who is retiring from the position after 10years service to the BOP Branch both as President for 2 years followed by Secretary. Her dedication and knowledge of Founders is unique.

To Maree Lewis for being such a thorough Treasurer and being able to call on her years of experience. We are lucky to have her.

To our Area Reps - Vice-President Colin Deed, Thea Still, Maree Lewis, Moina Garland, thank you for your support. Moina and Sandy have moved to Taupo to live and we need representatives for Tauranga and Rotorua. Your support is appreciated and needed for the Branch.

This year will be my last as your Chairman so you have a year to think about who you wish to have as Chairman in 2015 and find a willing candidate.

**Bonnie Roger**  
Chairman

### *Hawkes Bay Branch*

It is with pleasure I present the 35th Annual Report of the Hawkes Bay Branch of the NZ Founders Society Inc This year has continued to provide interesting and well organised meetings and outings for the members. Our membership continues to increase and we now have become the largest Branch in the Society. My special thanks to Richard, our Secretary and Publicity person, and to Paddy Bayley, for maintaining contact with our senior members and enlisting a number of new and interested members.

I wish to thank my committee for their support and co-operation in arranging the organisation and variety of outings and the high standard of speakers. We welcomed three new members to our committee - Kath La Rooy, and Barry and Pauline Erickson who have all shown expertise in their field. Sadly, Valerie Yule is not seeking re-election after many years of valuable service as Treasurer and committee member. Thank you Valerie.

Our sympathy goes out to the families of those who have passed away during the past year. I attended the National Annual General meeting in Masterton in July. A new President was elected - Mr Adrian Gover, Chairman of Waikato Branch. We look forward to moving into the 21st century with modern communications. However, I do miss our President's reports which earlier Presidents sent out. Our sympathy was extended to the previous President, Mr Russell Hurst, who had a nasty accident which has forced him to retire from office

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES Our Annual General Meeting was held in March and attended by 45 members. Mr Maitland Manning of Central Hawkes Bay was our speaker and he spoke of and showed us his collection of Military Medals. \* The historic Duart House, Havelock North is a lovely venue for our members meetings always held in August. Members are asked to contribute and we have had some very interesting and unique topics and items. Mr Phillip

Mardon (3rd generation) spoke of his family's 100-year ownership of the local Pernel Orchard.

The Napier Waiapu Diocese Cathedral was visited in July. During the tour, Mr Ian Granger spoke of the history of the earlier buildings, one of which was destroyed in the 1931 Hawkes Bay earthquake. This was followed by a recital by Gary Bowler, Director of Music, on the recently restored pipe organ, now one of the finest in the country and also vocal items by Mr Richard Harris

Luncheons and outings are proving very popular with members and we thank Nimons Bus Company for their help in planning itineraries and also our favourite bus driver, Mrs Jan Bartlett for her driving expertise and cheerful commentaries.

In May, 70 members travelled to Central Hawkes Bay for luncheon at the Patangata Pub, then to Aramoana Homestead, built circa 1894 with its tower reminiscent of a Scottish castle. Mr Chip McHardy, a descendant of the original owner, spoke to us about the educational facilities developed in the 100-year old wool shed (Historic Trust Award).

In October we visited the Local Ophans Club who had recently celebrated their 100 years Jubilee. A lovely meal prepared by the members (all men)- then a talk followed by an hours entertainment. This was something different for our members who were honoured to be part of their celebrations



Our end of year event was a visit by 80 members to Belmont Homestead (the original Craggy Range) a historical home and garden on the east side of the Tuki Tuki Valley, a 10 minute drive from Havelock North.

Lunch and a walk among their lovely gardens was followed by wine and Christmas cake.

My special thanks to our committee and especially to Andy our Treasurer who does so much behind the scenes. We wish Paddy and Richard a safe and wonderful time during their sixth months trip overseas. Finally, a very big thank you to all members for your continued support and enthusiasm over the years. May Hawkes Bay Branch continue to flourish

**Nanette Roberts**

Chairman

- *(see page 36 for details of the NZ Cross)*

### ***Taranaki Branch***

The past year has been a time of change for all members. Your committee decided, after plenty of discussion to change the meeting days and to meet alternate months for a trial. We are hopeful that the change will mean more members could be at our meetings. The change has not been a success - two meetings being poorly attended. I should mention also that the weather was very unkind! There may be further changes ahead as your committee plans the year ahead. The attendance at the Annual Meeting was most encouraging - 18 present with 6 apologies. 12 members came along to another meeting to learn about the activities of bees purchasing samples of the end product. The number attending the dinner in March was pleasing and we thoroughly enjoyed the service and address by the Rev Albie Martin. The numbers attending the end of year function were interested in hearing from the National President, Adrian Gover. The address had plenty of positive plans to promote Founders. He will need all our support but surely we must try. My thanks to our very able Secretary and to all committee members always ready to stand up for extra work,



willingly and with a smile! My good wishes to the incoming executive and I thank you for all the support I have received over the past years.

Dale Osborne  
Chairman

### ***Wairarapa Branch***

It is my pleasure to present this 2013/2014 report to members of the Wairarapa Branch of the NZ Founders Society. Our thoughts are with those we have lost during the past year, and others in our ranks who are unwell. Please keep our Almoner informed when members are changing addresses or moving into resthomes. Our numbers have again remained constant, but we always welcome new members and intending members to any of our programmed events.

Our 2013 AGM at the Croquet Clubrooms in the park re-elected me as your president for another year. Alison Parkes as secretary, provides me with wonderful support during the year, and our committee members remained unchanged. Without the tireless support of committee members our branch could not function. Their roles range from formulating the years programme, to ensuring the smooth running from month to month. A large attendance at our AGM enjoyed hearing our speakers who represented our local Genealogy Society, two of whom joined our ranks after the meeting. Welcome John and Judy.

During April we travelled to Greytown's Kahikatea Gardens, a beautiful venue covering as it does 5 acres of garden, plus farm machinery and very friendly animals. Afterwards local member Rachel Thompson very kindly invited us to her home for a shared afternoon tea.



Geoff Walker, a well-known local photographer and columnist in our local papers, was our guest for May. Geoff who had recently travelled to Uganda entertained us with a photographic account of his time spent with the people. A picture emerged of a country with few monetary resources, but a beaming enthusiasm for life.



In June we had the honour of presenting the National AGM for the NZ Founders Society with delegates from Wellington, Wairarapa, Bay of Plenty, Taranaki, Wanganui, Waikato, Hawkes Bay, and Auckland. Only Christchurch, currently in recess due to the earthquake was missing. Our branch spent a large amount of time and effort on organizing this event, but it was very well received by the branches. My thanks to my committee, and our members who supported us on the day. Our branch did our guests proud!

Our annual mid-year dinner in memory of Robert Miller was again well attended. The Top Pub in Greytown allows us to include our lower valley members and we enjoy catching up.

In August we enjoyed soup and buns in the Croquet clubrooms, a winter social gathering we all look forward to during the wet and cold. Our speaker was local Dr Rob Irwin who shared his experiences growing olives and marketing his product. We now know considerably more about the industry and how to compare the labels and quality of the end product.

September saw a large gathering of members enjoying afternoon tea at stately Te Whiti homestead hearing about its history and the work done by current owners to restore it to its former glory.

Afterwards we all toured the garden with its focal point being the great display of bluebells under the stately trees.

Our October trip to Clareville Cemetary was cancelled due to high winds and gale warnings, only the second time in 10 years this has occurred!

November members visited Cobblestones in Greytown and had a leisurely stroll around the exhibits.

December was as usual attended by a large turnout at our local Cosmopolitan Club and we enjoyed Xmas fare together. Our first outing for 2014 was our return visit to Clareville with our local taphophile Adele Pentony Graham, without the wind. In closing I would like to remind all members that 2015 will be the 75<sup>th</sup> birthday for the Wairarapa Branch.

Ann Woodley  
Chairman

### ***Wanganui Branch***

2013 was an interesting one with good speakers, good response from members attending our meetings, all in all a most enjoyable year.

On 24th February we met at the Bason Reserve where Phil Thomson gave an interesting and passionate talk about the history of the gardens and what's in store for the future. Afternoon tea followed the talk and members were able to wander around the house gardens as well.

On 24th March we met in the Grand Hotel and Neville Gorrie told us about the history of the hotel, famous people who had stayed in the hotel over the years, the work he has done with the preservation and earthquake strengthening of the building.

21st April was our AGM, election of officers, etc. Afterwards, Hugh McKenzie, a member, gave us an interesting talk about his and his late wife Joyce, experiences as members; also his trials and tribulations during World War 2.

Bernie Townsend  
May, the topic  
early Bishop in  
Coast. The  
very well  
appreciated.



was our guest speaker on 26th  
being Octavius Hadfield, an  
New Zealand around the Kapiti  
attendance was 36 members. A  
documented talk and much

The June meeting was a Show and Tell, the subject was World War I, and many interesting and poignant items were shown and discussed.

In July the Wanganui Branch made a presentation to the people of Wanganui in the Alexander Turnbull Library of a framed copy of a photograph taken in 1872 of the Moutoa Gardens. Mayor Annette Main received the gift on behalf of Wanganui. This photo is hanging on the wall in the entrance of the Alexander Heritage Library.

25th August Gareth Winter gave a most interesting talk about what one can sometimes learn about family members while doing genealogy research. A most amusing afternoon listening to examples he gave us.

On 29th September Kyle Dalton from the Wanganui Museum, talked about "Where am I?" based on old archival photographs. Kyle is always enthusiastic with his subjects and a pleasure to listen to.

On 20th October Susanna Norris, a member, was our guest speaker, and spoke about Georgie Anderson's diaries which were written in the 1870's. These diaries provide a vivid account of life in those days.

At Turakina Church Hall, members Roz and Ewan Grant spoke of the history of the Turakina settlements, the achievements of the original settlers and the changes that have taken place over the years. This meeting was held on 24th November and was our final meeting for the year.

2013 had many fascinating topics discussed.

Jill Travers, who has been our secretary during recent times, wishes to relinquish this role.

The committee thanks Jill for her help and knowledge. We would really appreciate a volunteer to take over this important role. Jill is happy to remain as a committee member.

**Michael Norris**

Chairman



### ***Wellington Branch***

The 2012 year saw some changes in our group. Janet Robinson retired as Secretary-Treasurer in July and Chairman Carol took over her responsibilities in the meantime. During 2012 we had an enjoyable and well

supported lunch at Parliament followed by a tour of the building. The visit to the Film Archive was very interesting with a special show of historic films put on for us. It was not well supported, but all who went, wanted a return visit, in August the committee had a farewell lunch with Janet. Plenty of people turned up for a tour of Government House with all the new renovations. Our guide was knowledgeable and interesting and we enjoyed the occasion.

2012 was the Centenary Year for the Wellington Historical Early Settlers Association and we were invited to join them at a celebration and Christmas lunch at Homewood House, the home of the British Ambassador, Vicki Tredell who was the host.

**Securing the National Records.** Wellington Branch elected to undertake the task of digitising the records. Brian Watts, Margaret Collins and Janet Robinson made the initial investigations. Brian encouraged us to apply to the Lotteries Board for funding and did some of the initial groundwork. Sadly Brian died before he could complete the work and we lost a very valued member of our committee. Margaret Collins was also a big help until she injured her leg and ended up in hospital. I completed the application and deposited it with the Commission on the 24th of November. This work was very time consuming. Our records had to be recommended by archival experts and several references were required. I had to fit the application to the criteria set out in the World War I Commemorations, Environment and Heritage Lotteries Grants. I am very happy to report that the grant has been approved

Most of the members of the committee have served the society well for a number of years. I appreciate their help and guidance and thank each of them for their special contributions to our group. Vera Ellen is no longer able to serve on the committee and we thank her for her past support.

We would encourage anyone who wishes to join us on the committee to offer themselves. We need help with the financial and

secretarial work. I also thank Janet Robinson for her contribution to the Society as a whole. She has a valuable historic knowledge of the Society and has been very helpful to me personally. Thank you, Geoff Palmer, our auditor, for dealing with a set of accounts done by a very inexperienced person.

Carol Hurst,  
Chairman,

*Canterbury-Westland Branch (There was no Annual Report from Canterbury - the Branch is currently in recess)*

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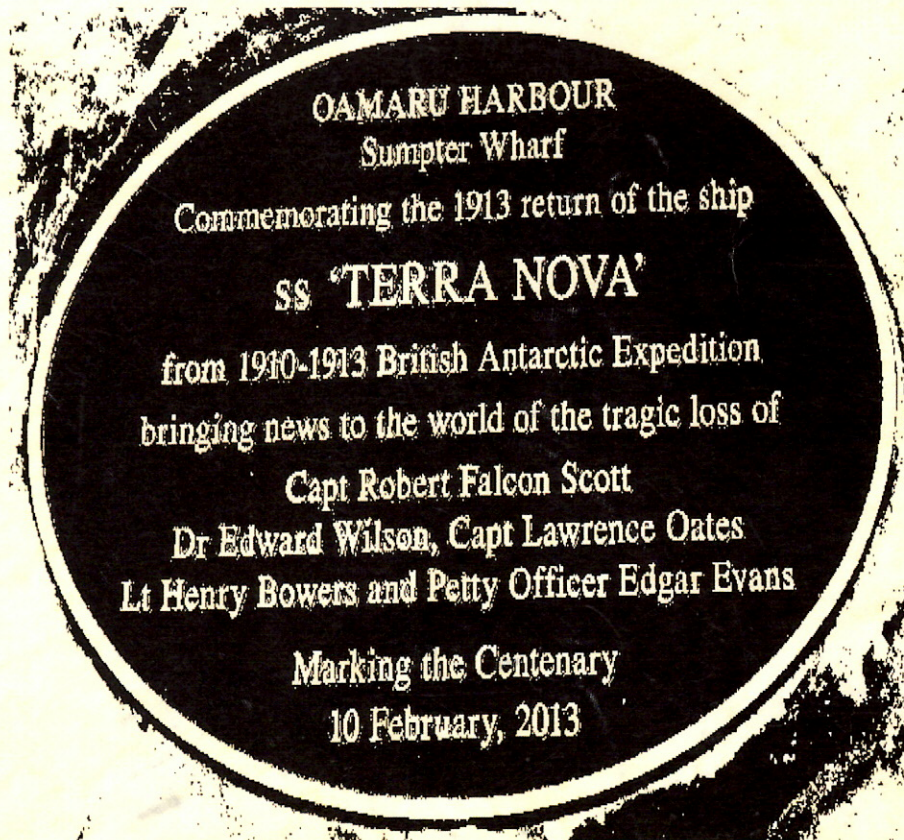
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## PRINCESS MARY'S GIFT BOX

*Contributed by Adele Pentony Graham. Wairarapa Branch*

**Princess Mary, daughter of King George V and Queen Mary** back in 1914, when WW1 started, 100 years ago, wanted to remember the soldiers fighting, away from home, to have a Christmas present. She was, at first, going to pay for it out of her allowance, but due to costs involved this was not possible, as this lovely Brass Tin would have been very expensive due to the quantity made. Every soldier fighting during Christmas period was to get this Christmas Present. I wonder how many homes today have this little piece of history... mine came from an Antique shop in Thorndon, Wellington, even though I had a family member fighting during WW1. Sadly he died from blood poisoning after being shot in the leg at The Somme. He went back to England to recuperate, sadly died, and is buried in his home town of Gillingham. Kent, but he was fighting with the Canadian Infantry, as that is where he had lived prior to the War. He had left

England, with his brother to start a new life in Canada. His brother, I think, after the War, returned to London, to work at Buckingham Palace. He was there over 40 years. This is part of my family I am now researching.



This tin, made of Brass, has on the front of it, **BELGIUM**, then **JAPAN** on the far right, then coming down on the left, **FRANCE**, opposite it is **RUSSIA**, then bottom left has **SERVIA AND MOTENEGRO**. **CHRISTMAS 1914** is on the bottom of the embossed tin.

**Princess Mary's** head is embossed on the tin, with **M** either side surrounded by a Laurel Wreath. A decorative border which included weapons, flags, ships runs around the tin.

Contents of the tin, varied, from cigarettes, tobacco, pencil & paper (letters), Christmas Cake, spices etc. The first tin I ever saw was bought into Carterton where I was researching the early settlers, and was for Private Edward McPartland, son of George and Ann McPartland (nee Sullivan). It had been silvered and it is still in the care of the family. Edward had survived the war, but moved to Brisbane for his health, sadly



leaving children in NZ, where his wife died of Influenza in 1918 in Wellington. She was part of the Walter Lindop family (chemist of Carterton). Every soldier wearing the King's uniform on Christmas Day was to have received this special Christmas Present. Over 426.000 of these tins were distributed to those serving on Christmas Day 1914.

*(I thought this was rather apt to send to include in the Bulletin, since its 100 years since the Great War.)*

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## DONALDJOHNCAMERON

*Contributed by Paula Carter - Wairarapa Branch*

Born in Scotland in 1826 and arrived in New Zealand with his family 27/12/1840 aboard the 'Blenheim'. He found work with his brothers, Dugald and Alexander building roads. The road inland from Kaiwharawhara to Porirua was completed in 1841. He farmed 'Pahaua' with John then 'Waiwetu'. His marriage to Isabella Glasgow on 28 December, 1853 was the first wedding held in the Turakina Church.

In May 1842 he accompanied Charles Kettle, the pioneer surveyor, on the trip from the Manawatu via the Gorge down through the Wairarapa and back across the Rimutaka Ranges to the Hutt. The fourteen strong party had continual rain, heavy fern and bush to push through, and swollen streams to cross. The rations were short to the extent of near-starvation, and they had some unsuccessful attempts before finding the route over the ranges. After 32 days, they at last found their way back into the Hutt Valley. They had left with only one week's supply of rations. Also among the party was a Mr Knox, a brother of the infamous Dr. Knox.



As a result of the expedition with Charles Kettle, property was leased from the Maoris in the Wairarapa at 'Pahaua.\*' As there was no road access until June 1856, the settlers had to learn to 'play' the hazards of the beaches to their advantage but weather, tide, the absence of Maori ferrymen and shortage of food made the journeys unpredictable. Donald with his brother-in-law, John Macfarlane were once walking up the coast on the old Maori track, when almost half way, they were taken prisoners by some warlike Maoris. After several days at the Pah, John made his escape at night, when the Maori are afraid of the 'taipo.' Afterwards Donald also got away. They both made their way back to Wellington.

To distinguish himself from his father, 'the weaver', he was known as 'the piper'. Both he and his brother Alexander served in the militia. Both young men held commissions.

When the Maoris started raids on the outskirts of Wellington 'all the settlers were enrolled in the militia.' They were armed with what was called in those days 'the brown bess' flintlock musket, weighing 14lbs.

Donald drowned in the Hutt River on 27th June, 1866.

*\* Pahaua (correctly spelled Pahaoa) is a sheep station in quite a remote part of the Wairarapa, near the coast, farmed by the Cameron family since 1846. Glendhu is another of their properties.*

### ISABELLA GLASGOW

Isabella was a daughter of another well-known family of borderers whose sires had oftentimes done battle with the Southrons, in the old days when the claymore was seldom sheathed for a long space of time. She arrived in New





Zealand in 1842 and married Donald Cameron on 28th December, 1853 at the Turakina Church. The service taken by Rev. David Hogg.

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### **Karori in the 1930s**

*Contributed by Glen Robertson - Wellington Branch*

Growing up in Karori in the 1930s was a happy time for me, as Karori was still evolving from the original village and there were plenty of open spaces. Karori was bounded by a number of farms - these included Kilmister's on "Mount" Johnston (*now relegated by the Geographic Board to a mere hill*) and to the north, Terawhiti and Te Ikamaru Stations beyond Makara Road to the west, Bradnocks above South Karori Road and Beavis's farm above Beauchamp Street and Monaghan Avenue. These formed our playground, which was very extensive, stretching from South Karori Stream down to the coast and round to Makara Beach and up to "Skyfarm" beyond Johnston's Hill.

Karori was in a bowl surrounded by hills and access to the city was through a tunnel constructed by the Borough Council in 1905 for the tram service to Karori.

*Karori was not a Maori settlement - Karori meant 'the place of snares' but was a bushed area that the Maoris passed through on their way to and from Makara on the southern coast of Cook Strait.*

Closer to home, were empty paddocks and hillsides including what is now Wright's Hill and Ritson's Paddock where the Wellington College of Education now stands. We explored the many small streams, catching and cooking "crawlies", flew home-made kites, sledded down Wright's Hill to the then top of Kano Street, dammed the stream in Ritson's Paddock and lay on our backs in the fields on hot summer days trying to see the high flying skylarks that sang far above our heads.

We did not have watches of course but seemed to manage to get home in time for meals. We were helped in this by one of the mothers, who lived high up on the hillside. She blew a whistle which could be heard for quite a distance!

Because of the smallness of our community, many people were familiar to us - the postman, Mr Jacobson who delivered the mail twice a day and had a running battle with our dog Nobby, Stan Bevis who delivered our milk and filled the billy hanging on the gate, Mr Benge the butcher who would sell us a saveloy for a penny or sometimes even a half-penny, and Mr Park, the grocer who, if you came at the right time, would hand over the scrag end of the luncheon sausage roll or a few broken biscuits from the tins that sat in front of his counter (never chocolate ones though!).



Cooper's Bakery was situated in the shopping area and the baker's cart arrived back to the stables in the late afternoon after deliveries were over for the day. After school, we would wait for him leaning against the warm brick wall of the ovens, which backed on to the street. The

driver was usually good for a leftover bun or crust. Miss Cooper in the shop, would also often come across with a cake for a penny. Mr Cattanach, the policeman, was a friend of my grandfather, Sam Arcus, so I knew him quite well as he kept a fatherly eye on we young rascals. Just down the road from us was Kelleher's orchard and in season of course was a place to visit.

One day a gang of us were in the orchard helping ourselves, when our look-out saw Mr Cattanach coming - we scattered - I on my blue bike with red wheels. He didn't stop but continued on his way. When I thought the coast was clear and went home, who should be waiting but my grandfather and Mr Cattanach! Enough said! I should have realised what a distinctive colour scheme my bike had.

They were good days even when school interfered. Karori School gave us all, a good grounding for our further education at one of the secondary schools. Most of the boys went to Wellington College by



special tram from the Karori Library. There was strict seating arrangement for this tram - the 3rd and 4th formers were only allowed in the middle open compartment with only 5th formers in the rear closed compartment and the 6th formers in the front compartment. Pity

the poor new boy who made a mistake. The special tram travelled the back streets of town and came up Cuba St to James Smith's corner and swung round to Courtenay Place. The intersection was controlled by a traffic cop who stood on a little mat in the centre of the road located between sets of tram rails. Periodically he had his hat knocked off by a College boy leaning out of the tram as it swept by.

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### Napier 1931

*Contributed by Barbara Robertson (nee Burnett) of Wellington Branch*



Two pre-schoolers playing together in a sandpit, wondering why the trees above them are waving so violently on such a fine still day, when they are suddenly deluged with water! The time - 10.46am, the date, 3 February 1931. The Napier earthquake!

I was one of those little girls and I owe my life to my friend's mother who managed to crawl across her backyard when she saw the nearly-full corrugated iron water tank toppling from its stand and about to fall across the sandpit. She

was able to drag us both away unharmed, apart from minor cuts from the bouncing iron sheets, but sustained some more serious injuries to herself.

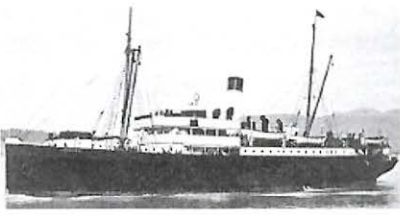
We lived on Hospital Hill with a view over the West Shore area. At the time of the earthquake my mother was standing at the top of our back steps talking to her neighbour and showing our new kitten to her baby. Without any warning the kitten suddenly leapt from her arms and vanished into the garden. Moments later, the first jolts and rumbles of the earthquake began. My mother was able to clutch hold of a nearby cabbage tree and as she stood there she saw the waters of the Ahuriri lagoon roll away and land appear. *A once in a lifetime experience.*

I remember being taken wet and crying up the street to join my mother, and being given someone else's clothes to wear that felt too tight. My two older sisters joined us later. They had been at school. Fortunately when the earthquake struck, the children were all lined up outside ready to march into the school buildings after playtime, so were all safe when the building collapsed.

My father was at sea as an engineer on a coastal ship at that time, so my mother had to look after her three young daughters on her own. We slept that night in an army tent on the lawn at Bishop's Court as our house had been rocked off its foundations with all gas pipes broken and no power.

The Navy came to our rescue the following night and we slept aboard HMS Veronica, the naval vessel that had rushed to Napier to assist when the news of the earthquake was announced. We were allocated the Purser's cabin and entertained the crew by insisting on singing our evening hymn followed by our prayers before we went to bed. We left for Wellington the next day travelling in the car of Wellington Harbour Board's Captain Ballard who had come to give help. A long trip for a little girl who felt carsick all the way!





When we arrived in Wellington we were met by a relief group who provided us with food and clothing and in the evening we boarded the night ferry *Arahura* arriving at Nelson the next morning. There we stayed with our grandparents until we moved to Wellington the

following year. My father had secured employment there and we moved into a rented house in Croydon St and I have been a resident of Karori ever since.

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### THE SCOTT 100

*On February 10th 1913 the Terra Nova arrived off New Zealand's little Harbour of Oamaru bearing the news of Scott's Antarctic expedition and its fate.*

"We took risks, we knew we took them; things have come out against us, and therefore we have no cause for complaint, but bow to the will of Providence, determined still to do our best to the last." [Captain Robert Falcon Scott, "Message to the Public", March 1912.]



*Contributed by Audrey Henderson -  
Waikato Branch*

**The Scott 100.** What a triumph for Oamaru. Visitors from overseas and New Zealand; activities every day for five days; well organised and unfailingly friendly. What was the Scott 100? A commemoration of the event exactly 100 years ago on February 10th, 1913 when Captain Robert Falcon

Scott's ship, the Terra Nova returned from the Antarctic with news of the tragic deaths of Scott, Oates, Wilson and Evans. At night and unannounced the Terra Nova landed two officers who rowed ashore and declined to respond to an identification challenge by the Harbour Master. When the Post and Telegraph Office opened in the morning they sent a message to England with news of the tragedy. These two men then travelled by train to Christchurch to rejoin their ship in Lyttleton. This secrecy was necessary because an English newspaper had entered into an agreement with Scott to receive all news prior to it reaching the public.

This scene was clearly replayed in Paul Baker's play, *The Night Visitors* which had its World premier during the weeks activities. Another first class presentation was the one person show, 'A Father for my Son' presented by Jenny Coverack. This was a clear picture of the life of Robert Scott's wife Kathleen during her marriage and the subsequent loss of the man who was her much loved husband, father to Peter and a National Hero.

In addition to these two features were the daily Polar Panels presented by polar experts and enthusiasts covering a multitude of facets of polar life, exploration, flora and fauna, whaling, etc. These Polar Panels together with Gallery and Museum displays ensured the days were filled with relevant activity. February 9th saw the unveiling of the Commemorative Plaque at the harbour side. A number of Scott's immediate descendants were present for the occasion. Some had travelled from England and others who are resident in N.Z. Later that day the Commemorative Dinner saw 150 guests in the historic Loan and Merc building for book and stamp launches followed by the meal provided by the well known restaurateur, Fleur Sullivan.

Keynote speaker for the evening was James Blake, son of the late Sir Peter Blake. James spoke of the time he had been privileged to spend on the ice in the Antarctic and work being done at Scott's hut. The building had deteriorated over the years and has been painstakingly returned to its original condition. One of the tasks to which James was allocated was chipping out the ice which had accumulated under the building to such an extent the floor boards were lifting.

Next morning hundreds of participants and spectators were at the dawn re-enactment of the original landing. As light filtered over the silent harbour the challenge to the two officers was repeated. Brief speeches, bands, playing of the worlds largest piano and choral singing marked this magnificent occasion which was followed by an Ecumenical Church Service at St. Luke's Anglican Church and the laying of a wreath at the Scott Memorial Oak, Arun Street. Later a

promenade to the former Post and Telegraph Office from where that tragic message had been sent.

Period costume worn by many present added to the feeling of authenticity during the activities.



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### WEDDED BLISS AT TONGARIRO NATIONAL PARK.

*(Notes taken from a diary of a newly-wed during the Great Depression)*

We were married in Auckland on New Year's Day, 1930 and arrived on the 2nd January. Although I had been told exactly what to expect, it was a bit of a shock to be ushered into a four roomed house which was as bare as a billiard ball!!!

Our only furniture was a kitchen table and a bed. The only floor coverings were a wheat sack in front of the range and another beside the bed. Instead of chairs, we had



butter boxes. I covered the tops of these with scrim bunched up for padding and again had recourse to the good old wheat sacks to tack on over the scrim. These made very good seats.

It was really lots of fun improvising what we needed. For some unknown reason a friend had given me about twenty yards of yellow sateen previous to our getting married. What a godsend that material was. It made yellow curtains for the windows as well as being used for a frill and curtains on a packing case dressing table in the spare room where another wheatsack opened out and tacked on a frame made from timber picked up on the road, did good work as a single bed. It was great fun making something out of nothing, at least we thought so.

We had a bathroom with a galvanised bath in it. Unluckily for us the bathroom was unlined and of course had no ceiling. During the summer, having a bath was not so bad, even despite the draughts, but during the winter, just imagine sitting in lots of lovely warm water really enjoying a good soak, when without warning a nasty big hunk of snow landing on any part of one's body. Ugh. Using that bathroom was out of the question. If a blizzard happened to be blowing just crossing the back yard was out of the question, so we used a large tub in front of the kitchen range.

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#### The New Zealand Cross



*The **New Zealand Cross** was introduced in 1869 during the Land Wars in New Zealand. The wars were fought between natives of New Zealand, the Māori, and forces raised by European settlers known as Pākehā assisted by British troops.*

*Many acts of bravery, gallantry and devotion to duty were recorded among the local militia, armed constabulary and volunteers, but there was one militia Victoria Cross awarded to Charles Heaphy in 1867 for action in 1864.*

*On 10 March 1869, without checking the facts and under the mistaken impression colonial troops were not eligible for the Victoria Cross unless under command of British troops, the Governor of New Zealand, Sir George Bowen, instituted the New Zealand Cross as the highest New Zealand award.*



*He was widely criticized in England, and accused of usurping the prerogative of Queen Victoria, but she eventually ratified his action. Only 23 New Zealand Crosses were awarded with first six published in the New Zealand Gazette in 1869. There was one award gazetted in 1870 and the remaining 16 awards gazetted between 1875 and 1910, from six to 44 years after the actions commended.<sup>[1]</sup> It has the form of a silver cross pattée with a gold star on each arm. The words New Zealand, in gold, are encircled by a laurel wreath in the centre. The cross is surmounted by a gold crown. A crimson ribbon passes through a silver bar with small gold laurel leaves.*

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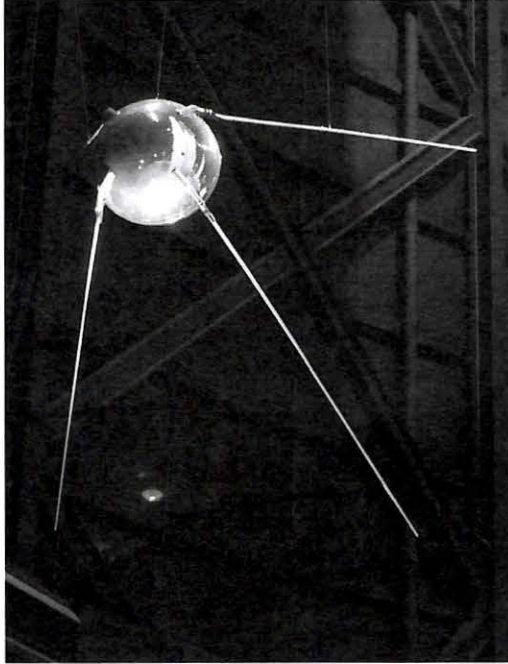
### SPUTNIK

*Contributed by Audrey Henderson - Waikato Branch*

I must talk about something that fascinated the World over 50 years ago. It is a vivid memory - on a clear, starry night, Ian and I visited some friends in Sophia Street and stood on their drive to watch that fantastic happening - the orbiting of Sputnik. It looked somewhat like a moving star, but what a thrill to know we were actually looking at an object which had been put into space by man's scientific genius. What amazing progress there has been during the ensuing years. Our aeroplanes have progressed to the point where provided you can afford it there is even the opportunity to have a `real' bed on the new A380 Airbus which has recently been put into service from Singapore to Sydney. Space travel is also a possibility for any fit person with sufficient hundreds of thousands of dollars to pay for preflight training and the flight itself. The nearest we have come to these marvelous opportunities has been visits to the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida. It's a great place and the best description I can offer is that it reminds us of an Adults Disneyland.

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*Sputnik 1 was the first artificial Earth satellite. It was a 58 cm (23 in) diameter polished metal sphere, with four external radio antennas to broadcast radio pulses. The Soviet Union launched it into an elliptical low Earth orbit on 4 October 1957. It was visible all around the Earth and its radio pulses were detectable. The surprise success precipitated the American Sputnik crisis and triggered the Space Race, a part of the larger Cold War. The launch ushered in new political, military, technological, and scientific developments.*



## **NZ Founders Creed**

**We pledge ourselves to foster, promote and inculcate in rising generations that hardy will and spirit of enterprise, responsibility, work and faith so abundantly possessed by the actual founders, which has been so important a factor in the life and progress of New Zealand.**

## **Farewell**

**As Editor, I have produced our Bulletin since 2004 with great support from members from all of our branches, who have produced some excellent material for our publication. It is with some regret that I advise this will be my last edition and I want to thank everyone who has made my task much easier over these past 11 issues. Thank you all.**

**Glen Robertson**