



1814 HANSEN FAMILY

Its 2012 and summer has finally arrived. We have had a great response to our first newsletter, particularly in regard to family members getting in contact with their email and postal addresses. We have over 300 contacts on our mailing list and we have had a good response to our call for foundation members but please

keep them coming. There is already lots of enthusiasm for our bicentenary celebrations.

The primary purpose of this newsletter is to provide notice of our AGM on 1 April, but a brief update is also provided on other current matters. A further, more detailed newsletter (No.3) will be provided after the AGM.

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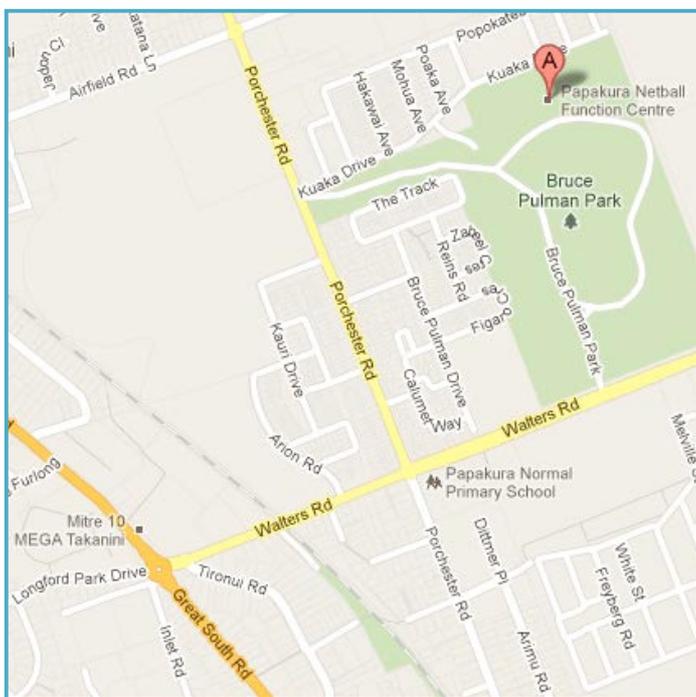
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The 1814 Hansen Family Society Incorporated Annual General Meeting

In our first newsletter, we introduced the 1814 Hansen Family Society Incorporated, which was established to:

1. Raise awareness of the history of the Hansen Family settlement at Oihi in 1814
2. Organize and manage Hansen Family events, particularly the bicentenary reunion
3. Protect and promote any Hansen Family artifacts, such as the model of the brig Active recently lent to the Waitangi National Trust.

The Society's first Annual General Meeting is to be held in accordance with its constitution. The following is the notice and agenda for the AGM.



Date and time: 2pm, 1 April 2012
Please note this date has changed since the last newsletter!

Venue: Papakura Netball Centre
Bruce Pullman Park
Walters Road
Papakura (refer map inset)

Business of AGM:

1. President's report
2. Financial report
3. Election of officers: Please advise the secretary of any nominations for society officers by 16 March 2012. Officers include: President, Secretary, Treasurer, and at least 3 committee members. The current committee has indicated their willingness to stand again (refer overpage for current committee members).
4. Amendments to the constitution
5. Recognition of foundation members
6. Other business: Please advise the secretary of any items of general business to be raised at the AGM by 16 March 2012.

Please advise the secretary if you intend to attend the AGM.

We will provide tea and coffee and ask that you bring a plate so we can enjoy refreshments together after the meeting.

FAMILY TREE

Update of the Hansen Family Tree is well underway. Alison Honeyfield from Evagean Publishing has transferred all the information from our 1990 family tree book into the new system. But that is just the start of her work. Charlotte Hansen (pictured) and ever so many more like her will be debuting in the next update of the family tree along with 25 years of weddings and funerals.



*Charlotte Elsie Hansen
(b. 16.01.2012)*

Alison expects to be in contact with family members to obtain information relating to births, deaths and marriages since 1990, starting at the end of February. She will be contacting people by mail so it's very important that we obtain your postal address. If you have not done so already, **please advise your postal address** to Kerry Butler and include your email for other communications.

OIHI DIG

In a joint project between the University of Otago and the Department of Conservation (DOC), archaeological investigations have been undertaken at Oihi during February 2012. It is hoped that the dig will extend the historical

record of the commencement of permanent European settlement in New Zealand and provide fundamental baseline data for understanding initial engagement between Maori and European and subsequent cultural change.

DOC has established a website for the Oihi Bay / Marsden Cross excavation: www.doc.govt.nz/marsdencrossdig as well as a related facebook page: www.facebook.com/oihimissionstation to communicate their progress and findings. They have found lots of interesting things from the time of settlement including fireplaces, a bottle, buttons, a bracelet, a toy cannon, but you can see for yourself on the links above. We will provide more on this very interesting work in the next newsletter.



*Oihi archaeological dig
(taken from Oihi Mission Station
facebook)*

CORRECTIONS

In the previous newsletter, the website given for the 1814 Hansen Family Society was incorrectly stated. The website should be www.1814hansenfamily.org.

Another correction relates to the date of the AGM, which has already been noted on page 1. The date for the AGM has been changed to 1 April 2012, still at 2pm.

CHRISTIAN MISSION SOCIETY

The committee has been in contact with the Anglican Church regarding their bicentenary plans. They are planning extensive celebrations including holding a Christmas Day service to mark the 200th anniversary of the first church service held in New Zealand, held by Reverend Samuel Marsden at Oihi Bay on 25 December 1814. They have set up a website where you can track their plans as they develop; www.gospel2014.org.

Extract from Samuel Marsden's Journal (Christmas Day 1814):

After reading the service... it being Christmas Day, I preached from the second chapter of St Luke's Gospel, the tenth verse: 'Behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy.'

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