



1814 HANSEN FAMILY

It's just 6 months until the 200th anniversary of the arrival of the Hansen family in the Bay of Islands and 7 months until our bicentennial reunion to celebrate this remarkable occasion.

The activity level of the committee and helpers has leapt up a notch as have the incoming bills. It's a very exciting time as we are finalising details for our event as well as finding out more about what others are planning around this time.

And of course, we are counting down until we will be opening for family members to register for our event. If we have your email address, you can expect to see an invitation from us very soon.

As always, we could do with your help:

1. **If you haven't already, please join the society.**
2. **If you have joined but haven't got around to paying yet, you know what to do; and**
3. **If you think you can lend a hand with our organising activity, please contact anyone on the committee.**
4. **If you know of anyone in the family who is not in contact with us yet, encourage them to go to the contacts page on the website or contact the Secretary. Then we can keep them informed.**

Please enjoy the newsletter.

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FAMILY TREE UPDATE

The Family Tree is growing. A recent printout from Alison Honeyfield shows the relative sizes of the 9 branches of the family where there are known descendants.

As you can see, the Edward branch have been the most prolific breeders over the past 200 years by a small margin over the "Aussie" William branch. Any other branches wanting to be at the top at the time of the 300th anniversary probably need to get cracking.

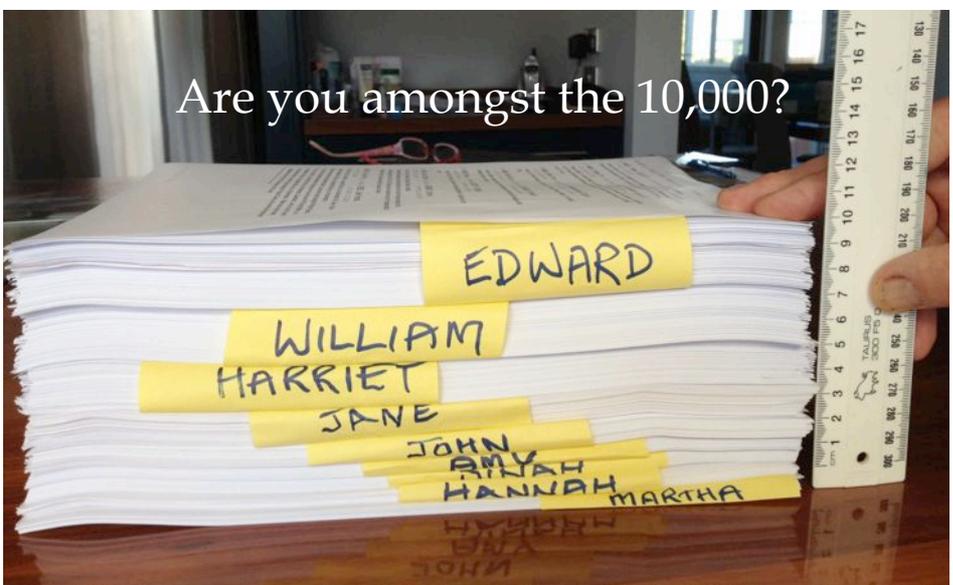
Alison says she will shortly be contacting everyone she has received information from. She'll be sending the most up to date information she has, and asking those people to check details and get back to her promptly so she can start finalising her work.

There will still be an opportunity at the reunion for final corrections, new information and for providing photos, but it would be most helpful if you could provide all of your recent family births, deaths and marriages information to Alison as soon as possible.

You can send information to Alison by post to:

Alison Honeyfield
28 Wyborn Road, RD2, Te Aroha,
3392.

Don't miss out on your chance to be recorded as one of the 10,000.



THE 1814 HANSEN FAMILY SOCIETY INC - AGM

The 3rd AGM of the 1814 Hansen Family Society Inc. was held on 27 April 2014 at the Totara Park Equestrian Centre. It was well attended by Society members and was followed by the launch of Kath Hansen's new book. Finally, a great afternoon tea allowed everyone to catch up with and meet new family members.

The Chairperson, Ted Hansen, and the Treasurer, Rosalie Maihi, presented their reports. These are provided below.

Our current committee members agreed to stand in their offices for another year and no other nominations were received. The committee was reconfirmed.

In other business,

- The Society's foundation, general and life members were acknowledged;

- Our Australian team of helpers were thanked (Debra Shand, Vanessa Field, Theresa Keane and Sue Hanrahan);
- Attendees were prompted to remind family members to join up if they weren't already financial Society members and to volunteer if they had skills they could offer the organizing committee;
- The itinerary for the bicentennial reunion were described (see separate article); and
 - The church service, lemon tree planting and Hohi Hikoi planned for 28 December was discussed (details described in Chairperson's report).

A complete record of the meeting is provided on our website www.1814hansenfamily.org.

Chairperson's Report (Ted Hansen)

The past 12 months has seen a huge increase in activity associated with planning for bicentennial events over the Christmas/New Year period 2014/2015 by ourselves, Christian church organizations, the Marsden Cross Trust Board and the Department of Conservation.

The Marsden Cross Trust Board and Department of Conservation are underway with the development of the Hohi landing site, which when complete will be an outstanding interpretation of this premier historic site of the earliest European settlement in the country. The gateway structure at the top of the hill by the parking area is complete and the walking track from there to the landing site at the beach is under construction now. The story boards that will give a full description of the mission settlement are being prepared and their position along the walking path established. The track is expected to be complete by late May and the foundations for the story boards built but it is likely that the boards themselves will only be put in place in December to provide the greatest impact at the time of the celebrations.

The Christian churches have settled on Sunday 21 December 2014 for their major celebrations with the Governor General and politicians in attendance. 2000 and 5000 are expected but it is hard to imagine that many being able to fit on site. A Christmas Service on 25 December celebrating the 200th anniversary of the first Christian service in NZ is also planned.

Planning for our own reunion on the weekend of 16/17/18 January is intensifying and much of the programme of events is finalised. We hope to release the registration information for family members very soon. A number of motels in the vicinity of the reunion venue have been canvassed and we will be letting people know of availability and cost structures as part of the registration package.

While no doubt many family members will visit the Hohi site over this Christmas / New Year period, the 1814 Hansen Family Society committee is planning only one relatively low key event for Sunday 28 December. The day will start with participation by Samuel Marsden and family in the normal Sunday service at St John the Baptist Church adjacent to the Waimate North Mission Station. This will be followed by the planting of a Hohi lemon tree in the Mission House grounds. We will then travel to the Hohi landing site and Samuel Marsden will lead us on a Hansen Hikoi to the beach and settlement site.

During the past year we conducted a lemon tree planting at the Kemp House garden in association with the Historic Places Trust manager, Liz Bigwood.

Our data base has expanded significantly and allows us to keep in touch with family by email with many new contacts coming in through people visiting our website www.1814hansenfamily.org.

Our committee is now meeting monthly to keep progress on the reunion humming along with the deadline of going out for registration by 1 May (now 1 June) rapidly approaching. This time next year I will be reporting on the events and not the planning of them.

Treasurer's Report (Rosalie Maihi)

Opening bank balance 31.3.13:	\$7,745.54
Excess Income over Expenditure:	-\$2,439.58
Closing bank balance 31.3.14:	\$5,305.96
Income was from membership fees (\$1750) and book sales (\$182). Expenses were website hosting costs (\$409) and printing and stationery (\$544), lemon tree donation (\$49), publication costs (350) and deposit on the Vodafone Events Centre (\$3,019).	

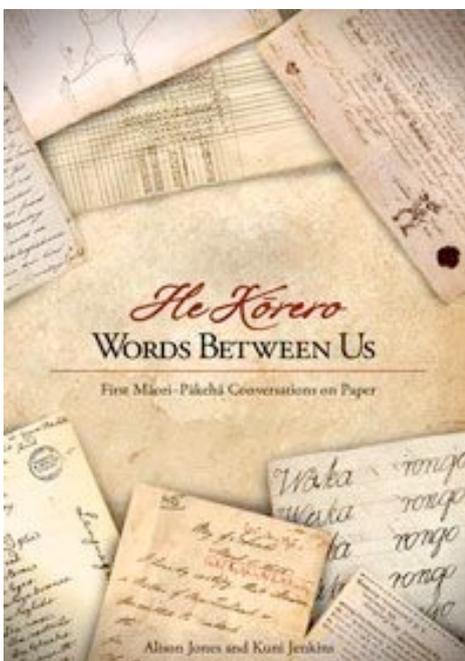
BICENTENARY WORKSHOPS

At our bicentenary weekend in January, we are planning a series of workshops on topics relevant to 1814 settlement in New Zealand and, more particularly, the Hansen family of that period.

Topics will include:

- **The Maori community and political context the settlers came into**
Hugh Rihari
- **Hansen family from 1814**
Eric Hansen
- (see Eric's new book *The Founding Family* showcased later in the newsletter).
- **Archaeology of Hohi and Te Puna: what archaeology reveals about the lifestyles of the missionaries and their Hansen neighbours**
Ian Smith and Angela Middleton
- **Department of Conservation Hohi plans and context**
Andrew Blanchard

In addition to the workshops, there will also be information and displays of topics similarly relevant to the life and times of the 1814 Hansens. We are delighted that Kuni Jenkins and Alison Jones have agreed to come along with their *Words Between Us* exhibition describing their book and research into the first communications between Maori and Pakeha.



HOHI ARCHAEOLOGY

You may remember this photo from our 2nd newsletter back in early 2012. It is from the first dig carried out in a joint project between the University of Otago and the Department of Conservation at the Hohi mission station site.

Archaeological excavations at Hohi and Te Puna were focused on the buildings and activities of the missionaries that occupied these sites. The information the project provides enables archaeologists to reconstruct aspects of the daily lives of early European residents. You will hear more about this if you attend the archaeology workshop at the bicentenary.

This is very interesting and relevant to those early Hansens, but what about the actual site of the Hansen home, which was outside the mission compound?

Ian Smith, Associate Professor of Archaeology at Otago University, has researched the site of the house that was home to Thomas and Elizabeth Hansen and their eleven children. It was identified in a property plan sketch by Thomas Hocken who visited Hohi in 1905 with John Tollis Hansen. The house was located in the vicinity of the modern vehicle track around the foot of the pa.

It seems very likely that any remains of the house would have been destroyed or significantly disturbed by the cutting of that track. With the extent of disturbance in the general area of the Hansen house, Ian considers that geomagnetic surveying and digging could prove to be a very expensive way to find nothing so at

this stage, any further works are unlikely to proceed. However, on the plus side, with the discovery of the Hocken sketch map, at least we are now certain of the location of the Hansen house.

Ian Smith has excavated numerous sites of both Maori and early European settlers in New Zealand, and directed the investigations at Hohi in 2012-13.

Angela Middleton excavated at Te Puna in 2002 and has written extensively on missionaries and Maori in the Bay of Islands.



IN THE WAKE OF THE ACTIVE

"It was a small number of European men, women and children who gathered on the stony beach below the Rangihoua pa to farewell Mr Marsden who was about to rejoin the Active for the return journey across the stormy Tasman Sea to the comparative safety and comfort of his home in Parramatta. They were outnumbered by the Maori people from the pa who had gathered alongside the Europeans to watch the departure of their friend Marsden. From now on, the missionaries and their families would be under the protection of the Rangihoua chiefs.

Mrs Hansen was staying on temporarily to help her daughter settle in and son Thomas was also remaining to help the missionaries with the building etc. Of the three missionary couples only Hannah and John King would become permanent settlers and Hannah's brother Thomas Hansen was destined to become New Zealand's first non-missionary permanent settler."

**From *In the Wake of the Active*
Kath Hansen**

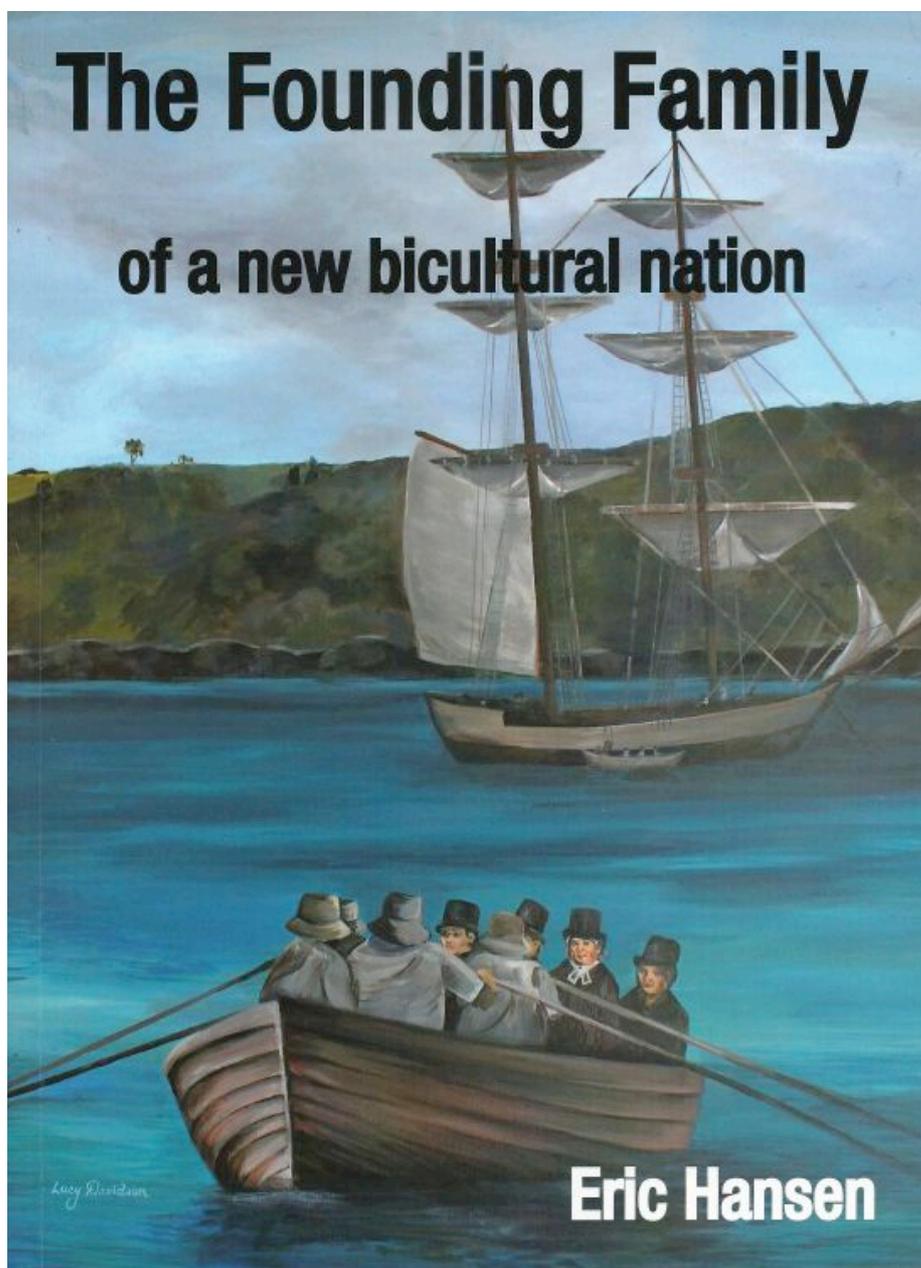
BOOK RELEASE

Eric Hansen's *The Founding Family*, follows in the footsteps of *The First Family*, the book written by Ron Martin for the Hansen Family's 175th Anniversary, a book that has been enjoyed and treasured by family members ever since.

The Founding Family is a social history of the Hansen family in New Zealand. It provides biographies for the first three generations of the Hansen family, and a range of stories about their descendants who have made notable contributions to the sporting, political, cultural, and industrial history of New Zealand. It takes up where the 1989 Hansen reunion finished, and describes the projects undertaken by the family to preserve the memory of their ancestors and to promote the family to the wider New Zealand audience.

Information for the book has been gained from further research into the family conducted by Kath Hansen and her son Eric since the 1989 Reunion. Together, Kath and Eric have been instrumental in researching, promoting and celebrating the Hansen family history both before and since their historical settlement in New Zealand in 1814. In addition to stories about the Hansen family, the book includes newspaper and magazine articles written by Eric Hansen and published over the last five years.

At 134 pages and full of colour and black & white photos, *The Founding Family* provides an excellent historical resource covering the 200 years since the Active arrived in the Bay of Islands on 22 December 1814.



DETAILS

Publication Date: April 2014

ISBN: 978-0-473-27124-4

Size: 285mm x 210mm, 134 pages

PAYMENT

RRP: \$30.00 as from 1 May 2014 Plus \$5.00 P & P within NZ

Post cheque and order details to 48 Marsden Point Rd, Ruakaka, 0116; or for electronic payment, mail your postal address to elise.eric@xtra.co.nz. An account number will be sent by return email.





RELATIONS ACROSS THE DITCH

“OUR LUCKY DAY”

In June 1988, I wrote an article about the brig *Active* in 1814 for the magazine of the NZ Society of Genealogists.

By sheer coincidence, a lady in Brisbane wrote to the NZSG that very month, seeking help to establish a tenuous connection with her great-grandfather who was thought to have come from the Bay of Islands.

The Research Officer for the NZSG had actually just finished reading the *Active* article when she was given the letter from Brisbane. After answering it, the writer wrote to me, asking if the inquiry about a William Brind Hansen could possibly relate to our Hansen family.

I was immediately on Cloud 9 because this was a dream come true for me to actually realise that I was about to get to the bottom of the mystery surrounding the second eldest son of Thomas and Elizabeth Hansen who had raised a large family at Hohi, on the shores of Rangihoua Bay.

Need I remind you that that this revelation came in the pre-computer age, at a time when there were very few lay people around who knew anything about NZ history prior to the Treaty of Waitangi, let alone have knowledge on the Hansen family.

Phone calls to Australia were expensive in those days but writing letters cost very little and I was good at that so I told Angela at NZSG that I would take over the correspondence.

I wrote to Delia Wiffler immediately and thus started a long correspondence and a friendship that lasted for 25 years until Delia died in February 2014 at the age of 89 years.

Up until 1988, all we knew here in New Zealand was that William was the 4th born child in 1821 and baptised in 1823 at Kerikeri. When Karl Hansen started the family tree in 1939, he was told that William had gone to Australia and raised a large family in Queensland and that he had died there about 1891.

Thanks to Delia and her sister Joyce, their own research in Australia had started about the time of their bicentenary in 1988. William was their great-grandfather and in 1988 their mother, Edith Hansen Herbert, was a surviving granddaughter of William. Unfortunately, 92 year old Edith knew nothing about William's early background – she was only seven years old when he died.

To their surprise, the two sisters had discovered William's death certificate stated that he had been born in New Zealand. A bit of research established the fact that in 1821, many of the resident Europeans were associated with the early missionaries. That prompted Delia to ask for help from the NZSG.

In November 1989, I was in Brisbane and met up with Delia and some of her family. In January 1990, Joyce and her sister Gladys attended the 175th anniversary family reunion in Auckland. Also present, were three generations of the Shand family from Brisbane: Margaret, Debra and Felicity.

Debra has been the driving force behind the efforts to build up William Hansen's family tree since 1990. She also organised a family reunion in Rockhampton just two years later, which Stan and I attended.

December 2014 is the bicentenary of the *Active* bringing the first missionaries and the Hansen family to the Bay of Islands. The enormous family tree is being updated but just one little niggle remains.

In 1988, we found the missing link to William in Australia. But we have never established what happened to William's brother, Philip, the 8th child of Thomas and Elizabeth Hansen, born 1826 at the mission station. His baptism is recorded, but no marriage or death record has been found.

A family source back in 1939-40 implied that Philip had emigrated overseas. He may have joined a ship's crew destined for Australia, America or England. Will history repeat itself this year by someone reading this article and putting two and two together to finally solve the mystery of Philip Hansen?

Kath Hansen



From left: Estelle Crane, Edith Herbert, Delia Wiffler,
Jacki Crane, Joyce Caesar

Edith Herbert (nee Hansen, 1895-1993)

INTRODUCING THE REVEREND SAMUEL MARSDEN

We are delighted that the Reverend Samuel Marsden continues to be our society's co-patron. We are even more delighted, that he will be attending our bicentennial celebration and has agreed to be our after dinner speaker. His topic?

How and when I learnt the stories and significance of my name and how it has influenced my life.

Samuel Marsden is the great-great-grandson of the Reverend Samuel Marsden, the renowned early colonial chaplain who left his mark firmly on the history of New South Wales and New Zealand in the late eighteenth and early nineteenth



centuries and who was so instrumental in the Hansen family's settlement story. This important historical figure is affectionately known as OLD SAM by his namesake.

The modern-day Samuel Marsden comes from a long family line of Anglican

priests - only one in six generations has not included an Anglican minister. As a 7 year old, growing up in England, the young Samuel was so deeply moved by one of his father's sermons that he offered himself up as a missionary to South Africa. His father, Robert, persuaded the youngster to postpone his vocation until he grew up and Samuel eventually served as a missionary in Hong Kong.

He first became aware of his ancestry at the age of 11, when New Zealand House in London invited his father to a reception in connection with an exhibition entitled *From Cook to Marsden*, which subsequently toured New Zealand.

In 1988 he was invited to do a speaking tour of Australia and New Zealand and followed this with a research tour on religion and culture in nine Asian countries. The following year he moved with Mary and three of their five children to New South Wales, having had in Bathurst, NSW, what he calls a 'spiritual experience' during the tour, calling him to Australia. There he served in three parishes in the Diocese of Bathurst and held a number of diocesan positions including that of Diocesan Archdeacon.

Samuel has travelled widely including living in the UK, Germany, Hong Kong, Australia and Jordan. His travels include several trips to New Zealand, which has a special place in his heart.

He has lectured and preached on many subjects and has been involved in many ecumenical ventures and secular organisations at local and state level. He has led many pilgrimages to the Holy Land and Europe. He can communicate in a number of languages, has a splendid voice for both speaking and singing and he is known for his ready wit and a sense of fun.

Samuel and Mary Marsden have 'retired' to Cornwall in England but several of their children live permanently in Australia, and there are numerous cousins who will be attending the bicentenary activities in the Bay of Islands.

Samuel himself arrives here on 18th December and will be met at the airport by Ted Hansen (Chairman) and Stan Hansen (Deputy Chairman).

Samuel's engagements while he is in New Zealand include a range of events and occasions, including our bicentennial

reunion, many of which are open to family members and will provide an opportunity to meet and talk to him.



December 2014

20 th	RANGIHOUA book launch - open to all family, with RSVP
21 st	Anglican Church ceremony at Rangihoua /Hohi - open to all
22 nd	Private welcome organized by Waitangi National Trust
25 th	Anglican Church Christmas Day commemoration service at Rangihoua/Hohi - open to all
28 th	Church service at St. Johns at Waimate (limited numbers) Lemon Tree planting, Te Waimate, open to all Hansen Hikoi from the Hohi Meeting Place down to Hohi beach, open to all

January 2015

16-18	Hansen Family Bicentennial Reunion
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Information on all events will be advised via email, website, facebook etc, as details are confirmed.

Descendant of the Reverend Samuel Marsden of 1814; Co-patron of the 1814 Hansen Family Society Inc.; Anglican Minister and Missionary; Pilgrim; After-dinner Speaker at the Hansen Family Bicentennial Reunion

THE LATEST THOMAS HANSEN

The handsome young chap in the onesie (stretch 'n grow) is Thomas Bruce Hansen. He is the great-great-great-great-great-grandson of Thomas and Elizabeth Hansen, seen here with proud granddad Ted (Hansen Family Society Chairperson) and father Paul Hansen (Society technical whiz).

Wee Thomas was born on the 4th of April 2014 (the same date as your Society Secretary, Kerry Butler, give or take 50 years). Are we looking at the organiser of the 250th Hansen Family reunion in 2064?



AUSTRALIAN SUPPLY LINE

If you are an Australian family member, Kath is bringing her latest book *RANGIHOUA - Mission Impossible* to you in Australia when she travels there at the end of May.

A full description of the book was included in the last newsletter (No.7).

Your price will be \$AUS40.00 plus post and packaging which she will confirm once she arrives there.

In the meantime, New Zealand sales

of *RANGIHOUA* are going well so far. But don't forget that the **special launch price of NZ\$35** including post and packaging within New Zealand is only available until the end of May!

RANGIHOUA is a fascinating and accomplished telling of the story of Reverend Samuel Marsden and the New Zealand missionaries, of their arrival in Hoho and their life in the period 25 years before the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.

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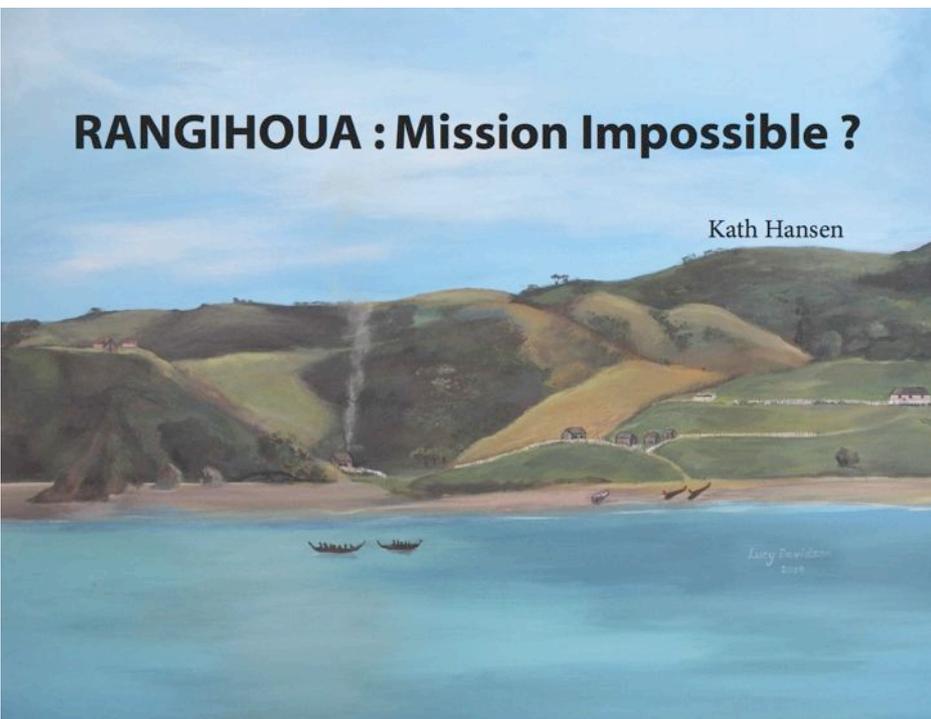
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