



The Rotary Club of Whangarei

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District 9910

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President Gail welcomed members and guests Kath & Stan Hansen

Apologies: Peter M, Jack & Barbara Lucy

Announcements:

- Gail has booked us in to help with Blood Tests on 4 October
- Science Extravaganza is going well and Gail reported back that the WGHS student was very grateful and sent a card of appreciation.
- Another Octagon Theatre production – “Side Effects” Mike is going to book in 7 Aug for the Club.
- Roger reported back on the Probus situation – He will keep us posted
- At our Lunch Forums we will be sorting through some Rotary Memorabilia so we need some of the old hands on deck to help give us some guidance.

Guest Speaker – Kath Hansen – Early settlers in B.O.I.

Back in 1960's Kath decided to investigate the Hansen Family tree and uncovered some very interesting history about the first settlers who landed in 1814 in Rangihoua in Bay Of Islands.

Kaths book looks at the Church Missionary Society's first permanent settlement, established at Oihi/Hohi in the Bay of Islands in 1814. The book covers the first two decades of life at the infant mission. The book features valuable material drawn from the private diary of William Hall, recruited in England by Samuel Marsden, as were the other two CMS recruits: Thomas Kendall and John King. Williams personal experiences of triumph and tragedy are used to describe the settlers' struggle of daily living beside Rangihoua Pa through continuous shortages of food, basic supplies and medicine.

In NSW Australia Samuel Marsden meet some Maori visitors that he immediately took to and decided to head to NZ to a new land of opportunity.

Samuel Marsden arrived in BOI along with his CMS recruits and young families after purchasing a ship “Active” in NSW. The role of the “Active” and those who sailed in her was to establish the first organised European settlement, 25 years before the Treaty, which is not well known. Captain Hansen was the skipper and being a single man was pressured to get married early on. Samuel Marsden conducted the first service in NZ on 25 Dec 1814 at Rangihoua where there is a monument erected to commemorate the occasion.

The conditions were poor at best with no timber to build, no flat land, no doctors and a cold wet winter followed. Convicts started arriving and with no police or jails, the situation was unruly and moral was low with arguing and fighting rife.

In 1816 they established the first Maori school for children and by then food was running out so most convicts returned to NSW.

With little to keep them occupied, Thomas Hansen and family produced 23 children and in 2014 the first European children were born in NZ.



The Marsden Cross pictured here was erected in 1907 and since, two other memorial were erected in 1971 & 1991 commemorating John King, William Hall & Thomas Kendall.

Kath & Stan showed us a video of the re-enactment of the 1814 landing of the “Active” and settlers. all in period costumes, being greeted by the local Maori.

A most interesting talk and thanks was given by Maurice.

Duty Roster (a.m – 11:30 for noon, p.m. – 5:30 for 6:00pm)			
Lunch first, dinner second – 1 st Wed lunch 2 nd dinner etc Notify Club of apologies – 4387429 (by Tuesday)			
Duties	16 Jul (am)	23 Jul (pm)	Hospital
Speaker	Lunch Forum	Jono Carpenter Archeologist	Gail
Host	None	Shirley	
Thanks	None	Shirley	
Reception	Everyone	Everyone	
Parting Thought	George	Shirley	

Parting thought from Maurice

“Among the things you can give and still keep are your word, a smile and a grateful heart”