

Clotworthy Family Reunion

*Celebrating 150 years in New Zealand
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Christmas greetings fellow family members.

During December we've had an **insurge of registrations** and its wonderful to see that many young family members will be attending. So if your young ones may have thought this reunion is mainly going to be the more mature relations, please tell them this will not be the case and we really would love to have them attend. They will be part of the 200th!

At the last meeting we finalised the programme for Saturday and we have put in our order for fine weather on Sunday so we can enjoy our excursion to "The Abbey" homestead site in Whareora where Nathaniel & Amelia made their home.

We've ordered a **commemorative plaque** to be placed at the homestead site and by the Kauri trees that will be planted.

The updating of the **family tree** is a "work in progress". If you haven't done so already, please send your updated info to Cherry at clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz asap as it's a mammoth task and Cherry is utilising the holiday period to get this sorted.

Maire & Shennet have completed the book "**The History & Times of the Clotworthy Family**" and its wonderful. We thank them most sincerely for their time, effort and research into producing our history. Some of you who have pre-ordered will have already received your copies. The book will be available at the Reunion but we do recommend that you pre-order so no-one misses out and we have the time to print more if needs be.
email: Maire at ammonson@xtra.co.nz or phone 09 4388018 or Shennet at 0274 941759.

Do we have any "**firstaiders**" amongst us who would be willing to be "on duty" over the weekend should we need medical assistance? If so please email Cherry at clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz.

We made a decision at the last meeting to extend the "**tender**" of the donated items so that all family members have the opportunity to participate.

To this end the tenders will now close at the Reunion on SAT 7th FEB at 3.30pm.

We ask you to still bid via the email/website so you will be registered and we will take written tenders on the 7th.

As a reminder the items are

- (1) an original ink drawing by internationally acclaimed artist Lorene Taurerewa
- (2) a holiday on the South Pacific paradise of Rarotonga, Cook Islands
- (3) a holiday in Romantic Russell, Bay of Islands

We invite each branch to co-ordinate a "**pictorial history**" on family members to be displayed at Forum North on SAT 7th FEB. All you need is a piece of A3 paper with labelled photos/articles. Create as many as you like and be as creative as you like, such as scrapbooking style, or keep it simple. These would need to get to Cherry by Friday 6th so they can be put up at Forum North. Either post to Box 1134, Whangarei or email info to clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz and Cherry and her helpers can make the posters. Include activities such as riding, bullock teams, picnics, weddings, birthdays, newspaper/magazine articles.

If you have any artifacts from the family that would be of interest please let Cherry know and bring them with you but once again they would need to be at Forum North earlier than 10am on SAT 7th.

Registration: We would prefer to have the registration fees paid prior to the Reunion. We have a change of address – please post your cheque to Jolene Bosanquet at Box 23, Russell, Bay of Islands. Thankyou.

Please pass copies of this newsletter onto your family members to keep them informed. It will also be posted on the website.

Peace to you all at Christmas.