

# Clotworthy Family Reunion

celebrating 150 years in New Zealand  
7/8 February 2009

## **Newsletter #4**

Greetings to you all.

We are in countdown mode, getting excited and making sure everything is in place for next weekend when we all get together. This final newsletter is to give you answers to those last minute questions and things we need you to know.

**Please pass information in this newsletter on to your family members not on email.**

**The Registrations Desk is open from 9.15am.**

**The official programme will commence at 10.30am.**

**If you are bringing display material please plan on coming early.**

We have taken over the whole complex so you don't have to look for a particular function room. There are two vehicle entries to Forum North.

**Please enter via the Water Street entrance.**

We have a security man who will be directing parking and will show you the entrance to Forum North. Just say you are part of the Clotworthy family.

There is no charge for parking.

**Registration:** We have 180 family members registered. Whilst we have officially closed off numbers for catering & seating purposes we will accept last minute registrations this week and payment can be made on the Saturday morning.

**The Registration Desk will be outside the entrance to the room where the mornings programme will be held.**

You will receive the programme & name tag and maps of Whangarei with directions for getting to the Abbey Caves Farm as well as information on family sites of interest.

Please wear your name tag as it helps everyone with names.

**Photographs:** We've arranged for a photographer to take official & candid photos SAT and SUN. All the photos will be put on a disc. **We ask you to pre-order and pre-pay for a disc at the Registration Desk on arrival.**

**\$18 includes postage.**

You will then have the opportunity to choose at your leisure which photos you want and arrange the printing of them as well as having a lasting memory.

These discs will be sent to you the week after the Reunion.

The official family photographic session will be after lunch from 1.30pm.

This takes time and we suggest you view the Displays while waiting for your turn.

You are most welcome to bring your own cameras.

**Book:** Copies of "The History & Times of the Clotworthy Family" book will be on sale adjacent to the Registration Desk. \$20

For payments we will accept cash or cheques – sorry no EFTPOS/credit card facilities available.

**Displays:** If you have any artifacts/photos/memorabilia to display please bring to Forum North either on Friday 10am-4pm or between 8.30am & 9.30am on Saturday morning. We suggest you phone one of the cellphones listed at the end of this newsletter to arrange access to the building.

We will have a separate room for the displays which will be available for view on the Saturday afternoon & evening.

**Pictorial Family Tree:** This wonderful concept has begun and at the Reunion you will see quite a few "pages" completed. The idea is to have one page for every family member – no small task as you can imagine. The aim is to have very special archival history of our Family.

We suggest you either bring along the photos and text and leave with Cherry or email to her at [clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz](mailto:clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz). Cherry will have the computer, printer and laminator at Forum North so there is an opportunity to have your personal record completed on Saturday. The sort of information required is Name: Branch, Born/ Died & Buried when & where, and a paragraph or two about the person – where he/she lived, married whom, profession and/or interests/famous for.

The **Family Tree** will be displayed along one wall. We ask you to find yourself on the Family Tree and to ensure the details are correct. There will be post it type stickers for you to record any amendments. An electronic version will then be compiled for distribution and print out.

We want to acknowledge the youngest member of the family as at 7 February. We know of at least one baby's pending arrival this week and have several who are only a month or so old who will be at the Reunion. Please email to [clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz](mailto:clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz)

**Tender items:**

- (1) Lorene's artwork has arrived from New York. It's a stunning painting of a galloping horse (value: \$750, reserve \$300)
- (2) A holiday at Sands Villas in Rarotonga (value: \$3500, reserve \$1500)
- (3) A beautiful heritage doll dressed in a christening gown of Irish linen & lace has been handmade by Isobel Colliar and has been donated as a tender item.

There will be three boxes, one for each item, and we ask those of you interesting in bidding to place your tender in the appropriate box by 3pm on the 7<sup>th</sup> FEB. Those of you who have already submitted a tender by email please resubmit to ensure you are included.

The successful tenders will be announced at 3.30pm.

The items have been donated to create extra cash for the funding of the Family Reunion, thus keeping registration fees to a minimum.

**Apologies and messages:** Please could you ask those family members you know who wanted to attend the Reunion but couldn't for any reason to email/phone any messages to [clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz](mailto:clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz) or phone 027 6774373 as it would be lovely to include them.

**BBQ 6pm Forum North:** Please note the change of venue. There is a pleasant outdoor area for the BBQ. It won't be a late night, enabling us all to recharge our batteries for Sundays expedition.

If you are **not** attending please could you email to [clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz](mailto:clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz) to assist with catering. Having it in town means you can either stay on at Forum North or return to your accommodation/home to refresh before the BBQ.

Please bring your own refreshments. We have a liquor licence so alcohol is allowed.

**SUNDAY: Abbey Caves Farm, Whareora. 10.am**

You will be given written instructions on how to get to the Caves venue. There will also be signposts saying "ABC". **Please allow 20 minutes from the road to the homestead site.**

There will be a security man on duty on the roadside.

Bring your own picnic lunch and refreshments. We ask that you take everything home with you. Please bring your own rubbish bag.

There will be a **guided tour of the Abbey Caves** Sunday afternoon.

We will ask for numbers on Saturday. Please bring appropriate footwear, a change of clothing, a towel and most importantly a torch.

A highlight of the Reunion will be the arrival of Nathaniel, Amelia, George & William on horseback in period costume. Have your cameras ready.

After the dedication of the commemorative plaque, the younger family members will be asked to join in the planting of the Kauri trees.

Parents - Sorry, no pony rides.

NB: There will be a security man at the parking area on the main road.

Transport to the homestead site by 4 wheel drive for those senior members unable to walk

easily will be arranged.

**Family Sites:** An opportunity to visit family sites, graveyards on Sunday afternoon. This is up to individuals to organise.

**First Aid:** Please would anyone who is a nurse or first aider please make yourself known when you register on Saturday morning.

Any last minute queries please phone one of these committee members

Cherry 021 779040                      Shennett 0274941759

Maire 09 40388018                      Jolene 027 6774373

Or email [clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz](mailto:clotworthynz@igrin.co.nz)

See you this coming weekend .....