

This Month's Speaker:

Rob Aspden

Rob will be talking on his "Search for the McArthurs" : his investigative approach and resources target the story of two WW1 servicemen who are listed on the Silverdale War Memorial.

Biographic Details

Born in Otorohanga, 1938

Family moved back to Northcote on North Shore in 1941

Schooling at Northcote School and Northcote College

BE (Civil), School of Engineering, Auckland University College, 1960

D Phil, (Oxon), 1964

Career in the Ministry of Works, mainly in Power Division:

- Involved in the design of a nuclear power station for NZ (1967 – 69) (not built),
- construction of New Plymouth power stn (1969-72),
- design of Huntly power stn, Manapouri Lake control, Ohaaki geothermal power stn
- investigations for hydro-electric power stns on Clutha river, lower Waitaki river, etc

Retired from Opus International Consultants Ltd in 1997

Moved to Whangaparaoa in 2012

Involved with family history since 1980, and recently will have had a family reunion marking 150 years since the Aspden family arrived in NZ (Special Waikato Immigration scheme)

Involved with IPENZ (since 1970) and engineering heritage (since 1990).

Involved with education in Newlands, Wellington (1975 to 2011)

Amateur forester (60 ha block developed with 5 friends – 1969 - 2007)

Wife, Anne, an Anglican priest since 1993; 3 daughters and 4 grandchildren