

TIWAI POINTER

NEW ZEALAND ALUMINIUM SMELTERS LIMITED



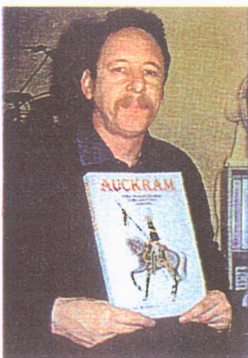
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Family History Recorded

After 20 years of research and five years of writing Reduction Process Controller Don Auckram, has published a book to mark 150 years since the Auckram name came into existence.

Containing more than 300 pages, around 160,000 words, about 270 photographs and information on 4000 descendants of Auckrams, this book is one of the largest that Craig Printing has put through its machines.

Don's research involved many hours at the LDS church history centres in Invercargill and Christchurch, countless hours at libraries, archives and museums around the country and trips up and down the country to visit descendants. So why do it?



Don Auckram

"I think most people have a sense of belonging; belonging to a country, belonging to a community, and belonging to a family. It's a healthy concept of being part of something. For me it was more than that, I wanted to know why, how, and when. Once my first questions were answered my thirst for knowledge grew," said Don.

He says that his interest in genealogy and history of his family never had a beginning; it was something that has always been with him.

Environmental Award for NZAS

Environment Southland held their 5th Annual Environmental Awards ceremony recently to recognise those who are carrying out outstanding work in the Southland environment. NZAS was the Corporate Award Winner for its Land Based Sewage Disposal System competed in 1998.

(right) Minister for the Environment, Marian Hobbs, presented the Corporate Award to smelter representative Kevin Duke. NZAS also received a \$1,000 advertising prize package supplied by Foveaux Radio.



The objective of the project was to eliminate the NZAS discharge of treated sewage into Awarua Bay in recognition of the manawhenua concerns and the increasing recreational use of the area.

Work to identify a suitable site and to develop the conceptual design was conducted by Woodward Clyde NZ Ltd and managed by the NZAS Environmental Team. Detailed system design, installation and commissioning was also conducted by Woodward Clyde and managed by the NZAS General Services team.

Treated sewage from the site is now disposed onto five hectares of land to the east of the plant, through a 7,000 metre network of sub-surface irrigation hose.

This is the second award we have received from Environment Southland. In 1996 we received a commendation award for a study we did on the environmental impact of the smelter on Tiwai Pointer and its surrounds.



NZAS representatives also attended the ceremony as co-sponsors of the School and Community Group category. This prize went to the South Catlins Promotions Group. See their response on the back page.

Paul Meehan explains the system to the Environment Southland judging panel who visited site for a closer look at the project.