

## “MISERY, MADNESS AND MEANING”

Early migrations to Whanganui-a-Tara /Wellington, 1820'S TO 1850'

### U3A Tawa History Group

AS part of U3A Tawa's History series of talks, this absorbing topic was recently, held at the Tawa Library and involved three sessions led by Jonathan Boyes, with Mary-Lynn as his capable co-ordinator.



### “Emigration a Remedy”

*This famous emigration poster from the 1830s-1840s compared life in New Zealand with that found in much of England. It was designed to encourage people to emigrate to New Zealand from Britain in the belief that population growth was linked to food production.*

Sessions were attended by a keen gathering of local U3A members of 15 or so for each talk. We valued the enthusiastic involvement of our invited guest contributors with special links to successive topics:

1. MAORI MIGRANTS (HEKE) to Wellington, 1820'-1830's;
2. N.Z. COMPANY MIGRANTS TO PORT NICHOLSON AND THE OLD PORIRUA ROAD, 1840's;
3. CROSS-CULTURAL LEARNINGS, MAORI AND PAKEHA

The Guest participants included:

- a **descendant** of early Maori migrants;
- **relatives** who read from their Great Grandmother's 1841 Letter to family back in England; and
- **two experts** sharing about Maori and Pioneer dwellings and their construction.

The library is thanked for senior staff, Wendy, Shelley and several others who welcomed us to the venue and offered practical.