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# CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION

of

THE DANISH SOCIETY INCORPORATED

*Under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908*

I certify that THE DANISH SOCIETY INCORPORATED

is Incorporated under the Incorporated Societies Act 1908.

Dated at AUCKLAND, this fifteenth day of

October, 19 58



District  
Assistant Registrar of Incorporated Societies.

A year ago the association became registered under the name: The Danish Society, Incorporated, and has its printed laws and articles of association, 22 paragraphs in total. The Committee believe that in this way they have protected the interests and investments of the members of the Association in the best possible way, while at the same time establishing a more secure foundation for the future.

With the name of the association publicly acknowledged there has at the same time opened the possibility that local agencies will refer to us as representatives for local Danes, and where, for example, Danish immigrants and visitors need attention from the New Zealand authorities.

Many will probably think that this is not a matter for Danish society, and rightly so. Here the Danish Vice-Consulate in Auckland should be doing its best. But, unfortunately, none of the people employed in the consulate can speak or understand Danish, and many newly arrived Danes speak poor English, so in the few cases where the Consulate agrees to assist, it is like "a fool with clay feet". There have even been cases where the deputy consulate turned out to be uninterested in providing help, like recently where a young Danish emigrant was killed in a motorcycle accident here in Auckland. The local police contacted the Danish Society and asked for our assistance, as the consulate here was very dismissive and did not want to be involved in this case. We willingly helped the police to find the address of deceased's parents in Denmark so that a telegram about the accident could be sent immediately and informed them of the details of the case so that the parents were given the opportunity to understand what had happened to their son here.

Similar tasks arise from year to year for the Danish society, and it can be taken as sure proof that there is, and will increasingly become, a need for The Danish Society, Inc., in Auckland. Today, we know that a large number of newly arrived Danish immigrants to New Zealand settle in and around Auckland, and mainly in the North Island, and the society is frequently visited by Danish residents from around the country.

The committee therefore believes that a publication like this small news-magazine will provide a useful contact between the Society and its members as well as all those interested in Denmark. Experience shows that too few members and friends of the society have a closer knowledge of what takes place beyond what can be seen by everyone at our festive gatherings, on which occasions there is no respite for discussion of the society's affairs. Those who come to the annual general meeting therefore have little background for discussing the society's problems. It is therefore the committee's hope that this small society magazine will be of benefit, joy and enlightenment for all members, friends and interested parties of the society and that it must act as a faithful organ for the future boards of the association in their efforts to build A DANISH HOUSE.

Auckland 1 oktober 1959

S. A. Marquart,  
President.

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