

**ABSTRACT:**

**Wanaka Women Project**

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**ANNE MACDONALD**

**File 1**

- 02:00 Identifies self ANNE JANETTE MACDONALD; born HOROTIU, Father a dairy farmer, lived there 5 years
- 2.29 Wanaka project explained.
- 2.56 Father KENNETH MACDONALD born [Date\*] in HAMILTON, died [Date\*] Mother KATHERINE MARY CLEMENTS born [Date\*], died [Date\*] a Piano Teacher.
- 3.33 HOROTIU early memories of trains on main trunk line. Uncle STUART ALLISTER MACDONALD went to WORLD WAR II, returned minus 1 eye and 1 leg. Therapy of making soft toys and weaving baskets. Very proud of his wooden leg. Lived until he was 85. [corrected to 83. Born [Date\*] died [Date\*]
- 5.15 Recalls impact of WWII on her family. Uncle HECTOR hospital orderly EGYPT. Mentions hearing MONTGOMERIE speak at HAMILTON at BLEDISLOE HALL. Ration Book.
- 7.17 Brother MALCOLM KENNETH MACDONALD born [Date\*]; Sister HEATHER GRACE MACDONALD born [Date\*]; CATHERINE FLORA MACDONALD born [Date\*]
- 7.50 Family activities; moved Horotiu to Raglan
- 8.15 Education  
HOROTIU primary school  
RAGLAN PRIMARY SCHOOL then moved to HAMILTON  
HAMILTON EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL  
Moved to family farm at ROTOUNA [1948]  
FAIRFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL  
[HAMILTON]TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
- 9.40 School memories HAMILTON EAST –describes
- 12.35 [Hamilton]Technical High School; favourite subject typing; typewriters used explains; current use of technology and learning to use computers.

- 15.15 Current use of computers
- 15.40 Out of school activities table tennis; mentions first sighting of Satellite Tennis in summer; making own toys; knitting; needlework; reading no TV
- 17.04 Mentions Man first walked on the Moon [17 July 1969]
- 18.15 Choices after leaving school  
1958 Ministry of Works- 5 years  
MEREMERE POWER STATION project; MERCER; KOPU-HIKUAI ROAD projects. Recalls dresses they wore at work.  
Recalls challenges of typing many copies.
- 22.01 Met husband [DONALD ALEXANDER RYRIE] at work married and left work as was custom; 3 daughters  
[JANETTE MARGARET [Date\*]  
SUZANNE CATHERINE [Date\*]  
HELEN ANNE [Date\*]  
Recalls sewing for children  
Built a house at ROTATUNA on family farm  
Children went to HUKANUI PRIMARY SCHOOL then FAIRFIELD COLLEGE.
- 24.50 Bought KINGSWAY FOOD MARKET, worked 5 years. Spent time at RAGLAN
- 26.00 Subdivision of farm; mother named the streets –Details
- 28.00 Children’s activities Highland Dancing; playing piano; Girls Brigade – explains. Own experience of music.
- 30.13 Grandchildren  
HANNAH (Daughter of Helen + Grant GILLESPIE, [Date\*])  
ALEXANDRA CHARLOTTE ANNE [Date\*] married to Australian  
ALEXANDER PATTERSON  
WILLIAM SAMUEL MARK [Date\*]
- 31.05 Mentions 1981 Marriage dissolved
- 33.10 Daughters left school, returns to work in bag shop 1985  
1989 Walked MILFORD TRACK, daughter SUE decides to move to QUEENSTOWN, takes sister HELEN
- 35.50 Anne’s choices; job offer to America to type a person’s [BRUCE MIERS] thesis  
13.01.1990 [corrected to 1991] moved to COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA. PRESIDENT [GEORGE] BUSH announced USA going to GULF WAR.  
Yellow Ribbons around trees representing family member at war.

6 weeks later PRESIDENT BUSH announced no longer at war.

[Added from Anne's diary:

16 January 1991

"While we were having dinner America started bombing Iraq. We sat up until 11pm listening to the radio, which was going non-stop.

The war is uppermost in all news today.

The official name is "The Persian Gulf War"

16 January 1991 to 28 February 1991]

- 39.18 Opportunity to go to ISRAEL, July 1990 [corrected to 1991]  
BRUCE MYERS, BARBARA MYERS + mentions 3 children DEBORAH,  
DARREN, JONATHON (Twins)  
Typed BRUCE MIERS thesis, and using computers for first time.  
Had to study prior to going to ISRAEL –explains  
Mentions JOSEPHUS writings  
Travel in ISRAEL for 1 month–describes  
Mentions hearing her first JET breaking the sound barrier
- 50.04 Returned to New Zealand, someone interested in buying her house. By  
time she arrived home, her house was sold.  
Worked 2 years for WOMENS DIVISION of FEDERATED FARMERS as a  
Home Help.
- 52.25 Decided to move to Wanaka.
- 52.51 END OF FILE 1

## File 2

- 0.27 Worked with Women's Division of Federated Farmers – describes  
1994 flew to meet daughter in Scotland, explored where ancestors had  
lived.
- 3.00 1994 Sister bought WANAKA WINES + SPIRITS, Anne came too.  
LORIS KING Land Agent, found property, which she bought, moved 1 April  
1995.
- 5.00 July 1995 Big Snowfall. 18 inches outside her place. Describes
- 6.00 Daughter [JAN] and husband MARK GOLDING and 2 children ALEXANDRA  
and WILLIAM. Visited at Christmas as a surprize. 3 week visit and stayed  
10 years.  
ALEXANDRA went to WANAKA PRIMARY SCHOOL  
WILLIAM went to WANAKA preschool  
JAN worked in WINE SHOP

MARK worked at MITRE 10 and Sydney.  
[Anne added that they built house at Hawea Flat, children went to  
HAWEA SCHOOL, then MOUNT ASPIRING COLLEGE]  
2006 move to Melbourne  
Describes

- 8.27 Knew no-one, used MESSENGER to identify organisations to join.  
WANAKA WALKERS – member ever since  
WAIROU NORDIC SKI FIELD /SNOW FARM –skied until 2005 and then  
snow shoed. Was Treasurer of club.  
2002 Church Treasure for 5 years – changed handwritten books to  
computers  
Late 1990s joined CROQUET CLUB  
PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP – now belongs to BLIPFOTO[www.blipfoto.com]  
and takes a photo everyday for journal called “A CYCLING GRANNY”.
- 12.00 1999 WANAKA FLOODS, impact on Wine Shop and home. Describes
14. 38 Joined OTAGO GOLDFIELDS HERITAGE TRUST and walked on 8  
CALVELCADES. Describes
- 15.44 Clarification about paid and voluntary work. Still cuts cotton clothes for  
RECYCLE CENTRE. Photos, makes a local calendar and sells for charity  
(Church Funds)
- 18.18 Changes noticed in WANAKA TOWNSHIP. Church activities. WANAKA  
PRESBYTERIAN in TENBY STREET.  
Car parks. Different shops. Eateries. Library. Post Office. Matariki.  
CROWN RANGE. Describes
- 24.55 Opinion on current changes being debated – Airport  
Day to day life summarised.
- 29.20 END OF FILE 2

### **File 3**

Introduction to File 3

- 1.01 Recalls Warbirds Over Wanaka 2000
- 3.38 2002 recalls talk Church “Israel Today”; hosted Israeli tourists for 14  
years
- 5.03 Describes current typical week  
Blipfoto daily [www.blipfoto.com];10,000 steps daily  
Monday WANAKA WALKERS -25 years – describes  
Tuesday- am tea Church Ladies; collects granddaughter, Hana [Tuesday

and Thursday after school]

Wednesday – am Croquet and Thursday and Saturday afternoons; Winter snowshoes

Friday-free day

7.48 Compares RAGLAN and WANAKA, general comments.

9.10 END OF FILE 3

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