



# Monthly Newsletter



## HIBISCUS COAST BRANCH

**NOVEMBER 2011**

**P.O. BOX 27 OREWA**

Our web site -

<https://sites.google.com/site/hibiscuscoastgenealogygroup/home>

**MEETINGS:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month - February to November  
2.00 pm at St Chad's Church, Orewa

Convenor: Wendy Inskeep  
Meeting Convenor: Wendy Fitzpatrick – Daytime Meetings  
Secretary: Alison Wesley  
Treasurer: Frank Shelmerdine  
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**Next Meeting**

**November 15th 2011 2 pm at St Chads, Orewa**

**NEXT MEETING –**

**Last meeting of the year..Tues 15th Nov at 2pm St Chad's.**

**Come and hear Stephanie Van Gaalen from Archives New Zealand.**

**A world of resources on our doorstep!** Something to do on those long glorious summer days!

*A small plate would be appreciated for our Christmas afternoon tea.*

***There will be a massive Christmas raffle!***

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*Just when you thought it was all over for the year we have decided on an encore!*

**Sat 3rd December 0930 - 4pm.**

**Computer workshop at Pohutukawa Room, Whangaparaoa Libray.**

***How do I.....  
Where do I find.....  
What can I discover...***

***Bring your laptop if you have one.  
Our computer whizzos will be there for you.***

### **Our Last Meeting -**

The October meeting went off well with a combined brain storm from our techo experts Colin and Alan.

Don't forget to check our website. Have a go at ordering a film from the LDS. If you are still unsure, you can have one- on- one help at our 3 December workshop.

Also on our website instructions for downloading a toolbar with genealogical sites etc.

We have finalised the purchase of our microphone/sound system. Thanks to committee member Norman Ashton for his work on this.

It is pleasing to look back on the technological updates we have made over the last year.

We have on line access. Now the sound system means guest speakers can be on line as well as talk to us at the same time.

### **Cottage Meetings this month.**

**Tuesday 8th November, 10am – 12 noon -**

Next meeting of the HBC Legacy User Group, including computer/genealogy related topics.

Ring Alan Jenner 426 4166 or email [ajenner@ihug.co.nz](mailto:ajenner@ihug.co.nz) for information.

**Tuesday 22nd October, 9.30am – 12 noon -**

**At Shirley Hunt's – 6 De Luen Ave, Tindalls Bay, Ph 428 1234**

We have the use of The Genealogist and World Vital Records for our group.

**LIBRARY DAYS - When we are available at Whangaparaoa Library**

**MONDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY SATURDAY**

**Hours of attendance - 10am - 12 noon.**

**Thursday evenings - 6.30 – 8.30**

There are no new books placed in our library this month but several ready to be catalogued. As soon as they become available they will be placed on the shelf labelled “New Additions” so keep an eye out for them.

If you have found any book that has been helpful we would all like to hear about it . A good chance to try out the new speaker system at the meeting !

**A GET WELL message –**

**Frank Shelmerdine**, our hard working Treasurer and committee member has developed “ Shingles”. Very sorry to hear this Frank and hope you will make a speedy recovery. We will miss you and your helpful assistance at our meeting.

This may help to find where your family lived -

[www.findfreemaps.co.uk](http://www.findfreemaps.co.uk)

The site offers a free toolkit which allows users to draw on the maps and to insert text and graphics. It also allows them to instantly measure, style, colour and print finished maps or save them as PDFs. Having selected a map and a view, users can examine an area in which family members lived or create personalised maps showing, for example, the geographical movements of an individual family member, the distribution of different family members or the location of graves. They can also add information to their maps from a range of layers grouped under various headings including ‘heritage’ and ‘boundaries’.

**The Gold Coast Family History Society in Queensland, Australia**, has launched a new Members’ Interest List that can be accessed by any researcher, worldwide. The list can be found on our website at [www.goldcoastfhs.org.au](http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au). All enquiries are secure and are passed on to the relevant member via the facilitators.

**AUCKLAND BRANCH    N.Z. SOCIETY GENEALOGISTS  
MONTHLY MEETING    NOVEMBER 2011**

**To be held on    TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2011    10.00 am. to 1.00 pm.  
At PIONEER WOMEN'S HALL    FREYBERG PLACE [OFF HIGH ST]  
Suggested donation - \$4.00**

**At 10.30 am Speaker: Ray Turner  
Subject: “Family History Research”**

GRANDPARENTS ANSWERING MACHINE

Good morning. . . . At present we are not at home but, please Leave your message after you hear the beep. beeeeeppp ...  
If you are one of our children, dial 1 and then select the option from 1 to 5 in order of "arrival" so we know who it is.  
If you need us to stay with the children, press 2  
If you want to borrow the car, press 3  
If you want us to wash your clothes and ironing, press 4  
If you want the grandchildren to sleep here tonight, press 5  
If you want us to pick up the kids at school, press 6  
If you want us to prepare a meal for Sunday or to have it delivered to your home, press 7  
If you want to come to eat here, press 8  
If you need money, dial 9  
If you are going to invite us to dinner, or, taking us to the theatre start talking we are listening !!!!!!!!!!!!!!"

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**When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars. They show us and talk to us about the colors of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks.'**

**They don't say, 'Hurry up.'**

**They wear glasses and funny underwear.**

**They can take their teeth and gums out.**

**When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again.**

**Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who like to spend time with us.**

**They know we should have snack time before bed time, and they say prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad.**

**A 6-YEAR-OLD WAS ASKED WHERE HIS GRANDMA LIVED. "OH," HE SAID, "SHE LIVES AT THE AIRPORT, AND WHEN WE WANT HER, WE JUST GO GET HER. THEN WHEN WE'RE DONE HAVING HER VISIT, WE TAKE HER BACK TO THE AIRPORT."**

**GRANDPA IS THE SMARTEST MAN ON EARTH! HE TEACHES ME GOOD THINGS, BUT I DON'T GET TO SEE HIM ENOUGH TO GET AS SMART AS HIM!**

**It's funny when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.**