

## NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

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**MEETINGS** are held at Marlborough Park Hall, Chartwell Ave. Glenfield.**Day Meetings:** 1pm – 3-30pm: First Monday of the month, February to December**Night Meetings:** 7-30pm– 9.30pm: Third Tuesday of the month February to November**COMMITTEE****Convenor****Secretary**

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Marlborough Park Hall is open on

Wednesday and Friday from 1pm – 3pm.

**On Monday meeting days** it will open at 12-30pm:**On Tuesday meeting nights** it will open at 6-45pm

Dear Friends,

I wish to convey my thoughts to you all and thank everyone so much for the continuous assistance given to me during these past few years and to let you know that I have truly enjoyed and appreciated partaking in the duties etc towards this NZSG Branch.

Our AGM - Vivienne Parker had drawn up a new format for AGM's which worked out very well, making it flow quicker - these forms will be slightly altered and printed out for future use at AGM's. Committee could do with a couple more to assist - please don't think it's 'hard work' but a lot of fun to learn the ins and outs of Meetings and duties.....

Vivienne followed on with her topic "Using Parish Records" in much detail and as usual very interesting to all.

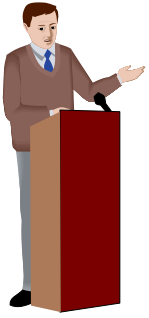
Previous Meeting was David Verran and Seonaid Lewis from Auckland Library - excellent attendance that day and very informative report given regarding Library holdings.

Linda Pinder will be the new Secretary for this Branch and on behalf of everyone we wish her all the best.

Good luck with your genealogy hunting and best wishes to all - Di

Our new photocopier is now installed and running. There will be instructions on the wall behind the copier for anyone who needs help with using this.

## SPEAKERS CALENDAR



**30<sup>th</sup> May 2011 – PLEASE NOTE DATE  
DUE TO QUEENS BIRTHDAY WEEKEND**

Speaker – Brian Shaw  
Subject – U.K. ‘Research Tour’

**21<sup>st</sup> June 2011 - Night Meeting**

Speaker – Ivan Pivac  
Speaker – ‘Early Dalmatian Gumdiggers’

**4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – Day Meeting**

**Speaker – Lisa Truttman**

**Subject – “Fine Lines: Researching land records in New Zealand”**

What are land records, and how to access them today. Using GIS Viewers online to obtain title and legal description information, through to ordering records from Land Information New Zealand and Archives New Zealand.

**19<sup>th</sup> July 2011 – Night Meeting**

**Speaker – Boyd Miller**

**Subject – “The Ingles’ Letters”**

A collection of letters written between 1810 and 1830 by a family going to Virginia.



## FROM THE LIBRARY

### Please remember our donation box

If you are using our research facilities a gold coin donation will be appreciated.

### DUNEDIN FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

#### May 2011

The Shaky Bridge Alexandra – page 1  
Useful Internet sites – page 2  
Quendon Maternity Hospital – page 3  
News for Irish Researchers – page 5  
Postcode areas Great Britain & Northern Ireland – page 6  
Omarama – page 7  
Wyndham District High School – page 9

### FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

#### June 2011

Dealing with your Genealogical Research – page 12  
Gateway to the New World – page 18  
Historic Warships – page 23  
Pauper Ancestors – page 28  
Journey Online – Westward Ho! – page 32  
Victorian Clothing – page 38  
Building Britain’s Roads – page 44  
Cheaper ways to find your family – page 48  
Domestic Servants & Technology – page 54

We have many great books on the shelves in our Resource Room. Anyone who is a regular Branch attendee may borrow **books** for one month or **magazines** must be returned in two weeks.

### **The New Family Search Site (from Pam Hamlyn)**

1. The new site now allows wild cards - \* or ?

\* means no letters or any amount of letters

e.g. jan\* will search for Jane, Janet, Janette etc. You could also try J\*an\* which would also pick up Jean, Jeanette etc.

? means one letter

e.g. ma?y will search for May or Mary

2. Lots of Scottish male baptisms have been missing from the old Family Search site but that they are on the new site.

3. There are shipping lists to New Zealand. Click on "Australia and New Zealand", then "New Zealand, Immigration Passenger Lists, 1855 - 1973"

4. A parent search can be done on the new site. Click on "advanced search", then in the relationship box select "parents". Fill in only the name of the parents to find their children. You can leave out the mother's surname if you wish.

5. Batch number searches are not yet available.

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### **New to the North Shore branch's book collection:**

#### **History & Genealogy 2011: Australia & New Zealand Compiled by Alan Phillips and Rosemary Kopittke**

This is an "Unlock the Past" publication, which is full of interesting information for family history research.

This is not a HOW-TO book, but rather a collection of articles on a whole range of topics relating to Australia and New Zealand history and genealogy. Everything from key websites, to BDMs, the bombing of Broome, to researching your family in the Hawkesbury region, as well as online genealogy courses, tips for the time poor, Queensland pioneer's and so much more. There is also a section with articles relating to India, Scotland, UK and Germany.

A valuable reference work, not only for the content of the articles, but also for the directory which contains names of 1700 people and organisations around Australian and New Zealand in the history and genealogy field. It contains 66 useful and interesting articles, a directory of organisations and product/service suppliers, advertising for organisations and product/service suppliers.

(Submitted by Dennise Cook)

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#### MORE TIPS FOR CENSUS SEARCH (from Peter Cross)

##### Tip 15

###### District search

The advanced search for census databases on [www.findmypast.com](http://www.findmypast.com) have quite a range of area search fields, such as ward, ecclesiastical parish, rural district, urban district and parliamentary borough. Using these you can narrow down the area in which you're looking for ancestors. However, because they are taken from the front of the enumerator books, they can be inconsistent.

Similarly, Ancestry.co.uk allows you to home in on a narrow area, for instance to browse an enumeration district. Do not forget the rule that with this type of search, the first and surname boxes must be left blank to ensure that you get a full listing of the inhabitants of the area.

##### Tip 16

How to find a hospital and locate patients and staff.

In the following examples it is necessary to avoid the boxes for the first name/last name. The boxes we will use are 'relationship to head' and 'keyword'. Ancestry.co.uk has an extensive list of definitions for relationship to the head of household, including 'patient' and 'nurse'. Selecting 'patient' gives 124,298 results, and 'nurse' gives 24,657 results. Reduce the lists to a manageable size using county, gender and birth year boxes only. Ensure the boxes are on the default setting 'All' and search on 'hospital' in the keyword box and your search will show 41,896 results; searching on 'county hospital' will show 747 results. Aim to reduce the list to a manageable size. It must be remembered that the use of the keyword box can give patchy results.

#### **1901 Census for County Leitrim**

The 1901 Census of County Leitrim is now available, adding an additional 69,000 records to our online database. The records have been carefully analysed and inputted by staff at Leitrim Genealogy Centre using a Standard Surname field to increase the speed and accuracy of searches.

Go to <http://leitrim.rootsireland.ie>

Remember that you can purchase and spend your credit at any of the IFHF online centres.

Please check out our interactive map to see which centres are currently live.