



Keeping in Touch

Newsletter for Branches, Interest Groups, Officers and Contact Persons

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Kia ora and Greetings to you all

June Council Meeting

Council met over the weekend of June 13 and 14. Council had not completed the agenda for the May meeting so Saturday was spent addressing the second half of the May agenda. Sunday was used for strategic planning – in particular looking at the Society's financial situation and exploring innovative ways to increase income. Angela Reynolds, the recently appointed NZSG webmaster, outlined ways in which she proposed to improve the website.

Tauranga Research Weekend 4th 5th July

This event is but a few short weeks away. I, and all members of Council, are looking forward to meeting as many of you as possible.

Identity Verification Service On the Sunday there will be experts in attendance to consult about the Identity Verification Service that applies when you wish to purchase a 'recent' Birth, Death or Marriage Certificate. There will be two people from the Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) and two from the office of the Registrar General (RGO). This is a great opportunity to find out the facts and resolve any queries you may have.

Incorporated Societies and the Charities Commission.

Branch and Interest Group relationships with these organisations have become confusing. The present situation is:

- If there have been changes to your committee since your AGM you should download the relevant form from the Charities Commission website, complete this (including signatures of committee members) and return to the Charities Commission.
- If your Branch or Interest Group has been registered as a charity as part of NZSG you should send your Annual Return plus associated papers to the FRC. Your financial statement will need to be signed off by an 'Independent Reviewer' (NZSG Rules)

Branch and Interest Group Annual Returns

This is a reminder to Branch and Interest Group Convenors. Your annual returns plus associated papers should be sent to the FRC by **30 June** 2009 . If you have mislaid your forms email office.manager@genealogy.org.nz for a duplicate copy.

Guidelines for Hosting Visiting Speakers - Funding

These guidelines were attached to the May 2009 issue of KIT. You may be aware that in the recent budget funds were cut for educational providers that run community education activities (often known loosely as "night classes") and for some Adult and Community Education (ACE) and some REAPs (Rural Education Activities Programme). If you plan to request funding for a visiting speaker from any of these organisations you should put in your request early and supply a convincing justification for your claim so that you may possibly be fortunate enough to be given a share of their diminishing funds.

Branch/Interest Group Service Awards

Remember that you can nominate a member of your Branch or Interest Group for an NZSG

Award. This is a great way to acknowledge the work of individual members and maybe encourage others to make similar contributions to their Branch or Interest Group. The Award can be for a major contribution to a Project organised by a Branch or Interest Group or for work extending over a number of years. Ask the FRC for the relevant form. Nominations can be submitted to Council at any time of year and will be considered at the next Council Meeting. Where Certificates of Appreciation are awarded, they will be forwarded for presentation to the recipient by the Branch/Interest Group Convenor at the local meeting.

Contacting Council

If you have any concerns or issues you want to raise with Council it is essential that you write to or email Council. Letters should be addressed to NZSG Council, PO Box 14036 Panmure Auckland 1741 and emails addressed to NZSG Council and sent to

office.manager@genealogy.org.nz at the FRC. Your communication will then be discussed at the next Council Meeting and you will receive a reply as soon as practicable after that.

Council Meetings are held every three months – usually the first weekend of February, May, August and November. You should aim to get your letter or email to Council three weeks before it meets to ensure your correspondence is included on the agenda.

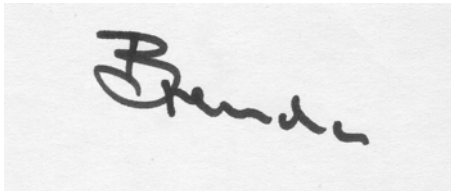
Next Council Meeting

This will be held at the FRC over the weekend of 1st and 2nd August 2009.

Finally please make sure all your Branch and Group members see KIT. It is the most effective way for members to know what is happening. KIT is posted on the NZSG website. Also, if anyone would like to have their own personal copy emailed to them, please let me know and I'll add you to the distribution list.

If your Branch or Interest Group is planning an event please feel free to send me details and I'll include these in the next edition of KIT.

Kia kaha and all good wishes

A photograph of a handwritten signature in black ink on a light-colored background. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read 'Brenda'.

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