



Keeping in Touch

Newsletter for Branches, Interest Groups, Officers and Contact Persons

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Kia ora and Greetings to you all

The theme of this issue of KIT is **CHANGE**. So many changes are happening at the same time that it is hard to keep track of them all. This issue of KIT will give you brief summaries and websites where you can get further information.

November Council Meeting

Council met over the weekend of November 7-8. There have been some changes in personnel. David Bryant, President, has been granted a leave of absence by council due to ill health. His responsibilities have been taken on by Fiona Brooker, Vice-President. We wish David a speedy recovery of his good health. Pauline Miller and Janet Connochie have resigned as Councillors. Council is now in the process of re-allocating their portfolios and co-opting persons to take their places as Councillors until the new Council takes over in July 2010.

Marianne Cummins has taken up the position of Office Manager and we extend to her a warm welcome. Graeme Constable will remain at the FRC until 20 November. Council thanks Graeme for assisting us with managing the office at such short notice.

Sherri Viccars has resigned as membership clerk and we welcome back Ruth Kerr into this role. Ruth is sharing this role with Alison Holmes (Accounts) to ensure that there is somebody available for membership queries at all times.

Karen Kalopulu

It is with grief that we report the sudden passing of Karen Kalopulu in the early hours of Sunday 8 November. Karen, of the Family History Section of Auckland Public Library, will be remembered for her famous 'lock ins'. She was a long time supporter of NZSG, wrote frequent articles for the magazine and was a friendly person always willing to advise others on their research. Karen will be sorely missed. NZSG extends their condolences to Karen's family.

New Publications

The new Victoria Outwards to New Zealand CD-Rom will be released in December. This contains a transcription and index of the passenger lists of the ships leaving Victoria for New Zealand ports, as contained in VPRS 948 Outward Passenger Lists 1852 - 1923. You can search by Passenger, Ship and Port of Arrival. The cost will be \$50.

Keep your eyes out for the 2009 Cemetery Supplement as well.

NZSG's Family History Fair & AGM 16 -18 July 2010

By now branches and interest groups should have received the memo that was emailed to them at the end of October. If this has not arrived, please check your spam box or contact the Fair organisers on familyhistoryfair@genealogy.org.nz for another copy.

Family History Fair Registrations and Accommodation

Fair registrations will open in February to coincide with the distribution of the first NZ Genealogist magazine for 2010. The accommodation at the venue has been block booked for the weekend of the Fair and you will be able to make your room reservations from early February onwards.

Branches:

The memo asked for an indication from your branch of their interest in either attending or contributing to the Family History Fair in some way. It is important that you respond to this by the **22 November**. **Remember - it is only an expression of interest required at this stage.** If you change your mind later on and have to pull out then that is less of an issue than trying to squeeze you in when there is no space left! Space is limited and once it is filled the organisers don't want to be forced to say "Sorry but..." so make sure you get in now and let them know what your intentions are. By the time of the February regional meetings the organisers will be requiring a firm commitment from those attending and by that stage planning among branches should be well underway.

With regional meetings coming up shortly, there will be an opportunity for branches to discuss how they can best work together. As mentioned in the last magazine, you are being asked to contribute your expertise, resources and research aids on a **regional basis**. This not only makes the best use of the available space but also shares the workload when it comes to manning the stands. The organisers want everyone involved in the Fair to be able to enjoy it.

Interest Groups:

Again it is important that interest groups let the organisers know of their intention to exhibit at the Fair. Groups with a common country focus are being encouraged to pool their resources for the same reasons outlined above. If you wish to hold an interest group meeting during the Fair then the organisers also need to know that as soon as possible. There are only so many rooms available and once they have been allocated to another interest group your options are severely limited.

2010 is nearly here and once the summer holidays are over it will be full steam ahead. If your branch or interest group wishes to be at the Fair then make sure you let the organisers know before 22 November. Email nzfamilyhistoryfair@genealogy.org.nz

Seminar presenters:

The next NZ Genealogist magazine has an article about the search for fresh faces to present seminars at the Fair. There are many experienced and well-known presenters in this organisation who get called upon on a regular basis and it would be very easy to continue using their skills but what the Fair organisers want to find out **who else is out there among the branches just waiting for this golden opportunity to show what they can do?**

This is NZ's first Family History Fair - a chance to try new things. If you know of someone (maybe you!) who is interested in sharing their knowledge and making a positive contribution to the Fair then please let the organisers know. The pay is not good but the job satisfaction is enormous!

Expressions of interest are being called for, along with the person's area of expertise. For further information please contact nzfamilyhistoryfair@genealogy.org.nz

Sandra Metcalfe

Convenor

Family History Fair 2010

Family History Month 2010

Next year Family History Month will be held in August. Further information will be coming in due course but it is not too soon for Branches and Interest Groups to start planning for this event.

National Library and Alexander Library

Access to the holdings of both these repositories will be limited from early December due to the closure of the Molesworth Street building for redevelopment. From 8 December the Family History Section will be located at 77 Thorndon Quay. Further details can be found at www.natlib.govt.nz/building.

Archives New Zealand

The ground floor at Archives New Zealand's Wellington office is being redeveloped over the next few months. The changes include a new Orientation Area near the main entrance, combining the current Living Room and Gallery space. Construction will run until 2 January 2010. During construction, the Reading Room will be open from 10.30am until 5pm Monday to Friday and the most disruptive work scheduled to occur before 10.30am.

As well as the work on the ground floor Archives New Zealand is also preparing to receive the Alexander Turnbull manuscripts collections which will be stored there while the National Library is being redeveloped. Nearly 10 kilometers of extra shelving will be put up to house the collection.

Dianne Macaskill, CEO and Chief Archivist, has tendered her resignation.

Update on LINZ Records Moves

LINZ is closing three of its five remaining Processing Centres, in Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin. Most of the records from the reading rooms at these offices will be transferred to the nearest office of Archives New Zealand.

What's happening with the records?

- The first records to move will be from the Wellington Processing Centre. The Deeds Registers and other Wellington and Hawkes Bay District records will move to Archives New Zealand Wellington in the first two weeks of December.
- The Gisborne District records currently in Wellington Processing Centre will move to Archives New Zealand's Auckland Office in January/February 2010.
- The "surveyors field books" will move to LINZ Processing Centres (eventually all of them will be in either Christchurch for South Island books or Hamilton for North Island books)

To locate records in Archives, lists of the records will be available via "Archway" www.archway.archives.govt.nz soon after they're transferred.

Some records will stay with LINZ.

People can still order copies of land titles and other records by contacting LINZ or using the standard ordering forms. Instructions for this are in the survey and titles section of LINZ's website: www.linz.govt.nz

Identity Verification Service – Department of Internal Affairs

If you wish to purchase recent, as opposed to historical, BDM certificates you will need to prove who you are and this can be a complex process. You can now apply for an igovt ID which you may find helpful. At the end of this issue of KIT you will find details about how to apply and the advantages of doing so.

Heritage Events

I am assembling a database of heritage events that take place annually in New Zealand. The purpose is that local Branches and Interest Groups can be alerted to these and be encouraged to take part and promote NZSG. Hopefully, the result will be a significant increase in NZSG membership. The FRC would be happy to provide promotional material as requested. I would be most grateful if Branches and Interest Groups would send me details of any heritage events in their area so that my database can cover the whole country comprehensively

Genealogy Toolbar

Manchester and Lancashire Family History Society (MLFHS), based in the U.K, has announced the release of its genealogy toolbar which integrates seamlessly with your browser links. It will help you find and access genealogy websites and is well worth exploring. The toolbar can be downloaded via the MLFHS home page www.mlfhs.org.uk or from <http://MLFHS.OurToolbar.com/>

Distribution of KIT

Beginning with this issue after I have put it together, KIT will be distributed by the FRC office. If you have any queries about delivery you should contact the Office Manager at office.manager@genealogy.org.nz. Current and back issues of KIT can always be accessed through the NZSG website.

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

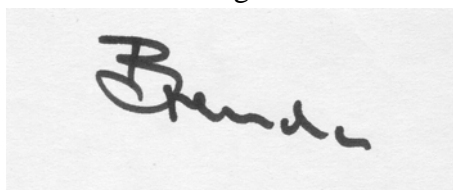
Council Meetings are held every three months – usually the first weekends of February, May, August and November. You should aim to have your letter or email to Council three weeks before it meets to ensure your correspondence is included on the agenda.

Next Council Meeting

The next meeting will be held over the weekend of 6-7 February 2010.

Finally, please make sure all your Branch and Interest Group members see KIT. It is the most effective way for members to know what is happening.

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'.

Brenda JOYCE #13868
Member of Council

Identity Verification Service

The igovt Identity Verification Service is a way for people to verify their identity to government agencies online and in real time up to a high level of confidence using an igovt ID. This would be like showing someone your passport to prove who you are. Instead a similar process is happening online.

What is igovt Identity Verification Service used for?

The purpose of the new service is to allow you to use the Internet as a more convenient way to prove who you are when you are dealing with government agencies.

To use some government services, people need to verify who they are. For example, government agencies cannot provide services that involve the exchange of money or personal information unless they have verified your identity.

Currently, proving your identity to government agencies can require you to provide multiple documents, which can take time.

The new service aims to give you a way to do this that is quick, safe, and easy while protecting your privacy at the same time. Using the Internet provides you with the convenience of anytime/anywhere access.

The new service won't replace other methods of establishing identity. You can still establish your identity when accessing government services by visiting the relevant government agency office

How do I join the igovt Identity Verification Service?

If you would like to use this service you will need to apply for an igovt ID in person at one of the mobile office sessions. You will need to hold a current New Zealand passport (less than 5 years old) or have citizenship granted in the past five years and have a mobile phone.

Steps for joining

1. At the mobile office you will need to show your passport or citizenship certificate to a Department staff member. These will be checked to ensure that you are eligible to join.
2. You will set up an igovt logon (if you don't already have one). This is a username and password that you use to access the igovt identity verification service. You may use this same username and password to access other online government services in the future.
3. A staff member will take your photograph and compare it to the one stored in the passports or citizenship system.
4. You are now ready to use the service. You will receive an email to confirm that you have been issued an igovt ID.

Mobile office locations and times

Location	Address	Date	Time
Wellington	Department of Internal Affairs Level 1 46 Waring Taylor Street Wellington	Friday, 11 th December 2009 Saturday, 12 th December 2009	9am – 4pm 9am – 1pm
Auckland	Department of Internal Affairs Level 6 AA Centre 99 Albert Street Auckland 1010	Thursday, 21 st January 2010 Friday, 22 nd January 2010	4pm – 7pm 9am – 5pm
Manukau	Department of Internal Affairs Level 1 20 – 24 Lambie Drive Auckland 2104	Saturday, 23 rd January 2010	9am - 1pm

Further dates and locations for early 2010 will be published by January 2010. If you require further information or if you would like to make an appointment' please email: igovt@dia.govt.nz

How does the igovt Identity Verification Service work?

Once you have joined, you can use the service to verify your identity to a participating government agency whenever you need to, using the Internet.

- You go to the government agency website and request a service that uses the igovt Identity Verification Service
- You then choose to be redirected to the igovt website so igovt can verify your identity to the government agency
- You log on to igovt entering your user name password and igovt code sent to your mobile phone
- igovt displays your name, date of birth, gender, place of birth or only some of these as required by the agency
- You give your consent for the information to be sent to the government agency
- You will then be re-directed back to the original government agency website, which will now know who you are and enable access to the service you require
- The logon can also be used for ongoing access to that government agency's online services