



## *Keeping in Touch*

*Newsletter for Branches, Interest Groups, Officers and Contact Persons*

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Kia ora and Greetings to you all

Christmas and New Year are well and truly behind us so we can now look forward to what 2009 holds in store. The new look, A4, full colour magazine was a wonderful start to the year. I hope you are enjoying it as much as I am. Lots has happened since the last KIT of November 2008 so here is the latest news.

### **AFFHO Congress – Auckland, January 2009**

This was a huge success and greatly enjoyed by all those who were able to attend. There are a few copies of the Proceedings available from the FRC office. There is the hard copy of papers presented at Congress (\$50.00). Unfortunately the book with abstracts together with the papers on CD has been sold out. If you could not get to Congress this is the next best way of experiencing the lectures and workshops.



### **1911 Census**

At Congress there was a satellite presentation from London introducing the early launch of the 1911 Census for England and Wales. The website works well and it is easy to find the person you are looking for. It is a huge improvement on the fiasco of the 1901 census. The indexes are free to search but once you want to download an image with your ancestor's signature and full details of the household the costs mount. But then genealogy research never has come cheap. Go to [www.1911census.co.uk](http://www.1911census.co.uk)

### **NZSG AGM and Research Weekend**

An update information page is attached at the end of this issue of KIT. Be sure to register before the end of this month to get the early bird concession.

### **The Process of Holding Elections for Council**

Council is proposing changes in the way nominations and elections to the NZSG Council are conducted. This is clearly outlined on page 9 in the January/February 2009 issue of the magazine. The consultation process is now beginning. You are advised to study this article and consider making a submission. Submissions should be addressed to Council and sent to the EO, Peter Nash, by mid March.

### **Index Version 5**

Council met on the weekend of 31 January and 1 February. It was decided to withdraw all versions of the Index CD from sale as it has become apparent that some of the data on the CDs is in breach of the Privacy Law. Council is planning a new version of the Index CD and it is hoped this will be published towards the end of this year. When available, this will be advertised in the magazine.

Some branches may still be waiting for the refund of \$20.00 on their purchase of the version 5 CD. Mainly due to Congress there is a backlog of work at the FRC office but the refunds are in the process of being actioned and you should receive yours soon.

### **Family History Month**

Family History Month will be held during March this year. Four branches in the Wellington area are combining to stage a series of events at the National Library. Details are in the latest issue of the magazine and promise to be exciting genealogical experiences. Have you considered promoting your Branch's or Interest Group's plans on the Members List? Or you could put details on the NZSG website. Contact [webmaster@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:webmaster@genealogy.org.nz)

### **Level 3 FRC Panmure**

In the last issue of KIT it seemed possible that NZSG might lease level 3 and even provide accommodation for members planning to research at the FRC. Unfortunately, this plan has not proved to be viable. The costs for planning permission are prohibitive and there is no guarantee that permission could be obtained. Rent, fitting out, cabling etc would be a cost the Society can not afford. Due to the present economic climate Council has decided it is not wise to proceed with that venture.

### **Madden Collection, FRC library**

Late last year NZSG was given the opportunity to purchase books left in the will of an Auckland genealogist. Twelve hundred rare and out of print books were finally purchased and sufficient shelving installed. The Madden collection has now been catalogued and can be searched in the library catalogue on line. Most of the books are reference only but the research team at the FRC will do look-ups on request.

### **Members List**

This is now up and running. It is a great forum for discussion of NZSG and genealogical matters. Read the messages to keep abreast of what is going on and contribute your own thoughts if you wish. Joining is a simple exercise and free to financial NZSG members. The NZSG website explains how to join the Members List.

However, please note that the list is informal. If Councillors participate it is on their own behalf as members of NZSG, not as representatives of Council. See elsewhere in this issue of KIT for details of how to contact Council effectively.

### **Access to NZSG Resources**

Council has set up a sub committee of Noeline Verheyen, Bob Matthews and Lynne Blake to examine all the possibilities of how the Society publishes its data in the future. There are many alternative methods including CD Rom publications, pay-per-view on our website and via other commercial enterprises, etc. It is essential that the Society fully examine all options with a view to best position itself so that our data is available as effectively as possible in terms of service and financial considerations.

### **New Zealand Births, Deaths and Marriages**

As you are no doubt aware the legislation concerning access to BDM indexes and certificates came into force late January 2009. The new system is clearly explained in the January/February issue of the magazine on page 7, or you can go to [www.bdm.govt.nz](http://www.bdm.govt.nz) or phone 0800 225252. It is planned for the indexes to go on line but I think we may have to wait a while for this to happen but when it does it will be wonderful not to have to go through all those fiche to find the person you want.

## **National Library Renovations**

The National Library in Wellington will soon be undergoing major building renovations. Work is planned to begin in the second quarter of this year and take approximately two years to complete. The library will remain open during this time but will be located in various temporary buildings throughout the city. The family history section will move to Thorndon Quay but it seems likely that resources available for research will be limited due to shortage of space. The advice is to review your research needs now and do as much as possible at the National Library within the next few months. Go to [www.natlib.govt.nz](http://www.natlib.govt.nz) for more information. At this site you can register your details so you can be emailed information about developments.

## **LINZ**

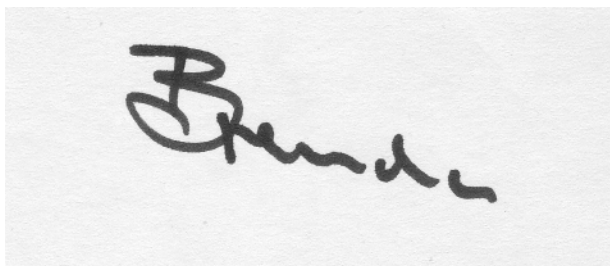
Due to Land Information New Zealand's move to 100% electronic lodgement of land transactions, as of 23 February 2009, LINZ will be closing its public counters in Auckland, Wellington and Dunedin. Limited counter services will be maintained in the Hamilton and Christchurch centres. LINZ has stated that it is committed to maintaining public access to core records. You can get an order form for ordering copies of land records online at [www.linz.govt.nz](http://www.linz.govt.nz), by post or fax, free phone 0800 665463 option 6 or by emailing [info@linz.govt.nz](mailto:info@linz.govt.nz). If you wish to view survey, title and crown property records you will need to make an appointment through one of the above.

## **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 [exec.officer@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:exec.officer@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 Saturday 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.

**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.

Kia kaha and all good wishes

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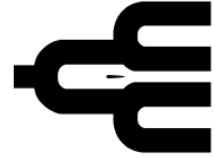
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## **Research Weekend 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July 2009 Update**

**Early bird Registration** of \$30.00 for the weekend is available till 28<sup>th</sup> February.

Please register now!!

Most Interest Groups have confirmed they will be attending with their latest research aids.

Ken Weeks of Scottish Imports, Hamilton will have plenty for you to buy. He can also order genuine clan tartan.

Beehive books will be bringing lots of genealogy material for sale – all those special books you have been looking for.

The general public may attend the NZSG AGM – this is being run by the officers of NZSG – but only financial members of NZSG may vote. Research facilities will be closed during the AGM.

We have requested several microfiche indexes from many sources along with plenty of microfiche readers.

The Dine and Dance is being held at the Tauranga Yacht Club which overlooks the harbour and the Mount. The buffet has been especially selected so a wide choice of food will be available. Music is by Gerry Lee – a really good entertainer. Only 200 tickets available so **book those as soon as you can.**

The Tauranga organising committee are looking forward to this exciting weekend and many plans are underway.

We can supply a list of hotel and motel accommodation on request.

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