



# Keeping in Touch

Newsletter for Branches, Interest Groups, Officers and Contact Persons

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Welcome to my first issue of KIT!



Thank you to all the office staff and volunteers (whom I have met over the last few of days) for the warm welcome I have received, it is much appreciated! As you will note from my names, I am from South Africa (please don't hold it against me!) and I decided to move to New Zealand to explore my adventurous side and have been loving every minute of it!

Please feel free to get in touch with me if you have any questions or even just for a chat, I am only a phone call away! I look forward to meeting some or even all of you in the months to come and hope that I will do each and every one of you proud as the new Office Manager.

## **Family History Month**

August was Family History Month and we hope that all of you found something interesting about the history of your family.

During Family History Month we had a couple of great initiatives happening and we are pleased to share the results of said initiatives with you.

Firstly, we are very pleased to announce the winners for our essay competition as follows:



Adult Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Suzanne Torkington – “Oft Hae I Rov'd by Bonnie Doon”.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Shirley Thomson – “A Momentous Decision”.

Youth Division:

1<sup>st</sup> Prize – Oscar Haythornthwaite – “The Adventures of Namee”.

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize – Sarah McConchie – “The Kid Listen”.

Congratulations to all our winners and we would like to thank everyone for their participation in this competition.

*Look out for the winning essays in the December issue of The New Zealand Genealogist.*

During Family History month, we had a free postal borrowing service in place encourage members to make use of the NZSG library, and this year it was no different. We again had a very good response to this with over 600 members who made use of this service and we hope to have a greater usage next year!

The FRC had a competition giving paid entrants to the FRC the chance to go in the draw to win one of three new Kiwi Index CD's. The draw has taken place and

the winners are: 25050 Mrs. Dale Nelson, 15338 Mrs. Valerie Wilkinson, 3302 Mrs. Jennifer Lang. Congratulations to all our winners!

### **Family History Fair**

The Family History Fair took place in Hamilton on 26 August – 28 August 2011. This was a great success and we would like to thank all of our volunteers for their hard work and participation. We also hope that all our members had great time and found the Fair to be both fun and informative at the same time! May next year's Fair be even **BIGGER** and **BETTER**.

Our focus this year was to promote all the products NZSG has to offer as well as provide information about the society to potential new members.

The NZSG Library stand sold 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books with the proceeds going towards purchasing new resources for all of you to enjoy

We also had on board a Research Service team who showed people how to do their own NZ research; I am told that this was very popular with all the attendees.

Some of the highlights from the Fair were:

- Having the opportunity to meet lots of members and new people interested in the field of genealogy as well as those who were curious about what we do.
- Being able to help people who were having login-in issues get into the library catalogue.
- Signing up heaps of new members.

### **More flexibility when visiting the FRC**

Do you have difficulty getting to the FRC for a 10am start? Or perhaps you arrive at 12.15 and want to start your research? **From 1 September 2011**, visiting the FRC will allow you greater flexibility. Opening hours will be 10am - 4pm Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and the fourth Sunday of each month.

You can arrive anytime between 10am and 4pm and stay for a short time, or as much time as you wish between those hours.

The new daily entry fee is \$5. Wednesday evening session from 4pm – 8pm remains at \$3 entry fee, but on the first Friday of the month when it is open later from 4pm - 10pm the fee is \$5. Please note: we remain closed on Tuesdays.

### **November Council Meeting**

The next council meeting is to take place 26-27 November 2011 in Paraparaumu. The outcomes will be recorded in the December edition of KIT.

### **AGM 2011**

Attached please find the statement released by NZSG in relation to the 2011 AGM.

### **NEW: Loyalty Card**

Members visiting the FRC will be pleased with this brand new loyalty card offer which will be launched later this month. The loyalty card will work on the basis of pay for 9 visits and get the 10<sup>th</sup> visit free. Members should get their loyalty card stamped with every visit, to ensure that they do not miss out!

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#### **FAMILY RESEARCH CENTRE LOYALTY CARD**

Pay for 9 entries, get the 10<sup>th</sup> entry for free

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### **Cost of Postal Borrowing HALVED**

Fantastic news – from now on, NZSG will fund the outwards cost of postal borrowing. This means that members can borrow from the library and only need to pay for the return postage – they DO NOT need to reimburse the outward postage with stamps.

This news will be announced over the next couple of days, but please feel free to pass on the word to all and sundry! This is great news for members, especially those who cannot come to the FRC in person.

### **NZSG Badges**

There have been requests from some of our members on where they can buy badges displaying their names and membership numbers. We are pleased to announce that anyone who wishes to get a name badge can now ORDER one ONLINE. Simply visit the website and click on the Shop tab and follow the steps. Badges will be sold for \$15.00 including postage and GST.

These badges are excellent for displaying your name and membership number at branch meetings and events associated with New Zealand Society of Genealogy, for example, the Family History Fair. The badge is white in colour (fastened with a pin) and display the Society's logo, your name and membership number. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me at [office.manager@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:office.manager@genealogy.org.nz)



#### ***NZSG Online Book Sale***

We are planning to have an online book sale early in the New Year for members all over NZ to participate in and to expand their own library – so start noting books you want and keep an eye out for them online. This is a new venture, so watch this space!

#### ***2012 Conference***

The 2012 Conference will take place in Taupo at the Wairakei Resort with a theme of Volcanic Taupo – Steaming Ahead. The dates are 1 June 2012 – 4 June 2012 and we hope to see you all there!

#### ***Getting in Touch with 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](mailto: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.

#### ***Last word...***

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.

Wishing you a sunny spring season!

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## Annual General Meeting - 1 October 2011 - NZSG Statement

The reconvened Annual General Meeting was called for 1 October 2011. The agenda and proxy forms for this meeting were distributed in the July/August issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist* and a speaker arranged for after the meeting to encourage attendance.

At the commencement time of the meeting, there were 86 members present. As this was below the required quorum, the meeting waited for 30 minutes to see if a quorum could be attained. When this did not eventuate, the floor was asked what they would like to do. The following motion was put by a member from the floor.

THAT in the best interest of NZSG at this re-convened 2011 AGM I move that we proceed with the business that is legally required to be completed

This was put to a vote, with 83 for the motion and 3 against.

Following this and with no advice to the contrary, the meeting proceeded. At the meeting there were no other motions put beyond those of a normal meeting (eg adoption of reports) and those advised in the publicised agenda. Each of these motions was voted on and approved by all in attendance at the meeting and a majority of the proxy votes received.

On the first business day following the meeting, Council contacted the Honorary Solicitor for advice regarding the holding of the AGM. His advice was that as there had not been the stipulated quorum as required by the Society's Rules, the AGM should be reconvened. This will be on 21 January 2012, at a time and place to be notified. The agenda and proxy form will be distributed with the November/December issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist*. Details will also be on the website. This date has been chosen to minimise the cost to the Society of the distribution of the proxy forms.

We thank those that took the time to attend the October meeting. We can only encourage you to attend the meeting in January to ensure that a quorum is obtained. If you are unable to attend, please use your proxy form to vote.

Fiona Brooker

President, on behalf of the Council of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc