



## New Zealand Society of Genealogists Bay of Islands Branch June 2017

### Convenor's Corner

Hello Everyone

What a fantastic day we had for the DNA talk from Michelle Patient. The committee worked hard to make sure that the public knew about it as well as our members and on the day we had a great crowd. The plates for lunch and the help that was offered freely by members was very much appreciated and added to the enjoyment of the day for all of us. We joined up some new members and welcomed back some previous ones which is very heartening for our group going forward.

After the work involved in that meeting we are getting back to a more leisurely meeting next time when we will have an open forum and hear from anyone who has researched a house. With the winter weather upon us the time is right to get back to our research efforts.

See you on the 24<sup>th</sup>,  
Lynne Ford  
Convenor

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### My Word

I would just like to reiterate Lynne's words regarding the fantastic turnout for our special guest Michelle Patient. We had 50 people attend, about half members and the other half visitors. With this great turnout we have been able to replenish our coffers which is always a plus. Unfortunately three of those who paid subs at the meeting their names did not come through on the carbon copy, so we would greatly appreciate if you could let one of the committee know who you are.

I would like to give a vote of thanks to all the committee (especially Robin) for their hard work in organising this event and a huge thank you to all the helpers we had on the day and for the wonderful food. We had great comments on our lunch! Isn't Michelle a wonderful speaker! I hope all who attended are now able to understand a little better the very complex issue of DNA! I think we can clearly say that this event was a huge success!

Here is the URL for Michelle's notes: <http://bit.ly/DNA files>

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### June 24 Meeting

As Lynne has stated, a more relaxed meeting, however, remember how we suggested a topic for members to research and give a presentation or talk on? The topic "A House we or Family have lived in". Anyone have one ready for next Saturday? There may be some members who would like to follow up and discuss something from Michelle's talk.

## Extraordinary General Meeting

Just prior to our meeting we have to have an Extraordinary General meeting to adopt the new NZSG rule changes. This is a requirement of the Charities Commission.

For those of you who are interested in hearing Michelle again, we have the following invitation. Some of us are going on the Sunday for the Research presentation, so please let Robin or Lynne know asap if you are interested in going. We have to advise the Far North Branch.

**DNA and Family History**

**Saturday & Sunday, 1 & 2 July 2017**

Are you wondering if DNA testing could help you in your genealogy research?  
Have you recently received your results and aren't sure what to do next?  
Then this seminar is for you.

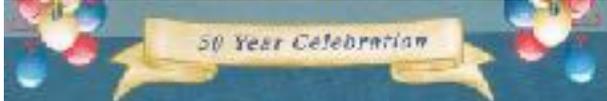


International speaker Michelle Paterson will explain the new research tool and show how the evidence provided can be an essential addition to every genealogist's toolbox.

Saturday 1 July		Sunday 2 July	
10am - 11am	What is DNA?	10am - 11am	Successful research strategies
11am - 11.30am	Break/Tea	11am - 11.30am	Morning tea
11.30am - 12.30pm	What do your DNA results look like?	11.30am - 12.30pm	How to use the "Big Girl's" success indicators (FamilySearch and The National Archive)
12.30pm - 1.30pm	Lunch/Tea	12.30pm - 1pm	Lunch/Tea
1.30pm - 2.00pm	First steps in DNA analysis	1pm - 3pm	"Going Live" - Research in practice (Bring your own device!)
2.00pm - 3pm	Afternoon tea	3pm - 3.30pm	Afternoon tea and wind up
3pm - 4pm	Display Booths & Sign		

**Booking is essential!**  
Book by email to [Genealogy@genesociety.org.nz](mailto:Genealogy@genesociety.org.nz) or phone Leah! 09 4067 157  
Venue: REAP Rooms, 33 Parnley Ave., Kaitiaki ☐ Entry: gold coin  
Morning and afternoon tea included ☐ BYO Lunch!

If any of you wish to contact the Far North Branch direct the email address is: [farnorth@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:farnorth@genealogy.org.nz)



*50 Year Celebration*

**Nationwide Luncheon**  
**Tuesday 15 August 2017**  
The day the Society celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

Branches around the country are invited to arrange a luncheon in their area from 12 noon.

The plan is to live-stream speeches from Auckland so we can all enjoy the celebration together.

As a Branch the Committee thought we would like to participate in this 50<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration of the NZSG. We thought perhaps a share lunch (as we are so good at that!) and depending on numbers we would find a suitable venue where we can live stream the event. We will be asking on Saturday who would like to participate in this. Numbers could decide how large (or small) a venue we would need.

## Upcoming Meetings

- 24 June "A House we or family have lived in" also open forum
- 29 July Scrapbooking for Genealogy with Rowena (to be confirmed)
- 26 August Leonie Bedggood – Aunt Mildred - and maybe Gaye Fletcher



A people without the knowledge of their past history,  
origin and culture is like a tree without roots.  
Marcus Mosiah Garvey, Jr.

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