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New Zealand Society of Genealogists – Hawera Branch



Hello Everyone

Bit late getting this out and we are coming into July. Hope you are all keeping warm with the cooler whether starting to hit. At the June committee meeting we surprised Jill Williams with a NZSG Award for being a Branch Convenor for over 12 years. On the 19th June, a couple of us went to the Volunteers morning tea, and Jill was able to do some networking for our South Taranaki Heritage and Family History Week next year. This will be held from 28th March to 6th April, with the Expo day being held first on the 28th. We are starting organize this and already have positive replies from expression of interest letters we have sent out. If you have any ideas for the week please let us know.

May AGM

On the 7th May the Hawera Branch held its Annual General Meeting. The Committee was mostly re-elected apart from Sue Clegg who stood down for family reasons.

The Committee is: Jill Williams –Convenor, Julie Ryde –Secretary, Donna Baker-Treasurer, Heather Moore, Engeline Carradus, Jim Baker, John O’Connell and Kathy Sandford. There is still are space for another committee member if anyone is keen.

Book Fair News

Books have been regularly arriving at our rooms and I am sure we have more than last year. Sorting has been a bit behind this year as we are only having a small number of regular helpers. One or two have been coming in on our Wednesday afternoon open days. If you have a spare hour or two every second Tuesday from 7 pm or the Wednesday afternoons from 1 till 3, please drop in and give us a hand.

Indexing of books for family research is ongoing. Recently completed are; Waimate Football Club, Egmont A& P Association, Hurleyville School 65th Jubilee, and death notices from RSA Books.

IMPORTANT DATES:

July Meeting: 2nd July at 7pm in our rooms, with speaker Mike Coils who has Mike’s Museum in Eltham. He will bring along some interesting objects to show and tell us about.

Committee Meeting: 16 July 2019

Patea Historical AGM: Talk on Fencibles.

August is Family History Month: Auckland Library Family History Fair

Book Fair Sorting: 9th & 23 July



You spend an eternity looking for your grandmother's maiden name, and when you find it, your mother tells you she already knew that but you had never asked her.

From book 'The Sunny Side of Genealogy' compiled by Fonda D. Basselt

Jillian Williams Receives New Zealand Society of Genealogists Branch Service Award

Jill Williams has been a dedicated member of Hawera Genealogy for over 25 years and has been Convenor since 2006. Prior to this she was treasurer for a number of years. Jill is also currently a New Zealand Society of Genealogists Board member.

In 2008 when we needed to move our resources from our small storage room at the Methodist Church, Jill offered a room in a building owned by herself and her husband; a much bigger space. Shelves were built to accommodate our books and other materials. File cabinets were acquired to store the school paper records which had previously been stored in boxes at the Methodist Church rooms. Our new rooms enabled us to open to the public for research on Wednesday afternoons from 1 pm - 3pm.

When the Mt View Lions decided to give up running a book fair, Jill put forward to the then Committee in 2013, that we take it over as it would be an excellent fundraiser for us.

Since retiring from her Framing Gallery business Jill has joined the South Taranaki RSA and become its Secretary. This liaison has enabled us to play an active part with research for some RSA events such as the Pop-Up-Shop commemorating World War I, the Memorial Garden for Hawera Victoria Cross holders John Grant and Harry Laurent, and the cleaning and research of RSA headstones.

Jill spends many hours indexing, researching and organising for our Branch. She has attended NZSG AGMs, conferences and the Auckland Family History Fair. At these events, and others, she has manned stalls for research of our South Taranaki resources. Recently, Jill has been invited to speak at meetings of local clubs and organisations.

She has done a lot of work organising our inaugural Heritage and Family History Week, which turned out to be a great event and she is already planning it again for next year.

Jill is dedicated to promoting Hawera Genealogy and growing its resources. She commits an enormous amount of time and energy into this and is renowned for coming up with new ideas.

We are very pleased to reward Jill for her long service to Hawera Genealogy in her 40th year, with this award.



Jill receiving award from branch secretary Julie Ryde

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Rooms open: Wednesdays 1-3 pm each week till before Christmas.

Books can be dropped at our rooms on these days or can be collected by contacting, Jill on 06 278 4292 or Donna on 06 278 4344.

