



**Next Branch Meeting at St Chads Church,  
117 Centreway Road on  
Tuesday 21 May 2019  
2 – 4 pm**

### **Speakers for May**

Following our AGM we will be discovering how to “Dig up your Family Tree using Local Library Tools and Resources” presented by Arlee Turner the Manager of the Whangaparaoa Library. Arlee will be assisted by Melissa Kraaycamp a Local Historian Librarian. Our local library is a source of untold and unknown treasures, Arlee and Melissa will surprise you with what is hiding at the Whangaparaoa Library!!

### **Speaker for April**

“Let’s Start at the Very Beginning” was the theme of this month’s talk by Seonaid Lewis. In case you are wondering, Seonaid is a Scottish name and is pronounced “Shona”. Seonaid is a Family History Librarian at the Auckland City Library. She covered two of the most useful genealogy resources – Ancestry and Find My Past.

Ancestry, Find My Past, My Heritage and The Genealogist are available for free at the Library. For Ancestry, there is complete access, including DNA, but not contact messaging on family trees. On opening Ancestry, you can click Search and select from various options, e.g. Census and Voter Lists. Ancestry is American, so unless you want to find all your relatives in Massachusetts, it can be a bit frustrating. Seonaid recommends that you go down and open Card Catalogue. This is all the data files available on Ancestry, so you can narrow down what you are looking for. First select Country, then subject, then filters such as date range, e.g. New Zealand/Death Index/1848 – 1966. Check for updates, since these data bases are in continuous revision.

Ancestry has 16,000,00 DNA results and rapidly increasing. The two areas of interest are Ethnicity Estimate and Close Family. If the Ethnicity is way out, consider a possible adoption. Close Family can lead to a long-lost cousin.

Find My Past covers some areas that Ancestry doesn’t and in some ways is easier to use. Ancestry will search all the census records for a name, whereas Find My Past does it one at a time. Since the Census used different headings at different times, more information is available on FMP.

To find which site holds the records that you are interested in, have a look at Online Genealogical Index.org. Enter the country, county, town and approximate year, and OGI will check its database of 388,235 online data sets and list those that hold data for the given town and year.

It is worth remembering that if your ancestor disappears, they could have gone overseas, say America, so it is worth searching other countries census for the same period. Also, you can do an address search to find out who lived there on the night of the census.

Seonaid also touched on the 1939 Register, and mentioned the Heritage Talks featured at the City Library. All in all, a good primer for new researchers, and plenty of tips those who have been on family history road for some time. All delivered with a wonderful sense of humour, considering the internet continuously went down, probably due to the hordes of kids loose on school holidays!

*Review supplied by David Knell*

# AGM

Annual General Meeting

Our Annual General Meeting will be on the 21st of May 2019. Please note the earlier starting time for our meeting. **Meeting Starts at 1.30pm** Our AGM will be followed by our normal Branch Meeting

## Updates from the Branch

### Legacy Meeting Changes

The Legacy User Group will now be held on the 2nd Thursday of the month in the Pohutukawa Room. Alan Jenner and Megan Thompson will be doing library duty on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month in the genealogy area of the library.

### Library Duty at Whangaparaoa Library

#### LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED IN THE GENEALOGY SECTION AT WHANGAPARAOA LIBRARY

We are keen to have more volunteers to be available in the genealogy section for 2 hours each day the genealogy section is active. The role of the volunteers is to welcome visitors to the section and to help them with their family history enquiries. Volunteers do not have to be experts, but the ability to guide people to the various resources that we have, is the key element for success. It is not the role of the volunteers to do the research, but to act as catalysts to stimulate family history research by the person you are assisting. Members of the public with enquiries related to genealogy often come into this section to use the on-line resources available in the Genealogy section, as well as microfiche, books and journals. While you are doing your two-hour duty (10 am-12 noon) on your chosen day you have access to all the resources for your own genealogical research. You can use either of the two computers available or access the same online resources with a laptop, as well as perusing the many books and journals. We are endeavouring to have two volunteers on duty each day the section is open, but there are some gaps to be filled.

Times currently available each month are:

**\*\* 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday \*\* 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday \*\* 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday \*\* 5<sup>th</sup> Monday \*\* 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday \*\***

Keen to help your branch and community? Sound interesting? If you can help us out it would be fantastic.

Contact Bob Howard [bc.howard@xtra.co.nz](mailto:bc.howard@xtra.co.nz)  
(094267437)

Bob Howard is unable to be contacted between 14 -27 May.

### Welcome to the Branch

A warm welcome to the branch those new members who have joined in the last month. We look forward to meeting you in the coming months and getting to know you better.

Dave & Angela Cooper, Kerry & Yvonne McCready, Christine Inglis, and Irene Williamson.

### Websites to Investigate

<http://www.aucklandanglican.org.nz/archives>

The Anglican Diocese of Auckland Archives is a gateway to some of New Zealand's oldest colonial treasures some of which predate the Treaty of Waitangi.

The Archive/Te Whare Kahurangi is a collaborative venture resulting from a partnership of the Anglican Diocese of Auckland and Te Pihopatanga o te Tai Tokerau. The Archive preserves and manages Anglican documents, collateral and



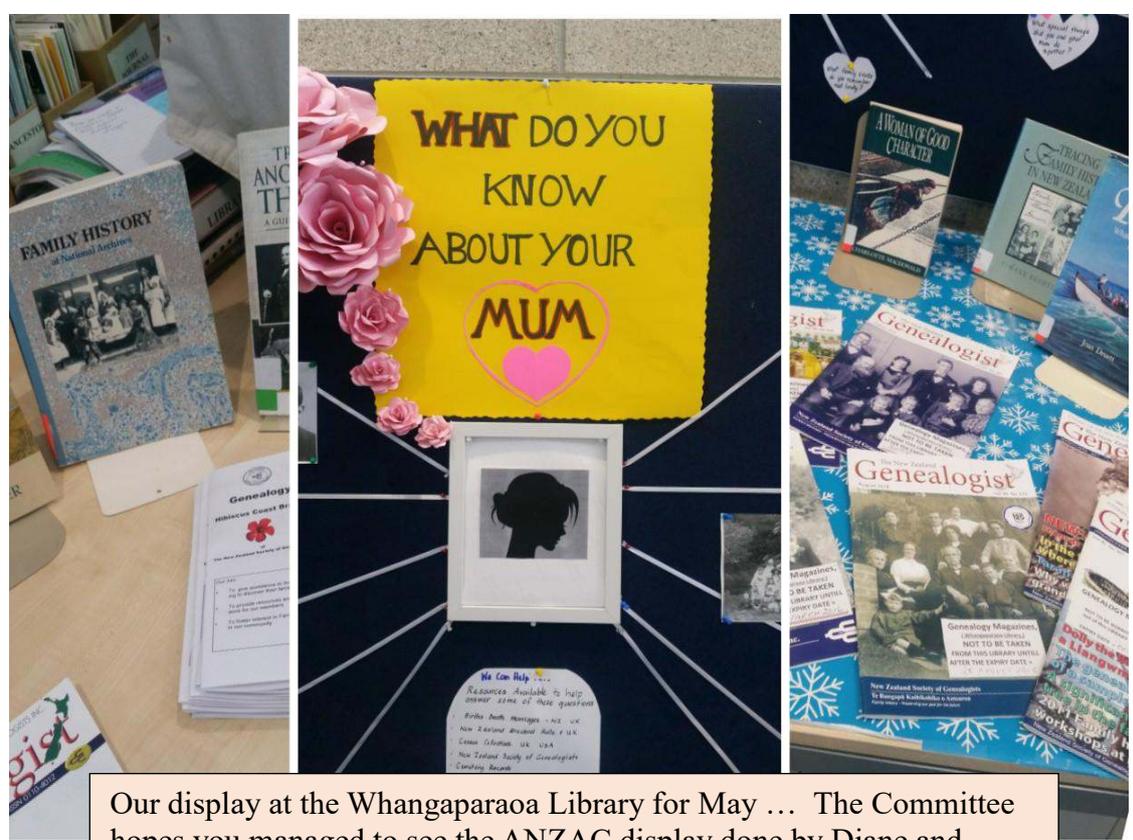
multimedia covering the period 1815 to present day. A research facility is available by appointment to the general public. Expect to find archival treasures such as original baptism registers brought to NZ by the first missionaries, a ledger from 1835 penned by Bishop George Augustus Selwyn, marriage/burial registers; bishops and clergy files; even records from early orphanages, schools and institutions such as the Auckland City Mission. Archive charges and opening hours are on the website.

<https://discovery-nationalarchives-gov-uk.aucklandlibraries.idm.oclc.org/>

Auckland Libraries' newest database holds more than 32 million descriptions of official public records held by the UK National Archives and more than 2,500 archives across the United Kingdom. Over 9 million records are available for download. Auckland Libraries patrons can download and view digitised records for free – both in a library and remotely

**Collections include**

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| Army and militia                  | Merchant Navy  |
| Births, marriages and deaths      | Migration  |
| Census and other national surveys | Military courts and conscription                                       |
| Civilian occupations              | Prisoners of war   |
| Courts, criminals and prisoners   | Royal Air Force and other air services                                 |
| Domestic politics                 | Royal Navy and Royal Marines   |
| First World War                   | Second World War   |
| Maps                              | Wills ( <i>including a great collection of Famous People's wills</i> ) |
| Medals and awards                 |  |



Our display at the Whangaparaoa Library for May ... The Committee hopes you managed to see the ANZAC display done by Diane and Carol in April. Thank you, ladies, for a wonderful display.

**Last Word from the Editor ...** I had the opportunity recently to attend and assist a FamilySearch Family History Fair held at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saint on Sunset Road. They had a variety of booths that allowed visitors to participate in different aspects of how FamilySearch can help in your family history research and compelation. I'm excited to see Maria Good and Diane Hooper will be our speakers in June as they are both very experienced in this area and were on their laptops helping visitors to overcome brickwalls and sharing their research skills on the day. For me the highlight was showing someone how much fun indexing was, and how important the assistance of even one person was in helping to get records digitized.



**Maggie C**

**Library Duty Roster:  
Hours 10 – Noon (Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday)**

<b>MAY 2019</b>						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
29	30	1			3	4
		Duty: Shirley Hunt Eileen Revell Alison Cairns	Duty: Alan Jenner MeganThompson		Duty: Wendy Inskeep Ros Cunningham	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Duty: Greg Murphy Norman Ashton		Duty: Alison Wesley Bob Howard	Duty: Peter Hill Brenda & Mick Munford		Duty: Maggie Chan Joy Todd	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Duty: Ann Viscoe		Duty: Wendy Fitzpatrick Wendy Jenner	Duty: Kate Ellis Dick Mogridge		Duty: Wendy Inskeep Jan Rawley	Veronia Storey - DNA 1-3pm
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Duty: Lyn & John Curtis	AGM St Chads, Orewa. 1.30 - 4pm Speakers: Arlee Turner & Melissa Kraaycamp	Duty: Sandi Halling	Duty: Paula Denison Shirley Wills		Duty: Wendy Fitzpatrick	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Duty: David Knell Brenda & Mick Munford		Duty: Sandi Halling Levina Cuthbert	Duty: Paula Denison Mary De Boer			

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## Our Branch Page at NZSG

<https://www.genealogy.org.nz/HibiscusCoast69.aspx>

## Our website

<https://sites.google.com/view/hbcgenealogy/home>

**Email: [HibiscusCoast@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:HibiscusCoast@genealogy.org.nz)**

### Branch Information & Responsibilities

**Meetings:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month - Feb to Nov  
2.00 pm at St Chad's Church, Orewa

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***Single subscription \$25    Joint subscription \$35***

Preferred Payment option

Bank transfer to ASB 12-3046-0188698-00

Reference: Your Name(s)

***Any non-member*** reading this who would like to join our Branch can do so by filing out a form on our website. Single membership \$25, Joint membership \$35  
**<https://sites.google.com/view/hbcgenealogy/about-us/online-membership-form>**

Or

*Collect a form in the Genealogy area of the library and hand it to a volunteer on duty.*