



Hibiscus Coast Newsletter. January 2020



Conveners Message ...

2020 has certainly got here very quickly bringing good news and not so good - our thoughts are with those people.

First of all, Alan and John have set up our new computers at the library with instructions about any changes. So thanks very much to our "Techo Boys".

The next is sad news for those of us who have been using a Rootsweb mailing list for years as their lists are to be discontinued from March, so the end of an era for so many genealogists. The lists have been a useful tool with people sharing and helping each other. I know I have been a user and a lurker just keeping an eye out for ideas I could use to help my research. Emails prior to closing down the mailing lists will be archived and searchable on Rootsweb.

There are so many other sites that people can use but of course this means you may never link up with someone who may be able to help you as they could be on a different site. Some use

Facebook, Goggle groups, Ancestry and many others but one that many are now trying as it is similar to Rootsweb is: [groups.io](https://www.groups.io)

An example is newzealand@groups.io It is possible to subscribe now but it won't be used until March when Rootsweb closes. If you decide it is not for you email

newzealand+unsubscribe@groups.io

However, I am sure there will be plenty of ideas and suggestions to help us all but it is certainly worthwhile to belong to a mailing list for the area you are researching as they are such good way of helping each other.

Sandra Metcalf has evidently written a very good article on how she used DNA + traditional research to uncover her Cornish ancestors so I look forward to reading it in the Oct 2019 WDYTYA.

I look forward to seeing you all at our February meeting as a start to another great year.

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Next Branch Meeting

St Chads Church

113 Centreway Rd

Tuesday 2- 4 pm

18 February 2020



Monthly Speaker:

The guest speaker at February Branch Meeting will be Peter Krafft of Auckland. Peter is an enthusiastic genealogist who has given presentations at the NZSG in Panmure where he has worked as a team leader. Peter originally trained as a Brewer and is a retired Quality Assurance Manager for an international brewing company. His skills as a problem solver led to him presenting how he tracked down his elusive ancestor.



January Calendar

Date	Day	Activity
1	Wed	Library Area closed due to Christmas and New Year Break
2	Thu	
3	Fri	
4	Sat	
5	Sun	
6	Mon	
7	Tue	
8	Wed	
9	Thu	
10	Fri	
11	Sat	
12	Sun	
13	Mon	Duty: Ann Viscoe
14	Tue	FamilySearch Group - Genealogy Area (Maggie Chan & Marcus & Tuire Manuel)
15	Wed	Duty: Wendy Inskeep
16	Thu	Duty: Kate Ellis/Dick Mogridge
17	Fri	
18	Sat	Duty: Wendy Fitzpatrick / Wendy Jenner / Jan Rawley
19	Sun	
20	Mon	Duty: Lyn Curtis/John Curtis
21	Tue	
22	Wed	Duty: Sandi Halling/Garry Phillips
23	Thu	Duty: Paula Denison/Shirley Wills
24	Fri	
25	Sat	Duty: Margaret Pool
26	Sun	
27	Mon	Auckland Anniversary Weekend (closed)
28	Tue	
29	Wed	Duty:
30	Thu	Duty: Mary DeBoer/Marcus & Tuire Manuel
31	Fri	

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS:

We are always on the look out for new volunteers to join the library team. You don't need to be experienced, as you will be provided with a supportive duty partner. Most visitors who drop in are just keen to find out how to get started with their family history. If you would like to spend 2 hours a month with a group of friendly volunteers talk to Bob Howard at our next Branch Meeting or email him on bc.howard@xtra.co.nz

Our new computers have been installed and are ready for use

The **SHUTDOWN** button is in the top left hand corner. Double tap and follow the instructions.



Both our PCs have **touch screens**. This means you can gently manipulate the screen with your fingers to make images larger or to move them around. The mouse and keyboard are still there for normal use. Our PC screens can also be pulled into an almost flat position for viewing (great if the sun is on the screen)

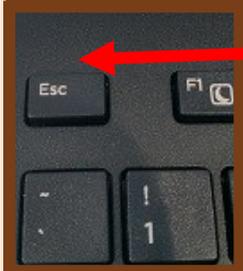
A few helpful hints

All our usual icons are still on the start up screen but you may notice there are more features as we are now using Windows 10 to run the computers.

*Right Side has our shortcuts

*Centre has our most used programs

*Our computers have a screen acknowledgement for the funding.



Should the **screen go to SLEEP** on you, just touch the Esc key on the keyboard and it will wake up.

The **ON/OFF** button is in the lower right hand corner, directly below the word **BANG** in Bang & Olufsen



Need a quick read during the month of January? Don't forget we have many magazines available in our library area or you can view some of them online through the Auckland City Library.

Kick start the New Year by being creative ...

Where I lived when I was growing up? Use google to discover the street you lived on, take screen shots of what the area looks like now, dig up old photographs of houses you lived in, maybe even a picture of the schools you attended. Compile a time line with these images and write a short paragraph about a strong memory. You can achieve this little goal on your computer or even scrap-book it ... either way, it's a small goal that is able to be done in month. Save it ... then share it.

Choose a memory? Find 4 photographs or images of 4 of your relatives. Write 4 sentences about what you were doing in the photo. Where were you? What was the weather like? What were you doing at the time the photo was taken? Why this photo means something special to you. Be creative. Save it ... then share it

Last Word from the Editor ...



So 2020 is here! I'm sure you can remember the excitement when we started writing the year 2000 and all it meant to us as we left 1999 behind. How did 20 years come and go since then? Seriously, look at what has happened in our world in the last 20 years.

Many of us were beginning to become acquainted with computers and the internet in our research (today I can't imagine not checking updates to my genealogy websites on my phone while I wait for the toast to pop) Little green leaves wave to us to let us know we have made a connection, and emails land quietly in our inbox while our snail mail is a cause of much frustration. We can quickly view images online that belong in books in archives across the world. Documents float invisibly from country to country perfectly reproduced. WE ARE SO LUCKY!!

If you are someone beginning their Genealogy journey this year, please make sure you attend our 'Beginners' course at the Whangaparaoa Library so you know how to access all the wonderful opportunities available to researchers today. Come to our Branch Meetings and listen to our guest speakers who share their experiences, talents and knowledge with us. We have Family History Month in August - with many international speakers arriving to attend the Family History Weekend! and there's the NZSG Annual Conference with more speakers who share so freely (all conference talks are available in our library area). Closer to home we have our wonderful area at the local Whangaparaoa Library, with our brand new computers and vast collection of books, magazines, microfiche and software programs 2020 is a great time to be researching. Happy New Year to you all.

Our Branch Page at NZSG

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

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

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