



Convenors Message ...



2020 the year we will all remember for many different reasons has gone and 2021 has certainly got here quickly. Let's

hope we can avoid any big outbreaks and that we can all get on with our genealogy.

I have made a small start as we had to go to the airport the other day to put our grandchildren on the plane. However, I just happened to have the notebook I always carry in my purse with me with 'My to do' lists. So, I had the reference numbers ready for the documents I wanted to see at the Archives just in case I got the opportunity. Luckily, I persuaded my husband to make a quick stop and quickly ordered three records. They were not overly busy with only four others there researching so I got my requests very quickly. From one I was able to discover more about my father's purchase of land and the statements he had to make about how he was going to use it. Another one was all about a disused school that I remembered playing in as a child. This school was only open for a few years before it was closed and they then stored hay in it along with the mice. It must then have been given a bit of a sweep out and it became my parent's home for a while until they could build their own home. The names I saw on the roll were the same names as I knew as local farmers when I was a child.

Kathy has once again donated notebooks and pencils for our use so these will soon be available to us. Thanks Kathy, for your generous donation. Remember pencils only can be used at the Archives and since Covid they do not have any available for those who forget theirs.

A good motivation to help get back into researching again is to take out a magazine from our library. The one I looked at was a Who Do You Think You Are magazine from the end of 2020 and it had some interesting articles including an excellent one on DNA, another on researching French records and an interesting one on deciding when a photo was taken by looking at the clothing people were wearing.

For those who have been waiting for that magazine to publish information on an occupation you are interested in you may find it in a 2020 one as some occupations covered there are -Dockers, jeweller, missionary, a person who rented out property, private eye, chimney sweep, electrician, and lacemaker.

If it is an area of the UK you want to get you started on again WDYTIA 2020 has features on Kent, Staffordshire, Cambridgeshire, Shropshire, Strathclyde, Lancashire, Bedfordshire, East Sussex and a couple of others I have missed.

Don't forget if you are taking out books or magazines from our shelves to take them to the desk to get them issued and to ask the Librarian to extend the loan period or you will be facing an overdue charge the next day!

We are sorry to see Levina moving away but we wish her all the best and look forward to hearing from her and perhaps if she is up this way she will be able to pop in and see us. Maybe Maggie will receive an update from her for our newsletter( hint hint).

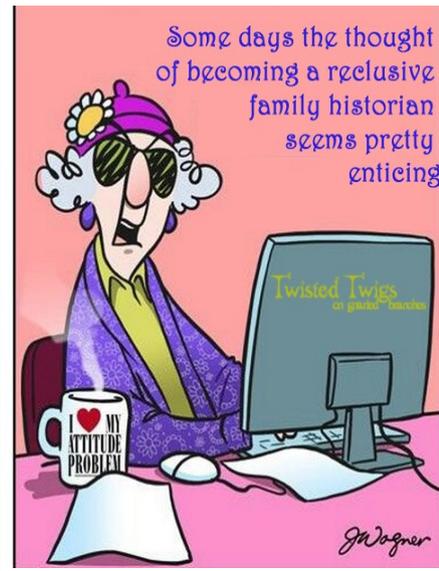
I look forward to seeing you all at St Chads on February 16 for our first meeting this year.

Wendy Inskeep (4698)



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# Next Branch Meeting 16th February 2021 2 - 4pm St Chads Church 119 Centreway Road, Orewa

## **Speaker for February is Danielle Carter from the NZ Maritime Museum**

### **Subject: Getting to grips with Shipping Records**

Danielle Carter has a strong history with Auckland Libraries having worked in libraries within the Auckland region, being involved with the Youth Service Dept and being a Web Technologies Librarian before working with the Auckland Maritime Museum.



The Bill Laxon Maritime Library at the NZ Maritime Museum focuses on our seafaring heritage, offering resources from books and serials to vessel plans and registers. These unique resources include Auckland Harbour Board and Northern Steam Ship Company archives, shipboard diaries and photographic collections.

Danielle will help us get to grips with what we can glean from the records she works with.

## **Speaker for Next Month: Diane Wilson**

### **Subject: Her new Website**

Diane has collected information and worked on a new website that will be launched in March. We will hear from her what the site provides and how best to use the resources.

## **From the Committee Meeting ...**

- \* Our Devonshire Tea visit to the Silverdale Pioneer Village will be held in March due to scheduling conflicts in February. We will update as soon as a date has been confirmed.
- \* Garry has been working with Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) to have their records show what we do and that we have volunteers available to help referrals. In line with what he was working on, Garry also organised information posters for placement around our community. They are laminated so we want to put them where they will be best received. They are A4 size, but some A5's will be produced too.
- \* Preparedness for any future pandemic disturbances to our regular meetings was addressed and the Committee will look at holding zoom meetings to stay connected to our Branch. A small practice meeting will be held to ensure we are ready for any eventuality.
- \* A number of the committee will be participating in the online Family History even called ROOTS TECH they will share their insights after the event.
- \* Red Beach Village genealogy group is taking a hiatus.
- \* Next committee meeting to be held on Feb 18, 2021



## News & Notices ...

Full Articles are available by clicking on the highlighted word, which is a hyperlink

**Christine Liava'a Pacific Island Newsletter** from December had three helpful sites for those researching WW1 personal from the pacific islands. Thanks Kathy Hill

[Fiji in World War 1](http://www.freewebs.com/fiji/) <http://www.freewebs.com/fiji/>

[Samoan Soldiers in WW1](http://samoaww1.webs.com/) <http://samoaww1.webs.com/>

[Tonga in World War 1](http://tongainworldwar1.webs.com/) <http://tongainworldwar1.webs.com/>

**Barbara Bolt** commented in a recent email to the newsletter team ...

It is good to see that the NZSG Branch is active again. My best wishes for a successful year - happy hunting! It might inspire your members to know that even after fifty years of research into my family my traditional story has been confirmed from the correspondence of the [Tasmanian Colonial Secretary](#) by a letter written in the 1830s. You might mention to your members that if they have any connection with Tasmania it is worth following up - the records are superb

**Christchurch Family History Expo 2021** Ōtautahi Huinga Tātai Kōrero Friday 20th August - Sunday 22nd August Tūranga Central Library, 60 Cathedral Square, Christchurch. Following their Virtual Expo in 2020, they are now offering a two day Family History Expo in 2021 (conditions permitting). They are marketing the event beyond the genealogy community to the general public, who have a range of knowledge of the subject – from none to experienced – and they aim for a broad programme that will interest those with a passion for all things history.

**FindMyPast** released a number of new resources last Friday including ... England & Wales, Crime, Prison & Punishment, 1770-1935 (over 92,000 new additions). Derbyshire Life Events (Births 34,000 new) (Marriages 17,500 new) (Deaths/Burials 24,000 new). Newspapers (6 new and 15 updated).

### Whangaparaoa Library Duty Roster February 2021:

| Week | Day | Date | Name                          | Week | Day | Date | Name                             |
|------|-----|------|-------------------------------|------|-----|------|----------------------------------|
| 1    | Mon | 1    | Closed Anniversary Weekend    | 2    | Mon | 8    | Closed Statutory Holiday         |
| 1    | Wed | 3    | Eileen Revell/Alison Cairns   | 2    | Wed | 10   | Alison Wesley/Sandi Halling      |
| 1    | Thu | 4    | Alan Jenner/Megan Thompson    | 2    | Thu | 11   | Peter Hill/Brenda & Mick Munford |
| 1    | Sat | 6    | Wendy Inskeep/Ros Cunningham  | 2    | Sat | 13   | Maggie Chan/Joy Todd             |
| Week | Day | Date | Name                          | Week | Day | Date | Name                             |
| 3    | Mon | 15   | Lyn Curtis/John Curtis        | 4    | Mon | 22   | David Knell                      |
| 3    | Wed | 17   | Wendy Inskeep/Gayle Robinson  | 4    | Wed | 24   | Sandi Halling/Garry Phillips     |
| 3    | Thu | 18   | Leonie Flemming/Dick Mogridge | 4    | Thu | 25   | Gayle Robinson/Shirley Wills     |
| 3    | Sat | 20   | Wendy F/Wendy J/Jan R         | 4    | Sat | 27   | Margaret Pool                    |

Thursday 11 Feb - **Legacy Meeting** in the Pohutukawa Room 10 am.

## Annual Subscriptions

Individual Subscription

Joint Subscription

Fees

\$25

\$35

### Preferred Payment option

Bank transfer to ASB 12-3046-0188698-00  
Reference: *Your Name(s)*

Subscriptions provide you with free use of the Genealogy and Family History resources in our area at the Whangaparaoa Library, 12 newsletters a year, Monthly speakers and afternoon tea at our Branch Meetings. Local and International speakers on relevant genealogy topics, and beginners classes. There is something for everyone no matter your skill level.

For the first time ever, the world's largest family celebration event will be entirely virtual and completely free. Get ready to celebrate shared connections with people from around the world. Connect with friends, your family, your past, and your heritage and homelands—all from the comfort of your home and in your browser.

Registration is essential, but you can choose which speakers you want to follow ([click here to Register](#)).



## Last Word from the Editor ...

It's that time of year again ... time to Back Up ... I'm no expert at this feat, but it's an important one to master. Saving your information from online sources means if you do not renew a subscription to a website, you could lose access to all your carefully saved sources, so doing a back up is vitally important.

Simply put, you need to create a GEDCOM from the website. A GEDCOM is a text file of your tree. So let's have a look at Ancestry.com. These easy steps will help you.

**Step 1** – Visit Ancestry and Look for the "Trees" Menu Item.

**Step 2** – Click on "Trees" and Select "Create and Manage Trees".

**Step 3** – Look for the Tree You Would Like to Download from the Available List and Click on "Manage Tree".

**Step 4** – Scroll Down Until You See "Manage Your Tree" on the Right Sidebar and Click on the "Export Tree" Button Provided .

**Step 5** – A Green "Download Your GEDCOM" Button Will Appear, Click on it to Download the File to Your Computer .

**Step 6** – If the File Does Not Download Click on the Blue "Download Tips" Link for Help.

Happy Backing Up.

Regards - The Editor

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