



Matamata Branch

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The *Firth Tower* was built in 1882 by Josiah Clifton Firth on his estate and was used as the Estate Office and as sleeping quarters for single men. It stands on rising ground commanding an extensive view of the surrounding countryside. Other historical buildings are in the reserve and the historical centre there houses the archives of the Matamata district.

April 2019

Meetings held 7.30pm on the third Thursday of the month, Feb - Nov
All Saints Anglican Parish Lounge, Hohaia Street, Matamata

Please note there is no Meeting on 18th April due to the field trip to Hamilton City Library.

Research Afternoons are held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month at the Anglican Parish Lounge from 1.30 – 3.30pm. This is an excellent time to come and use our resources as well as get the one on one help and assistance that is often not available at the branch meetings because of time constraints etc. There is no charge for financial members but visitors pay \$2.

Subscriptions are now due. Please see the relevant form attached to this newsletter. If you are not intending to renew your sub, please let us know so that your name can be removed from our mailing list.

Prompt payment assists the Treasurer.

April to July 2019 Branch Programme

- April 11** - Field Trip to Hamilton City Library (in lieu of Branch Meeting)
- April 12** - Friday Research 1.30 - 3.30pm
- April 26** - Friday Research 1.30 - 3.30pm
- May 10** - Friday Research 1.30 - 3.30pm
- May 16** - Branch Meeting: AGM Followed by 'Getting It Right' videos from the NZSG website and Research
- May 24** - Friday Research 1.30 - 3.30pm
- June 14** - Friday Research 1.30- 3.30pm
- June 20** - Branch Meeting: Marilyn Locker speaking on using 'FamilySearch'
- June 28** - Friday Research 1.30 - 3.30pm
- July 12** - Friday Research 1.30 - 3.30pm
- July 19** - Branch Meeting - Do it yourself 'Family Search'. Practice your new found skills. Follow up from last month
- July 26** - Friday Research 1.30 -3.30pm
- August 17** - Saturday, 9.30am. Beginners lessons & branch meeting. Members most welcome to join in. Date & time will be confirmed.
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BRANCH COMMITTEE:

We would welcome new members to our Committee. We do have members willing to do another term but new blood is essential if we are to provide what our members want and need. Meetings are 4 times a year and usually on a Friday after Research, however the new committee will determine their own meeting dates and times to suit themselves. *You do not need to be an expert on genealogy, in fact someone yearning for knowledge would be ideal as they*

would be able to give the committee an idea of what members need to know.

Nomination forms are attached to this newsletter.

In House News

- **CD Library** - The Branch has several CD's that are available for '**members only**' to borrow and are available at each meeting or research afternoon. You just record which CD you have borrowed and when you have finished using, then return either at the next meeting or research afternoon.
 - **Library Books** - The branch library has many books on various topics that are available for members to borrow. Please browse our collection when next in the Lounge. There could be one on a subject you are researching.
 - **Ancestry.com** - this is available at the Public Library for members to use during opening hours.
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Convenors Report - Maxine Viggers

We have had a good start to the year with interest from 4 people in joining the Branch.

Our April visit to the Hamilton Research Library went well, even though there was not a high number of members visiting. All of those who went found some new information.

Subs are due from 1 April, details are attached. Procedurally we will ratify the fee at our AGM.

Last month I spoke to the Anglican Women's Group about genealogy as a hobby.

We have done the afternoon tea for Friendship Circle, we need to consider if we wish to continue with this as getting the required number of plates was a challenge this year.

We have committed to the Digitalization of the Matamata Record from 1925 - 1939. It will be actioned by the National Library later in the year. We have

started to make application to Community funders for grants to assist with the cost.

Please consider standing for the Committee, we need new blood and new ideas to meet the challenge of providing what members desire from the Branch.

From the Hamilton Branch NZSG April Newsletter

Diary Dates for April to June

APRIL

Tuesday 30th - Greater London Group, 10am. Contact Ken and Lorna: phone 847 4272

MAY - Thursday 2nd Branch AGM, 7.30pm

Tuesday 14th - Scottish Interest Group, 10am. Ephemera. Contact is Antonia: phone 855 3859

Monday 20th - Branch meeting, 9.30am. Wills/Probates—what can be found?

JUNE - Thursday 6th Branch Meeting, 7.30pm—The Brick Wall—Panel discussion

Sunday 9th - Legacy Group, from 1.30 to 3.30pm. Contact is Brett: phone 027 750 0714

Monday 17th - Branch meeting, 9.30am - Funeral Directors - Notices in Papers and other Items

Wednesday 19th - DNA Group. 1.30pm. Contact is Christine: phones 07 856 5657 / 027 273 5663

NZSG Annual General Meeting

Sunday 30 June at 12 midday

Venue: Royal Oak Bowls Club, 146 Selwyn St, Onehunga, Auckland

Parking: Onsite and good street parking available

Registration: from 11am onwards

Presentation: Sarah Hewitt 'Getting It Right'

BYO lunch / Afternoon tea will be available

NZSG will also be in attendance at the Auckland Expo, 9th to 11th August.
Fickling Centre, Mt Roskill (free entry, except Friday).

Adjusted Hours - LDS Family History Libraries

Fosters Road will be closed for 6 months from January to June 2019 for urgent repairs to the building and the chapel

Higgins Road Library remains closed

Sandwich Road Library is open at the usual hours

Are any members interested in contributing an article for future newsletters?
Any topic with a genealogical theme would be appreciated.

Convenor: Maxine Viggers 888 1656

Secretary: Christine Young 888 8327

Treasurer: Jennifer Couch 888 7042

Committee: Mary Cobham 888 7867
 Margaret Sinclair 880 9484
 Sharryn Currie-Lightbown 022 469 8012

**Reminder any contributions to the newsletter would be gratefully accepted.
Please send to Maxine or Christine at matamatagenealogy@gmail.com**

Next newsletter - August 2019

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ADVICE

Subscription for 2018/2019

Due 1st May 2019 payable no later than 16th May 2019.

Single Membership \$25.00

Joint Membership \$35.00

Name/s: _____

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Please forward completed slip with your cheque payable to - NZ Society Genealogists Matamata

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