

## NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

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**MEETINGS** are held at Marlborough Park Hall, Chartwell Ave. Glenfield.**Day Meetings:** 1pm – 3-30pm: First Monday of the month, February to December**Night Meetings:** 7-30pm– 9.30pm: Third Tuesday of the month February to November**COMMITTEE****Convenor****Secretary**

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**North Shore Branch Resource Room** at  
Marlborough Park Hall is open on  
Wednesday from 1pm – 3pm.

**On Monday meeting days** it will open at 12-30pm:**On Tuesday meeting nights** it will open at 6-45pm**SPEAKERS CALENDAR****Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2012 – Day Meeting**

**PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE Due to Queen's Birthday  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Speaker – Vivienne Parker****Subject – Where there's a Will, What to expect & where to find them.****Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Night meeting****Speaker – Christine Liava'a – Pacific Islands Interest Contact****Subject – Pacific Islands Research**

Christine will speak about researching in the Pacific Islands, including Fiji, Tonga and Samoa. She will advise how to research these areas as it is only in recent times that Genealogical data has been documented.

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 – Day Meeting NOTE CHANGE OF DATE****Speaker – Marie Hickey from the Auckland City Library****Subject – "Vagabond, Bastard, or Just Poor?"**

**Content** – Poor Law records can include information on people from all walks of life. Many researchers concentrate on the Victorian records of the New Poor Law, but there are many interesting documents to be found under the Old Poor Laws. All countries in the UK, and Australia and New Zealand will be discussed to some degree.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012 – Night Meeting****Speaker – Peter Cross – North Shore Branch Member****Subject – "How To .....Where To ....."****Breaking Down Brick Walls – Filling in the Gaps"**

**Content** – Peter will talk about some of the ways he has done his research, where he has found answers and how to make the best of what is out there.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**

**The Council is re-polishing the floors in the first week of July.  
Therefore our July day meeting will now be held on Monday  
25<sup>th</sup> June. The Resource Room will also be closed on  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July.**

**NEW CD IN RESOURCE ROOM**

**NZSG Kiwi Index v1.0** This is a compilation of many indexes produced by our members throughout New Zealand.

*This will be the final word from me. Pam Ogier will be taking over as newsletter editor from July. Please give her all the help you can by sending in contributions. Her e-mail address is [pamogier@ihug.co.nz](mailto:pamogier@ihug.co.nz)*

**FAMILY HISTORY LUNCHTIME SERIES  
AUCKLAND CITY LIBRARY 2012**

**June 13<sup>th</sup> 2012 12-1pm**

**Photographers & Photographists: Investigating Early NZ photographers with Keith Giles.**

Join Auckland Libraries' Heritage Photograph Librarian Keith Giles and take a look at the NZ Photographers' Database and some of the records that can help you track down information on photographer ancestors.

**June 27<sup>th</sup> 2012 12-1pm**

**Grey's New Zealand Māori Manuscripts with Robert Eruera**

Take a brief look with Auckland Libraries' Robert Eruera at the wealth of pre-European cultural and historical information that can be found within Grey's New Zealand Māori Manuscripts. These manuscripts document mātauranga Māori (knowledge in relation to song, incantations, customs, ritual, genealogy and traditions pertaining to various Māori Communities).

**July 11<sup>th</sup> 2012 12-1pm**

**Toitu te whenua, whatungarongaro te tangata with Margaret Ngaropo**

Join Auckland Libraries' Margaret Ngaropo and learn how to research Whakapapa using the Māori Land Court Minute Book indexes. Rich in regional history, ancestral history and whakapapa, the Māori Land Court Minute Book index Database provides access to over 1,100 minute books from 1865 – 1910.

**July 25<sup>th</sup> 2012 12-1pm**

**Grey's Māori Autograph Series: Ngā reta Māori – Māori Letters with Robert Eruera**

Interested in the interaction between Māori and Sir George Grey? You are invited to attend a presentation by Auckland Libraries' Robert Eruera to delve into the Grey's New Zealand Māori Autograph Series, a collection of Māori correspondence of national significance from 1842 – 1897.

**LDS RESEARCH CENTRE**

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**Hours:**

Tuesday 9-30am – 2-30pm; 7pm – 9pm

Wednesday 9-30am – 2-30pm

Thursday 9-30am – 12noon

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday 9-30am – 12noon

Closed Monday, Friday and Sunday

If you wish to attend any of our meetings and are unable to drive, please phone a committee member and we may be able to arrange transport for you.

If anyone has unwanted gifts or anything else suitable for the raffle these would be greatly appreciated and would help the Branch finances.

## **TRUST MARKS 75-YEAR MILESTONE**

The Wilson family began a legacy in 1935 – to care for children with disabilities in the idyllic coastal gardens of their 13 acre property.

Staff at the Wilson Home Trust remain dedicated to that legacy 75 years later and have celebrated the milestone with a three-day jubilee.

A reunion for past and present staff, patients and supporters was held in the historic grounds on the Takapuna cliff top.

Trust director Russell Ness says: “It was a good chance for people to catch up and reminisce, some that haven’t seen each other for many years. “We know many of them may not survive to celebrate the centenary with us so we knew this had to be a big one and we wanted to do something special,” he says.

Mr Russell says the trust has collaborated with the Waitemata District Health Board and the Education Ministry to grow the existing facilities and support services. Children with disabilities and their families have access to rehabilitation, respite services and an outpatient clinic at what is now known as the Wilson Centre.

A former child patient at the Wilson Home, Mick Brown, spoke at the gala dinner recounting two years spent recovering from tuberculosis of the knee at age 10.

Mr Brown, New Zealand’s first principal Youth Court judge, told of boyish hijinks with Kiwi Formula One champion Bruce McLaren who was at the Wilson Home being treated for Perthes disease at the same time. Grandchildren of the Trust’s founders also attended the celebrations.

Founders William Robert Wilson and wife Lucinda were inspired to open the trust after hearing a presentation by Bernard Myers.

Dr Myers promoted the treatment of children with crippling conditions like polio in “garden hospitals”, believing the beautiful setting contributed to faster healing. With a keen interest in child welfare, the Wilsons then donated their family home and endowed more than £20,000 to the trust when it was established in 1937.

The heritage buildings and immaculate gardens are now a popular venue for weddings and Mr Ness says he would like to see the site become more of a community-wide facility. “It’s about breaking down the barriers and encouraging the wider community use.”

He says the trust is undertaking some big projects including the restoration of the historic summer house which he says is due to be completed by the end of May.

“We would also like to see interactive sculpture trails, more green space and an emphasis on making it family and child friendly,” Mr Ness says. “Heritage, ecology and the overall aesthetic are our main focus as we develop the area. A book including historic photographs and stories is being sold in celebration of the jubilee.

By Marke Penman – North Shore Times, May 17, 2012

**28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2012 IS OUR BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Please give your urgent attention to the following vacancies and think about helping the Branch by filling one of these positions. There is a huge amount of stress on the committee members we presently have and we are in danger of losing them if help is not forthcoming.

- Convenor
- Treasurer
- At least two Committee Members.

We also need somebody to arrange the Speakers Calendar; this doesn't need to be a Committee position. Dennise has been doing this job for the Branch for many years but won't be continuing past the end of this year. Therefore we need someone to take over after the AGM to arrange speakers for the first half of 2013. The first half of the 2013 calendar has to be complete by November in time for our final meetings in November and December.

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NORTH SHORE BRANCH  
New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.

NOMINATION FORM

I hereby Nominate .....for the

Position of Committee member/Convenor/Treasurer (delete those not required)

.....  
Proposed: #NZSG Seconded: #NZSG

Consent of member:.....#NZSG

Date:

**Any person being nominated for the committee must be a current financial NZSG member.**