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February to December**Night Meetings:** 7-30pm– 9.30pm: Third Tuesday of the month
February to November**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**Convenor's Report**

I had a great time at the NZSG conference attending some very interesting sessions. Christine Clement gave two very useful sessions on using Family Search and I met a classmate from Epsom Girls Grammar, Charmaine Poutney that I hadn't seen for forty years! She gave an interesting talk on her blood and adoptive families. Owen Ormsby was there too and gave a talk on the joining of two local Pukekohe families, one of European descent and the another Maori descent. The highlight for me was buying a 'goodie bag' and finding a 6 month subscription to the Australian branch of Find My Past in it!

There was a great turn out at the AGM on Saturday, 173 members present, with a good contingent coming down on the bus from the FRC. It was a long meeting with annual reports from each councillor on their portfolio finishing with Councillor Clive Palmer presenting the Draft Strategic Plan report. Council is still calling for any comments or contributions by the end of this month.

At the June Monday day meeting which was held on 27th May we all had the opportunity to talk about one of our families and there were certainly some interesting stories. At the Tuesday evening meeting shipping lists were discussed with 2 people finding they shared a ship but not the same voyage! A list of members' ships is kept in the library and if you have not contributed your ships yet we would love to add them.

Joy Todd has kindly volunteered to do librarian duty on Mondays and to help check the Schnapper Rock transcriptions against the photos. Our new member Margaret Flores has offered to help with our photographing project but she needs a partner. Please contact me if you are able to help. Thank you all our volunteers, you are the grease that makes our branch wheels go round. We will be calling for volunteers for our stand at the Takapuna Library being set up during the week Monday 12 – Sunday 18 August. We will be doing a display and supply information about genealogy and the society for Family History Month.

We have set the date of the branch's 35th Anniversary Lunch as Saturday 21st September. We are arranging catering at present and will be asking for numbers of intending attendees soon to get an idea of how many will be there. We hope to have as many early and life members as possible so please pass on the information to anyone you know who may not come to meetings now.

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Would you be interested in carpooling to go to the Family Research Centre to learn what is available? I think people were surprised by how much they didn't know about when Michelle Patient spoke at the AGM. The 2 hour sessions are in the afternoon on Wednesday and Saturday once a month. The next ones are Wednesday 10 July, Sat 20 July, Wednesday 14 August, Saturday 24 August. We will put up a sheet so you can register your interest.

Thank you to those people who have made raffle donations but we still need some more. The income from the raffle goes to keeping our costs down.

We have had only one request for a fiche reader. Please let us know asap if you want one. We will be keeping some to use at our Open Night on Tuesday 20 August (put this in your diaries) in Family History Month but the rest will be disposed of.

Raewyn

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Monday 1st July 2013 – Day Meeting

Speaker – Jan GOW (subject to be notified)

Tuesday 16th July 2013 – Evening Meeting

Speaker – Eric BOWATER

Subject – “My Journey into writing Family History”

Monday 5th August 2013 – Day Meeting

Speaker – Laurence McLeod

Subject – His Family History and Helensville

Tuesday 20th August 2013 – Evening Meeting

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH
Research using our Branch Resources
Open Evening for all.

BEGINNERS' COURSE

A course is planned to assist those new to genealogy or wishing to up-date their research skills. Please contact:

Jill Williams Ph.4807984 to register your interest & obtain further details.

ABC News 1st June 2013

A Sydney court ruling which allows a person to be registered as gender-neutral could potentially have legal implications around Australia. In the first case of its kind in Australia, the New South Wales Court of Appeal yesterday ruled that a person does not have to be registered as male or female

NEW BOOK AVAILABLE:

“TRACING YOUR IRISH FAMILY ON THE INTERNET” By Chris Paton

This book has been recommended by a well known genealogist. It is available to buy from Amazon in paperback or as the Kindle edition.

NB you do not need to own a Kindle to read Kindle books. You can get a free app for your PC or Tablet and read it there.

BEWARE:-

It is well-known that there are innumerable transcription errors in records on Ancestry Website but what is less well known is that there are great numbers of the BMD indexes entered into the incorrect year. Ancestry has recently corrected some three quarters of a million of these errors but many still remain. – *Information obtained from Lost Cousins Newsletter.*

GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE

Published from 1731 until 1907 this magazine is a mine of miscellaneous information. Particularly valuable are the topographical descriptions of provincial towns and villages sent in by readers. These describe local antiquities and give a contemporary account that is now of historical interest. Complete series are available for viewing and searching “*The Gentleman's Magazine Archives*” (*online books*)

NEW AT THE BRANCH LIBRARY

Newsletters have arrived from the following:-

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG Genealogix – June 2013

Includes stories by members about their ancestors who fell in WW1 and WW2

Dunedin Family History Group – June 2013

Contents

Notes from our May meeting - how to use newspapers to research your family tree.

What does C.E. mean?

Dunedin City Council Archives

Arrowtown - its history, school, cemetery and war memorial

Interesting grave in Andersons Bay Cemetery

Reunions

Did you know section"

Who is L. Christie

Leith Valley Presbyterian Church

Family Medical History

Some aspects of Otago History

Wakari School

Ranfurly - its history, school, cemetery and war memorial

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG – June 2013

30th Anniversary Issue

Wellington Branch NZSG – June 2013

Detailed instructions on how to access New Zealand Probates and Wills free online – p3

Latest Additions to Papers Past – p3

NZSG Members Services – Documents online – p4

A Day in the Life of a Victorian Policeman – p5

FAMILY TREE MAGAZINE

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A New Service, in a New Age – page 10

Understanding marriage laws & lores – page 14

Tackling the paper trail – page 18

The Money Trail – page 26

Defiant behind bars – page 36

The seaside entertainer – page 42

The Victorian Spinster – page 52

Pins and needles – page 62

Working on the water – page 70

Your contributions of items for the newsletter are most welcome.

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USEFUL NEWSPAPER WEBSITES

Although as members of the NZSG we have access to a wide range of British Newspapers by way of the "members only" section of the website you may find some of the following websites offer additional options. Most are free – a few pay to view or by subscription.

www.llgc.org.uk The National Library of Wales has recently released more than a million pages of Historical Welsh Newspapers on the Internet. Most seem to be in English. Once you have discovered an article you will be able to see it as it appeared in the publication and also read the digital text of the article side by side.

www.museum.im Manx National Heritage's Isle of Man Newspapers.

<http://trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper> Australia Newspapers online.

www.jpress.org.il/view-english.asp National Library of Israel Historical Jewish Press

<http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/search/> Historic American Newspapers

www.irishnewsarchive.com Subscription website for Irish Newspapers

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/> New Zealand Newspapers

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wikipedia:List_of_online_newspaper_archives Extensive list of online Newspapers via Wikipedia

www.bodley.ox.ac.uk/ilej/journals The internet Library of Early Journals

Over 2.5 million unique London burial and cremation records now available on

[Deceased Online...](#)

TRANSCRIPTIONS OF SCOTTISH BIRTHS, DEATHS AND MARRIAGES

The indexes for Scottish births, deaths and marriages are now available up until 2012 and we are fortunate in having a researcher in Edinburgh who can get us transcripts of the modern records. The cost at present is \$7.00

Transcriptions are available for –
 BIRTHS 1913 – 2012
 MARRIAGES 1938 – 2012
 DEATHS 1963 – 2012

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FAMILY HISTORY MONTH AT AUCKLAND CITY LIBRARY

LUNCHTIME SERIES – Admission Free – To Book Phone 09 307 7771 or complete online booking form.

Family history sources at Archives New Zealand with Stephanie va Gaalen

Wednesday, 7 August, 12pm - 1pm

Join Stephanie van Gaalen, archivist at Archives New Zealand, as she discusses the role of Archives New Zealand and outlines a range of records held at the Archives that are useful for family history research.

Filling the cradles: private residential maternity homes

Wednesday 14 August, 12pm - 1pm

From late in the 19th century until World War II, the practice of midwifery developed into the organised establishment of public maternity hospitals such as St Helens at Pitt Street. Join Lisa Truttman as she discusses her knowledge of private residential maternity homes.

By sea, by ship: celebrating 20 years of the Voyager Maritime Museum Library

Wednesday 21 August, 12pm - 1pm

Gain an insight into how the Voyager Maritime Museum Library has changed within the last 20 years. The library is known for its resources, locating information about New Zealanders who worked in maritime industries or came to New Zealand by sea.

Introduction to the New Zealand Society of Genealogists with Christine Hurst

Wednesday 28 August, 12pm - 1pm

Christine Hurst, Library Supervisor of the NZ Society of Genealogists, explains the benefits of membership to the NZSG. Come and learn how the NZSG can assist you with your research and what services and resources the society has available.