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NORTH SHORE BRANCH

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MEETINGS are held at Marlborough Park Hall, Chartwell Ave. Glenfield.
Day Meetings: 1pm – 3pm: First Monday of the month,
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 12-30 pm

On Tuesday Meeting Nights it will open at 6-45 pm

Convenor's October Report

I am sure Spring is here! The sight of blossoms on the fruit trees and the tuis madly courting in my garden convince me of it.

We had a good crowd turn up to hear Laurence McLeod talk on his McLeods of Helensville at the September Day meeting. He read an historical account of his branch of the clan's emigration to Canada and then Helensville where they were amongst the earliest settlers. At the evening meeting a group of members viewed (with the help of a dongle) and discussed the NZSG website. The summary of this evening's deliberations is on next page. If you have any comment or additions please let me know promptly as I am about to send it to the NZSG for inclusion in their project.

We have had further news about future accommodation and last Friday Linda and I visited a prospective site. Michelle, the local community liaison worker assigned to our case believes we can obtain funding to furnish the proposed Resource and meeting room to suit our needs and there is a bigger room available for the day meetings. At present we do not know the cost of hirage as this is being worked on and has to be approved by those overseeing the property. Our requirements

- must have a resource room (including storage) where members can research
- need a space to hold meetings of up to 50 people with refreshment capability
- must be easily accessible by public transport
- must have adequate parking
- must be warm and comfortable
- must be in a safe location

appear to be able to be met and there is the added benefit of wi-fi. We will inform you further when we know the cost of the rent and refurbishment.

Cheers,
Raewyn



Summary of Discussion on NZSG Website
North Shore Branch NZSG
16 September 2014

Raewyn Nevin led a facilitated hour and a half discussion on members' perceptions and suggestions relating to the NZSG website at the recent evening meeting.
The following points were made:-

HOME PAGE

- members did not think that the page invited 1st time visitors to stay and explore – they did not think a photo of a table at an Australian FHF told 1st time visitors much about us or what we did
- 'About us' should be one of main links on Homepage and more prominent
- to find important information the viewer has to scroll down – how would we know it was there!
- liked a banner of pictures across top – used to have one
- some information is only for members so why is link on public page? - clicking a link you are interested in and finding it is 'members only' is not visitor friendly
- they liked the position and format for the member login
- drop downs subjects are in alphabetical order – should be in order of relevance and importance
- too many on list on dropdowns – would like more condensation
- white toolbar easy to miss – why are there two toolbars?
- FAQs should be prioritised in order of importance and likelihood for visitors on front page – how do I log in? only one needed for members as they should have any relevant ones for them on page after they have logged in
- only members or those with a login can 'search the library' so why is it on public page? – again should be after you log in and then link go straight to the library not through another 'search the library' link

SHOP

- like advert on Homepage
- think categories CDs, books etc could be displayed better – grid, tree with 5 branches – list very uninteresting, does not catch eye
- happy with shopping process

MEMBERS AREA

- needs to be sorted by relevance to viewer – branch committee items all in one area, not relevant to most members
- forms found in 2 places if you search for forms – forms and charts available to public perhaps called something different

NZ HERALD DEATH NOTICE INDEXES

Two more years have been completed by the NZSG indexing team - 2004 and 2005. This now means that we hold on the computer in our Resource Room the indexes for 2000 through to 2005 inclusive, and 2008. The years 2006 and 2007 are currently being worked on by NZSG team and we should have them soon. *From
Dennise Cook*

Welcome

*We are pleased to welcome the
following new Members:*

*Jill Murray
Graham Creamer
Anne Lowe*

NEW AT THE BRANCH RESOURCE ROOM

Dunedin Family History Group – September 2014 Newsletter

Contents:

Understanding Parish Records
Non-Conformist Records
How I traced my adopted aunt
Notes from our August meeting - Southern Heritage Trust
New Zealand Wills
Waikara Valley War Memorial
Waikaka Valley Presbyterian Church Roll of Honour
Merino Downs
Waikaka War memorial
Interesting graves in the Andersons Bay Cemetery
Purakanui
Waipango

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG – September 2014 Newsletter.

Contents:

NZ Defence Force Records.
Rail Tragedy on Rimutaka Incline 1880
Lake Coleridge Power Station

Family Tree Magazine – September 2014

Contents:

p 10 **Visiting the Battlefields**
p 16 **The Census – What really happened?** Donald Davis's discovery of some 1841 pages of householder pages provides a new angle on these early records.
p 26 **The Madness of War.**
p 28 **Testing the genealogy giants** – Barbara J Starman tries out the major family history subscription sites to see what you get for your money.
p 37 **Genius ideas to kickstart your family history**
p 48 **Using apprenticeship records**
p 52 **Three men and a War** Geoff Anderson shares his fascination with two grandfathers and a great uncle who served in WW1
p 54 **The Great War at your fingertips.** Chris Paton provides a round-up of WW1 records online
p 59 **To the Letter of the Law** David Annal looks at certain Acts of Parliament and sees how the actual wording of the legislation provides more clues to the past.
p 64 **The Somme on the big screen.**
p 65 **Family Treasure Trove** and hints on keeping your own treasures safe.
p 70 **Grave Matters** Simple homemade device to help you decipher memorial inscriptions.
p 83 **Curious Cornwall cognomens** What is it that distinguishes a Cornish surname - John Titford explains

Wellington Branch NZSG – September 2014 Newsletter

Contents:

Late registration England and Wales Deaths.
This month in History – September 1933 New Zealand's first woman MP Elected.

Contd:-

Dunedin Branch NZSG September – October Newsletter

Contents:

Irish History Notes from Kathy Petrie Convenor of Irish History Group

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG – October 2014 Genealogix Newsletter

Contents:

Roving reporter in London with photos of the thousands and thousands of poppies around The Tower of London – one for each of those who fell in WW1.
Mariefred – visiting Sweden by Chris Underwood

Family Tree Magazine – October 2014

Contents:

p 6 **Family History News** with Belinda Griffin including new digitised Irish indexes.
p 10 **The Census: Behind the Scenes** A fascinating look at the trials and tribulations of early census enumerators.
p 18 **Missing Presumed Dead** How to track down the ancestors whose deaths have eluded you.
p 22 **Britain prepares** How Britain mobilised for war in 1914.
p 37 **The Dark World of Propoganda** and how it affected the lives of WW2 families.
p 54 **Reviews – Books & CDs**
p 56 **The Wartime Wardrobe.** A reminder of how resourceful women were in those austere times.
p 64 **Putting you Tree On-line.** Improve your chances of finding cousins and knocking down brickwalls by uploading your family tree online.
p. 71 **Military Medal Records WW1** These newly released records uniquely on The Genealogist.
p. 72 **Understanding Title Deeds** How to get the best out of title deeds.
p. 86 **A Nautical Passion** A growing resource for those researching Merchant Navy forbears

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Contents:

Follow up from previous newsletters
Undertakers in Port Chalmers
Shag Point - its history and war memorial
Medal of Queen Elizabeth of Belgium
English Research - write up of our September meeting talk
Balfour - its history
Owaka War Memorial - sorting out the confusion
Purakaiti Katea
Tahakopa
MacLennan
Graduates of Otago University 1876-1900
Questions and Answers
Please Learn From My Mistake - members article on sharing family information

IRISH WEBSITES RELATING TO FAMILY HISTORY

Sent in by Peter Cross

www.ancestry.com.uk
www.ancestryireland.com
www.askaboutireland.ie
www.ancestoratrest.com
www.census.nationalarchives
www.censusfinder.com/Ireland
www.churchrecords.irishgenealogy.ie
www.emeraldancestors.com
www.Eneclann.ie
www.historyfromheadstones.com
www.failteromhat.com
www.familysearch.org
www.findmypast.ie
www.findmypast.co.uk
www.groireland.ie
www.irishemigrants
www.irishgenealogy.ie
www.irishgraveyards.ie
www.irishindex.co
www.irishmaps.ie
www.irishorigins.com
www.irishtimes.com/ancestor
www.irishwarmemorials.ie
www.irishanglican.org
www.irelandgenweb.com
www.ireland-genealogy.com
www.irelandoldnews.com
www.irelandhistoricmaps.ie
www.ireland.com
www.igp-web.com
www.johngrenham.com
www.logainm.ie
www.nationalarchives.ioe
www.nli.ie/en/parish-register
www.proni.gov.uk
www.rootsireland.ie
www.surnamenavigator.org
www.thegatheringireland.com
www.tiara
www.valoff.ie

To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child. For what is the worth of human life, unless it is woven into the life of our ancestors by the records of history? -- **Marcus Tullius Cicero** Roman Philosopher and Political Theorist (3 January 106 BC – 7 December 43 BC)

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Monday 6th October 2014
1 p.m.

Speaker – Ian Handricks
Will use a projector to illustrate talk
Check his website www.ianhandricks.com

Tuesday 21st October 2014
7.30 p.m.

Share a treasured family memento.

Monday 3rd November 2014
1 p.m.

Speaker – Theresa Graham
Subject – Auckland Museum Library
WW1 Collections and Projects

Tuesday 18th November 2014
7.30 p.m.

WW1 soldiers – bring photos & biography. We aim to scan and make a CD
Please bring a plate for a festive supper

Auckland Central Library

Family history lunchtime series

When: Generally fortnightly on Wednesdays from February to November, 12pm - 1pm unless otherwise stated

Where: [Central City Library, Whare Wānanga,](#)

[Level 2](#)

Cost: Free

Booking: To secure your place, please contact the [Central Auckland Research Centre](#) on 09 307 7771, or complete our [online booking form](#)

Immigration to New Zealand: sources and approaches with [Graham Langton](#)
Tuesday 7 October, 12pm - 1pm

More than a war - remembering 1914-1918 with Sue Berman and Sara Donaghey
Wednesday 15 October, 12pm - 1pm

Work and worship: The Indian diaspora in Aotearoa with Prof Edwina Pio
Wednesday 29 October, 12pm - 1pm