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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



Convenor's April 2015 Report

The speaker at our March day meeting was Lorna Clauson who has written a family history covering the four branches of her family called 'They sailed to the South.' Each branch came from a different background but ended up in NZ to eventually produce Lorna. It is a timely reminder to get writing our own stories so that our research is not wasted. I hope some of you will take advantage of the extended research time after the day meeting (till 4pm) as Linda has volunteered to repeat this for the next two meetings. At the Tuesday evening meeting there was a lot of discussion on future premises. We have been told that even if the plans for a Youth facility do not go ahead we will have to remove all our possessions to allow the hall to be refurbished in September. The topic of the evening was 'Fossicking in the Resource Room' and after a very helpful overview of what was in it by Dennise Cook we all had a good fossick. This Anzac Day for the first time I will really feel connected. Out of the blue my sister recently produced my father's war medals which I did not know existed. My father had flat feet and served out the war as a pay clerk making sure all the soldiers' families received their allowances, an essential but not very glamorous role. However he did receive two service medals and this year I will wear them with honour.



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We are still actively investigating alternative accommodation but so far have not been able to find a satisfactory space. If you have any suggestions please don't hesitate to contact us.

We have had an offer from a volunteer to open the Resource Room on the first Saturday of the month from 1-3pm but no one has expressed interest in attending. Is there another time that people would like the room to be open. We cannot guess your wants, you need to tell us. 'Back-up' volunteers for Wednesday's 1-3pm session are still being sought.

So far no one has expressed interest in Beginner's lessons. These would be arranged to suit you. Please contact the Secretary if you would be interested.

At our AGM in May our Treasurer Colleen Petricevich and our Newsletter Editor Pam Ogier are stepping down from their posts. Please consider putting up your hand for one of these positions. They are positions that are essential to the running of our Branch.

Raewyn

Election of Branch Officers

AGM 4th May 2014

As indicated in Raewyn's Report the incumbent Convenor, Secretary and Committee will stand again but we require a new Treasurer and hope there is a member willing to fill this position. **Please find a Nomination Form at the end of this newsletter.** A new editor for the newsletter is also required.

MEETINGS CALENDAR

Monday 30th March 2015

1 pm

(In lieu of Easter Monday)

Speaker: Maureen West

Subject: Anchored in a Townland:
Researching an Irish Family from New Zealand.

Tuesday 21st April 2015

7.30 pm

A Genealogy Quiz Night

Monday 4th May 2015

1 pm

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Speaker to be advised

Tuesday 19th May 2015

7.30 pm

Getting the most out of Archway



Women's Suffrage Petition

The 1893 Women's suffrage petition — signed by more than 25,000 women, about a fifth of the entire adult European female population — helped pave the way for the passage of New Zealand's world-leading Electoral Act in September 1893.

[See the digitised version of the petition](#)

NEW AT THE BRANCH RESOURCE ROOM

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG March Newsletter

Content includes:

Wellington Archives – Thos Ward Maps
Property records
Looking at Archeology
Tokanui Psychiatric Hospital

Wellington Branch NZSG March Newsletter

Content includes:

Finding a family for Hannah
New Zealand's first flag

Dunedin Branch NZSG March/April Newsletter

Content includes:

Abbreviations encountered in Public Records
Irish Interest Group short story competition
"The Irish at Gallipoli "
Shipping report –
Pride of Yarra
Betsey Douglas – Paddle Steamer
The Screw Steamer Ruby

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG April Newsletter

Content includes:

Soldier Stories from WW1

7 million articles from Irish newspapers

With the addition of 1.6 million new articles since January, there are now over 7 million articles from 65 Irish publications in the newspaper collection at Findmypast.ie (you can also access them from other Findmypast sites if you have a World subscription). *From Lost Cousins Newsletter*

England's Immigrants 1330-1550

[England's Immigrants 1330-1550](#) is a fully-searchable database containing over 64,000 names of people known to have migrated to England during the period of the Hundred Years' War and the Black Death, the Wars of the Roses and the Reformation. *From Lost Cousins Newsletter*

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](#)

Irish placenames with Geraldene O'Reilly Wednesday 1 April, 12pm - 1pm

The majority of Irish genealogy records are arranged by locality and most people within them are identified by the placename where they lived.

The Townland is the most fundamental land division in Ireland, the basic address for a rural family. Geraldene has had a longstanding association with the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG) and since 2009 has held the position as Convenor of the NZSG Irish Interest Group

Exploring Online Cenotaph with Victoria Passau Wednesday 15 April, 12pm - 1pm

New Zealanders have served this country in many international conflicts. Online Cenotaph, created by Auckland War Memorial Museum, aims to commemorate the stories of these veterans.

This session showcases the new Online Cenotaph and discusses how family members and private researchers can contribute.

"The three uncles: The Cole brothers in the Great War" with Tina Blackman Wednesday 15 April, 1pm - 2pm

Take an in-depth look at how the First World War affected one family. Four brothers went to the Western Front and only one survived.

In Tina Blackman's book, readers will discover an extraordinary story that will resonate with many whose families were touched by the First World War. Come and hear Tina discuss the five-year research phase that allowed her to publish this wonderful book

Blogging your family history with Kelly Bold Wednesday 29 April, 12pm - 1pm

Join Auckland Libraries' Social Media Coordinator Kelly Bold as she presents a beginners' guide to starting a family history blog.

This one-hour session will cover choosing the blogging platform that's best for you, tips and tricks to getting set up and ideas for content. You will also discover how to spread the word about your new blog and some common mistakes to avoid.

Kelly will be available after the session to answer questions and provide one-on-one support.

“Fossicking Around in the Resource Room”



Do you know what is hiding in our RESOURCE ROOM

Hours of work has been and continues to be done by past and present members to create historical records from numerous sources. The NZSG Branch Section has a catalogue of them but it is much more fun visiting the resource room and fossicking for yourself. A chat to our friendly library minder will guide you in the right direction. A few gems are listed below

Northland Wedding Photos 1972 – 1973

Taranaki BDMs 1986 – 1989

Wellington Deaths 1970 – 1972

Anglican Diocese of Auckland Baptism Register 1841 – 1944 (Photocopy restriction applies)

Auckland Historical Society Auckland –Waikato Journals 1972 – 1975

Does anything here look interesting?
The really good thing is that they can be
BORROWED
and read at leisure at home

Check this NEWSLETTER for opening hours or visit our website
www.tinyturl.com/nsgenealogy

NORTH SHORE BRANCH
New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.

NOMINATION FORM

I hereby nominate.....for the
Position of Committee member/Convenor/Secretary/Treasurer (delete those not required)

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.Proposed	#NZSG	Seconded	#NZSG
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Consent of nominee.....#NZSG

Date

NB Nominees for any of these positions must be current financial NZSG Members