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Programme for 2016

*Meetings held at Senior Citizens Hall,
Mayfield Centre, 5 Mayfield Road,
Glenfield*

Day Meetings:

Generally 1st Monday each month

1:00pm to 3:00pm

Door Sub \$4.00

1st August; Ian Faulkner

Subject: Rua Wahine

5th September; Michelle Patient

Subject: One Name Studies

3rd October; Ross Sutton

Subject: Kiwi School Days

7th November; Meryl Morris

Subject: History of West Auckland

5th December; Xmas Meeting

Evening Meetings:

Generally 3rd Wednesday each month

7:30pm to 9:30pm

Door Sub \$4.00

20th July; Paul Ashton

*Subject: Dropbox/One Drive and other
useful utilities.*

17th August; Paul Ashton

Subject: Evernote

21st September; Paul Ashton

*Subject; Consolidation of previous
subjects, Questions answers*

19th October; Raewyn Nevin

Subject; Find My Past

16th November; Xmas Meeting

*WiFi connection will be available at the
evening meetings for members
questions and problems using their own
computers.*

ACCESS TO STORED NZSG NORTH SHORE BRANCH RESOURCES

Resources retained by the branch will be available to access at 11 Summit Drive, Torbay, on a "by appointment" basis.
Easy one level access and parking

Please telephone Dennise Cook on 473 5351 or email her at denjon@xtra.co.nz to arrange a suitable time and date.

Alternatively a look-up service is available by either –

- email request only with photocopies delivered to the following day / night meeting at 20c per page. Please email request/queries to denjon@xtra.co.nz

PLEASE NOTE: NO scanning facility is available.

- mail-only request - send request/queries with sae and donation to: Dennise Cook, Research Officer North Shore branch NZSG, PO Box 89 045, Torbay, Auckland 0742.

Please refer to the North Shore branch's website www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy for comprehensive list of all resources held in storage.

CONVENORS REPORT

A total of 26 hardy souls turned up for the day meeting on 4th July. We must remember that in future our July day meeting will need to be held on the second Monday rather than the first which is apparently a standard booking for the Senior Citizens Annual general Meeting. Apart from this clash of meetings the talk went ahead slightly later than planned and was enjoyed by all.

The 20th July Wednesday evening meeting was also well attended by members who had a very interesting evening learning about how to use utilities such as Dropbox and One Drive.

A meeting was held with the new President of the Senior Citizens Club and as a result of their introducing tighter controls and security over who uses their facility we now have a limited number of registered keys for access. They have allowed us to keep our screen in their secure section and we have obtained the third storage box for our use.

We have some very interesting Speakers and subjects to come and look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Ian Winkel

AUGUST MEETINGS

On Monday 1st August we have Ian Faulkner, retired school teacher and former Principal of Wesley College Paerata, Pukekohe to speak on "Ruawahine" his paternal great grandmother.

The evening meeting on 17th August will again be hosted by Paul Ashton and will cover Evernote and other options for recording information on the go.

Bring any questions you may have on problems you may be having with the use of your computer and programs and we will endeavour to assist in solving those areas.

There will also be coverage and discussion on other useful utilities that help make your data collection easier.

Bring your laptop to the evening meetings as we will have wifi connection available and will be using the internet for demonstration and practical use.

REPORT ON JULY MEETINGS

Meeting 4th July Missionaries and Misfits

This talk was presented by Lyn McDonald who has almost completed her PHD on this topic. It was inspired, in part by her husband who grew up in the Solomon Islands, the son of missionary parents.

Lyn spoke of three ladies who were brave enough to venture to this island and their trials and tribulations. While all were there for the betterment of the Solomon Island people, the difficult life and the position of women at the time seemed to enhance character traits, not always for the better. While they could be regarded as "misfits" some sympathy and admiration had to be felt for these pioneering women. Lyn's talk was very entertaining and amusing and well received by an audience who had their patience tested. First, the hall was double booked (unbeknown to us and apologies were received) so the meeting started off late and in a somewhat disorganised fashion, culminating in a lack of overhead projector. (Lack of technical knowledge). Lyn is to be thanked for her good natured understanding of a situation out of our control and being well prepared and able to speak without the visual aid. Those who braved the cold day were rewarded by an interesting talk, warm room and good company. Thanks to all for their patience and to those that helped us get organised so quickly.

Also at the meeting, Jean D. Day gave us a brief outline of her recently published book "The Search for Thomas Kerr, Mariner, Mapmaker, Missionary, Meteorologist". Thomas Kerr arrived with the first missionaries and made a large contribution to the shaping of early New Zealand. This very interesting book will appeal to many especially those with a special interest in the very early days of our country. It is available at the local libraries. For those wishing to purchase their own copy, Jean can be reached on idday87@yahoo.com or by phoning 09 445 2882.

Evening Meeting 20th July

The computer focused evenings are proving very popular. On these cold wintry nights only the hardy ones venture out, but are rewarded with a smaller

more intimate group and the questions flow thick and fast. Something that is not always possible in a larger group.

There are always enough laptops for 2 or 3 to group around. Several have bought new laptops and are setting them up in a more organised fashion right from the start, which is always the best way, by using the experience of some of our long time researchers, and assistance from Paul and other computer geeks amongst us.

The overheads that Paul uses to demonstrate his talks are available on our website and are ideal to refresh our memories when we put them into practise. We all seem to learn something, often a gem that bears no relation to the evening's topic and are well worth making the effort to attend. On this occasion the differences and advantages of using some form of back up available utility was well displayed and its importance in safe guarding months of research was graphically expressed.

Our room is warm and friendly and supper is always a great catch-up time.



Meeting 20th July 2016

NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

Feel free to submit articles or contributions via email to the Editor for the monthly Newsletter. We are always looking for additional input. Articles should be no longer than 800 words. Pictures should be in JPG format. If you submit an article, you agree to have it edited as the Editor sees fit. No payment is made for any submissions published.

An article by Rex Bennett

My family history work has to be put aside for the moment as I am sending an essay (PDF copy available by request from the editor) of mine to people involved in history in N.Z. and Australia.

It concerns a discovery in Spanish archives by the late Celsus Kelly, an Australian Franciscan friar much respected for his research work into old Catholic archives, that the Spanish explorer Quiros, who set off from Peru in 1605 with three ships, was supposed to sail to the latitudes of the North Island and parts of the coast of N.S.W. as a Dutch ship had previously found a 'mainland' thereabouts.

I want those facts alone to be part of N.Z. and Australian histories as a matter of course. So far the discovery has been overlooked and Kelly did not take the matter further. My essay makes a case to show the ship probably came here. Unfortunately its log book is missing.

The essay is an appendix item in my book Australia and its neighbours 1494-1799 ..., which is an update of my earlier book, Treaty to Treaty ..., Volume 2.

The so-called "Spanish helmet" dredged up in Wellington Harbour is according to people in the Tower of London, an English musketeers helmet of the nineteenth century. I only learned of this last year. My essay quotes a report in The Dominion of 1932 that an immigrant of 1840 brought it with him for protection from 'the savages of New Zealand.'

So perhaps the helmet was acquired in London from an outlet disposing of surplus army equipment. It can hardly have been left by pre-Tasman Portuguese or Spanish explorers, as some have postulated.

Anyone interested in printed copies of my books should e-mail me bennett1840@gmail.com My Australia ... book and Volume 1 of Treaty to Treaty are available as e-books with Amazon Kindle for \$US9.99 each. Log in R.S. Bennett (the author).

WHAT IS THE PURPLE BOX?

Like our ancestors, our club should always be trying to improve on what we already have. The PURPLE BOX needs input from members to assist the committee in planning future meetings and keeping our club interesting, informative and moving forward. Please contribute.

Gems from Papers Past

Police Court News, NZ Herald, Volume LVII, Issue 17857, 11th August 1921.

“John Dobbs was fined 14 shillings for riding a bicycle on the footpath in Glenfield Road”

GENE TOONS by Wendell Washer



Hot on the trail.



DID YOU KNOW?

The genealogy web sites Findmypast, Ancestry and The Genealogist are all available free to search in every Auckland Council Library. Even better, you can use your own laptop. Simply ask the Librarian for the wifi connection. This will take you directly to the library web site where you can scroll down the list of digital resources and select the web site you require. Find a comfortable seat and you are free to research as long as you wish. Happy Hunting.

AUCKLAND CENTRAL LIBRARY

The 2016 Family history lunchtime series re-started on 10 February. The link below takes you to their programme and list of events.

<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/Events/Events/pages/february2016familyhistorylunchtimeseries.aspx>

We do suggest that you regularly visit the Auckland City website as there is usually a wealth of information for the family genealogist.

www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz

Family History Club series re-started Sunday 28th February.

<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/Events/Events/Pages/familyhistoryclub2016.aspx>

SOME BRANCH WEB SITE LINKS:

Wellington Branch NZSG:

www.genealogy.org.nz/wellington_District_124.aspx

Kilbirnie Branch NZSG:

www.nzsgkilbirnie.org.nz

Dunedin Branch NZSG:

www.dunedingenealogy.org.nz

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG:

www.huttvalleygenealogy.org.nz

Hibiscus Coast NZSG:

www.genealogy.org.nz/Hibiscus_Coast_69.aspx

The Coromandel Heritage Trust

www.thetreasury.org.nz

These web sites are well worth visiting as there is always something of interest as well as the access to their Newsletters. Keep up with current activities, courses and special interest group meetings by visiting the National and your Branch web sites.

www.genealogy.org.nz

www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy