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Programme for 2018

*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 \$5.00*

9th April 2018

Speaker: Pam Hamlyn
Subject: Scottish Research

7th May 2018

AGM followed by
Speaker: Bruce Ralston
Subject: How to write for the
Genealogist

Evening Meetings:

*Generally 3rd Wednesday each month
7:30pm to 9:30pm
Door Sub \$5.00*

18th April 2018

Speaker: Paul Ashton
Subject: Cemetery Project and
Computer updates

*WiFi connection will be available at the
evening meetings so that members can
use their own computers to follow and
attend to any problems or use of
alternative programmes.*

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

I hope you all had a Happy Easter. It is a lovely time for families to get together.

It was great to see so many members at our evening meeting held to celebrate Cemetery Month out at the North Shore Memorial Park at Schnapper Rock. Despite the threatening weather 17 people turned up. Paul Ashton ran through his location identification system and I was given the task of locating Ted Wildy's grave using it. Ted, who is remembered by many as the author of the UK Marriage Witnesses Index (which is still being maintained online), is buried in the RSA section. Another deceased member Heather Senior, who was on our committee for many years, was also visited. Here are some photos I took. I also sent them to Tracy Little the webmaster and she put them on Facebook.



Paul Ashton at the grave of Heather Senior.



Members at the cemetery.



Bruce Graham at Ted Wildy's RSA plaque.)

I am sorry to have missed the day meeting but I had a funeral to attend (not a genealogist this time). Cemetery Month has lived up to its name. A large group of members attended the funeral of Life Member Alan Taylor on Thursday 21st and I was privileged to say a few words acknowledging his contribution to the Branch. Flowers and a card were taken to the chapel on behalf of the Branch. On Monday 26th Desma Howarth lost her battle with her aggressive brain tumour and we have been advised that at Desma's request there will not be a funeral but a 'knees up' in a few weeks' time. The committee has sent a card to her daughter from the Branch. I am also sad to report that Judy Pyle lost her husband on 10th March.

31st March has passed – where has the first quarter of the year gone? I hope all those whose NZSG membership expired at that date have renewed. To keep the Society functioning takes money and our subscriptions make up the majority of the income. Hopefully later this year we will get a boost with the issue of Kiwi Collection v.3. Also, I hope you voted for the NZSG Board members as it is important to have good directors.

Your committee is investigating venues for an affordable lunch to celebrate our 40 years. Not an easy task these days. The general consensus seemed to be that the senior citizens' rooms is not where we want to celebrate. As the 35th celebration was spoilt for some by the noise from other parties at McHugh's we are looking to have a space to ourselves. Although it is not till September we are actively seeking somewhere now.

Raewyn

REPORT ON MARCH MEETINGS

Monday 5th March 2018

Unfortunately, our advertised speaker could not make today's meeting but we will be hearing from Narelle on the Catholic Archives at a later date. Fortunately, we were lucky to have one of our committee members, Pam Irwin, step into the breach with an extremely interesting talk on *Death Notices*, Pam even managed to find some amusing matters to lighten such a sad subject. It was a well-researched and informative talk encompassing, cemeteries their history and record keeping – and some solutions, the changes over the years to death notices and obituaries and the dearth of information in early ones, especially to the women of the time.

Pam stressed how important it is to double check all such information for anomalies and errors, including certificates, which are only as accurate as the knowledge of the person completing them. Pam gave examples of all matters discussed and enhanced her talk with very clear overheads. As this year we are planning to progress our cemetery project, this was a very timely subject. Pam would be a very good person to approach if you have a problem particularly with an Auckland cemetery. Thank you, Pam, for providing a most informative talk and for stepping in as our substitute speaker.

Pam finished up her presentation with the following:

What is a Genealogist?

A fulltime detective - A thorough historian

An inveterate (habitual) snoop - A confirmed diplomat

A hardened sceptic - An apt biographer

A qualified linguist - A part-time lawyer

A studious socialist - An accurate reporter

A hieroglyphics expert

AND

A COMPLETE NUT!!

Author unknown.



It is with regret that we farewelled Branch Life Member Alan Taylor at his funeral on Thursday 22 March. A large group of members attended and Raewyn Nevin delivered an acknowledgement of the Branch's gratitude for his contribution to the North Shore Branch of NZSG.

He died peacefully in North Shore Hospital on 16 March in his 90th year. He and his wife June (NZSG members 9822) were early members of the North Shore Branch and served in various capacities for many years. Alan was treasurer, committee member, conference organiser and the person to go to if you wanted something done. He was made a Branch Life Member in 2013.

Alan was a major contributor when the Research Room was set up at Marlborough Hall in 1998. He built the bookcases, sourced the tables and chairs and helped set up the microfiche readers. Alan was renowned for his ability to coax the microfiche to continue working. His fame was so great that Hibiscus Coast Branch used to ask him to help them with theirs. He was a real Mr. Fix-it and always willing to help. He also helped us when we sadly had to vacate the room.

His cheerful, positive presence was always welcome and it was good to see June and him join in the celebratory NZSG 50th Anniversary Lunch in August last year. We extend our heartfelt condolences to June in her loss.

Wednesday 22 March 2018

Instead of our usual meeting, 17 members met in the Schnapper Rock Cemetery for Paul Ashton to give us an onsite idea of how the Cemetery Project will be carried out. The threatening rain held off as he explained the protocols, cemetery layout, and the input required by all our members. He has planned it in the same way as eating an elephant - mouthful by mouthful – and there will be a task every member can contribute no matter how small to this enormous but extremely valuable project. Now all that is needed is for every member to get in behind him and provide the support required. We used torch light to return to our cars with a sense of enthusiasm and “let’s get started”. Thank you, Paul, for your time and efforts so far, “we can do this and won’t let you down”!

APRIL 2018 MEETINGS

Monday 9th April at 1:00pm

Our speaker is Pam Hamlyn who is an expert on Scottish Heritage and will be speaking on this subject which will include Scottish Naming pattern, Scotland’s people and Family Search. If you have any Scottish heritage then you need to attend this meeting.

Wednesday 18th April at 7:30pm

This evening will be an update on the Cemetery Project and Computer programmes for genealogy. Should you have any favourite programmes that you find useful please bring them up at the meeting so that others can evaluate their use.



AUCKLAND CENTRAL LIBRARY

Are you interested in family and local history? The history of this country as well as the world? Then why not attend one of the fortnightly heritage talks and hear more about both our personal and shared heritage.

These talks are given by experts in their field and can provide valuable insight into our histories.

When: Fortnightly on Wednesdays from February to November, 12pm – 1pm unless otherwise stated.

Where: Whare Wananga, Level 2, Central Auckland Library. Lorne Street, Auckland.

Cost: FREE

April Meetings are:

Wednesday 4th – Auckland’s earliest Chinese Settlers with Helene Wong.

Wednesday 11th - Auckland women overseas in the First World War with Jane Tolerton.

Booking: All Welcome but to ensure your place please contact the Central Auckland Research Centre on 09 890 2412, or complete the online booking form at: aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/heritagetalksbooking

Visit the **Auckland City website** as there is usually a wealth of information for the family genealogist.

www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz

Family History Club.

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

BRICK WALL TUESDAY

Hit a brick wall with your genealogy and/or family history, or just starting out? Make a free one-hour booking to see Auckland Libraries’ family history librarian Seonaid Lewis.

North Auckland Research Centre
Takapuna Library
First Tuesday each month
For bookings phone 09 890 4919

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

The NZSG national web site

www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy

Your Branch Web Site

OTHER WEB SITES

www.hookedongenealogytours.com

www.FamNet.org.nz

Where Kiwis tell their stories

www.RootsIreland.ie

Irish Family History Foundation – R.C. Records include CLANN e-newsletter

www.irishlivesremembered.ie

Ireland e- Magazine Free

<http://www.surnamenavigator.org/>

Surname search

<http://www.ancestorsatrest.com/Ireland.genealogy.shtml>

Death Records for Cemetery, Church and Parish Records

<http://www.ireland-genealogy.com>

Irish Pensions

<http://www.irelandoldnews.com>

Old Irish Newspapers

MEET YOUR COMMITTEE

Shona joined the Society and the Branch in 1995. She originally comes from Tauranga. In an earlier life I was a shorthand typist. I worked in the Ministerial Correspondence Section of the Social Security Department in Wellington. One of my tasks was typing the Green Sheets that went to Parliament for the Capitalization of the Family Benefit. When working for Kerridge Odeon in Auckland I was secretary to the Buildings Supervisor when the White Heron Lodge was being built in Parnell. Then I worked in the office of the Methodist Church at Munda in the Solomon Islands. I was there for two years and taught two Solomon Islands girls to touch type.

My research names:

Horn (arrived Nelson 1842)

Morrison/Morrisey Cork

Couch London/Cornwall

Garnham London

Michie Scotland/Canada

Green London/Norfolk

Matthews Deddington, Oxford (Richard sailed on the *Beagle* with Darwin)

Rose Australia



GENEALOGIST'S EXPO NEEDS



VOLUNTEER NOW

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

AUCKLAND FAMILY HISTORY EXPO
FRIDAY 10 TO SUNDAY 12 AUGUST 2018
FICKLING CENTRE
546 Mount Albert Road, Mt. Roskill, AUCKLAND

Would you like to be involved in the Family History Expo? – we need willing volunteers
You can give as little or as much time as you like and in the down time take in the displays and workshops on offer. Choose your own time and day and let me know which area you are interested in. Besides which it is great fun!!!

You would be involved with: - Welcoming guests and directing them.
Enrolling for workshops etc.
Advising what we have on display,
Helping set up and close down the Hall.
Selling raffle tickets
Helping at the Beginners Table and if you have some
Expert guidance partaking in our 'Ask an Expert' forum.

If you would be willing to help please contact me on

dorothymwalker@yahoo.com.au or ring me 09 537 0103