



# North Shore Branch of NZSG

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## Programme for 2018

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

### **Day Meetings:**

*Generally 1<sup>st</sup> Monday each month  
1:00pm to 3:00pm  
Door Sub \$5.00*

### **9<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Speaker:** *Narelle Scollay*  
**Subject:** *Catholic Archives*

### **6<sup>th</sup> August 2018**

**Speaker:** *Neelie Govendere*  
**Subject:** *Resources available at  
Glenfield Library*

### **Evening Meetings:**

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

### **20<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Speaker:** *Paul Ashton*  
**Subject:** *Genealogy in the digital age*

### **18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**Speaker:** *Raewyn Nevin*  
**Subject:** *My Heritage*

*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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy) for comprehensive list of all resources held in storage.

## CONVENORS REPORT

I would like to thank the branch for re-electing me at the AGM as convenor for another year. We have a new secretary Pam Irwin who has been on the committee for the last year and we would like to thank Linda Pinder for her past work in this position. She and Shona Michie are taking a well-earned rest after serving on the committee for a number of years. We welcome to the committee Judith Lyden and if there is anyone else out there who would like to join the committee please do tell us, as we are under strength.

We were very lucky to have Bruce Ralston talking to us about writing for the NZSG magazine after the official business was over and I hope some of you will respond to this. We are hoping to have a writing workshop with Bruce and Julie MacDonald at a later date. Julie tells me that they have a long list of bookings so I cannot tell you when it will be just yet.

I attended the evening meeting when we had a couple of new attendees who we hope will return. After a Help session 'Clueless Corner' our IT/Website manager explained the coding system we are using for the Memorial Park Photographic Project and showed some examples of what the spreadsheet we are using to record the data in looks like. Some people have started filling them in already but it will take a big team to input all our work. Checking of existing records is being undertaken and some photographs may need to be redone. Taking photographs of gravestones can be difficult when the inscriptions have worn or the light did not emphasize the letters. There have also been a large number of internments since the previous project was finished.

Our second day meeting in May was in lieu of the June meeting which always falls on Queen's Birthday. Christine Tregonning gave an interesting talk on her experiences with DNA testing and finding/proving family connections. She explained what DNA tests were and the way different companies provided different services, and how she could determine if a person belonged to her mother's or father's side of the family.

The weather has certainly turned chilly and I am packing all my winter woollies for my trip to Christchurch for the NZSG Conference and AGM. I am then going to visit family for a week getting back

on 10<sup>th</sup> June. As my major research area is Canterbury I am hoping to get to some of the research repositories while I am there.

We are still taking names for our lunch on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September to celebrate our 40 years of existence. If you know anyone who no longer attends meetings could you please check if they have heard of this occasion as we want to have as many of our early members as possible.

Raewyn Nevin

## REPORT ON MAY MEETINGS

### **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

A total of 23 people attended the AGM meeting and the meeting therefore began in a formal manner. This completed for another year our speaker, Bruce Ralston, the editor of the NZSG magazine spoke on the how to write an article for inclusion in the magazine. Needless to say, one of the foremost requirements was something that would be of interest and informative to the readers. The style of writing, the length of the article, inclusions such as referencing and photographs were all covered. Armed with all of Bruce's advice it is hoped that some of our many talented members will put pen to paper (or finger to key) and produce something for this very worthwhile magazine. Please note that the club receives a copy of *The Genealogist* and these are available on the reception desk at each meeting. These may be borrowed for one month simply by entering your name and phone number on the attached sheet. Thank you, Bruce, both for the excellent talk and also for the production of an excellent and informative magazine.

### **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

Only 11 people attended this meeting which started with time for questions or requests for help from the meeting. From there the cemetery project and how it is proceeding was the main topic and Paul, via overheads, showed us how we could now go to a practice page and "play" in preparation for the real thing. This raised some questions, one being the formatting of names and the worthwhile discussion

that followed was able to reach a good conclusion. Photos of graves, both good and bad, were shown and gave a graphic illustration on why some would have to be redone. As photography and technology has progressed considerably since the originals were taken it will make the task easier. Enthusiasm was high and an eagerness to proceed with this long-standing project was evident. Paul has done an excellent job of making everything as user friendly as possible and there will something for every member to assist with from the comfort of their own home or by visiting Schnapper Rock. With the hundreds of hours Paul and the original team members have already put into the North Shore project, we all need to show willingness to complete this worthwhile and valuable project.

## **JUNE - JULY 2018 MEETINGS**

### **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June at 7:30pm**

Paul Ashton will be covering Genealogy and the digital age, so come along with any questions you may have on this extensive subject.

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 1:00pm**

Reminder that the Monday Meeting in July is on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday due to the Senior Citizens requiring the hall for their AGM on the first Monday.

## **NSMP Transcription Project - May Update**

During May, the team started working with some testing files to get some hands-on experience with the data and files.

One area, Central Division, Section 6, Memorial Trees has been transcribed and will shortly have the double entry checking completed.

In June we will start the process of transcribing the whole of Central Division, Section 6, nearly 2,500 graves. We are currently a small team and would really like some more people to join us, the majority of the transcription work can be done in the comfort of your own home.

If you would like to join us, drop me an email at [pgashton@gmail.com](mailto:pgashton@gmail.com) and I will add you to our Email group in the first instance.

Paul Ashton

## **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

### **June Meetings are:**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup>** – Fateful Choices: From a Colonial World to a Maori World with Cushla Randle.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>** - Maori Cloak project with Bethany Matai Edmunds, Auckland Museum.

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/wellington_District_124.aspx)  
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Kilbirnie Branch NZSG:

[www.nzsgkilbirnie.org.nz](http://www.nzsgkilbirnie.org.nz)

Dunedin Branch NZSG:

[www.dunedingenealogy.org.nz](http://www.dunedingenealogy.org.nz)

Hutt Valley Branch NZSG:

[www.huttvalleygenealogy.org.nz](http://www.huttvalleygenealogy.org.nz)

Hibiscus Coast NZSG:

[www.genealogy.org.nz/Hibiscus\\_Coast\\_69.aspx](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Hibiscus_Coast_69.aspx)

The Coromandel Heritage Trust

[www.thetreasury.org.nz](http://www.thetreasury.org.nz)

These web sites are well worth visiting as there is always something of interest as well as access to their Newsletters.

[www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)

The NZSG national web site

[www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy](http://www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy)

Your Branch Web Site

## OTHER WEB SITES

[www.hookedongenealogytours.com](http://www.hookedongenealogytours.com)

[www.FamNet.org.nz](http://www.FamNet.org.nz)

Where Kiwis tell their stories

[www.RootsIreland.ie](http://www.RootsIreland.ie)

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

[www.irishlivesremembered.ie](http://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

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

Irish Pensions

<http://www.irelandoldnews.com>

Old Irish Newspapers

# 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday Luncheon

In September it will be 40 years since our group began.

To celebrate this occasion, we will be holding a luncheon at the Birkenhead RSA on Monday the 17<sup>th</sup> September. This venue is local in Recreation Drive off Birkenhead Avenue and has adequate parking and easy access.

Booking is essential and should be made to Lyn Winkel by email [lynianwinkel@gmail.com](mailto:lynianwinkel@gmail.com)

You should arrive at 12:00noon as the buffet meal will start at 12:30pm.

The cost of this is \$25.00 per person and should be paid prior to the day or by cash only on the day. There is no facility to pay by card however payment can be made by direct credit to our Westpac bank account: North Shore Branch of NZ Genealogy Society 030275 0136855 00 use your name as reference.

## North Shore Branch NZSG

### 40th Birthday Luncheon



Ham on the bone with mustard and fruit chutney  
Roasted Bolar of beef with homemade gravy  
Golden crumbed fish fillets & Tartare sauce  
Tossed green salad, Tangy potato salad, Bean salad,  
Diced Beetroot, Coleslaw.  
Roasted Potatoes  
Three seasonal vegetables

#### Deserts

Pavlova with cream  
Homemade apple pie  
Fresh fruit salad  
Whipped cream

# GENEALOGIST'S EXPO NEEDS



**YOU**  
**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

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