



# 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*

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

*Speaker: Raewyn Nevin*

*Subject: My Heritage and DNA*

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

*Speaker:*

*Subject:*

*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

At Queen's Birthday weekend I attended the Christchurch Conference and AGM. It was well run and there were many interesting talks. I was pleased to see our 'Scotty' Pam there. She made a late decision to attend so we didn't have much time together but it was nice to see another North Shore member. I spent some time on the NZSG table selling the 50-year booklet (a supplement to the 40-year book) written by Director Peter Gibson and CDs and books from our shop. I was able to see inside the Christchurch Boy's High School museum but didn't find anything about my father who attended the school. The Archivist was unable to attend but we left our names and he contacted us within 2 weeks. He told me my father had attended CBHS from 1924-1926. He said 'I note that his enrolment included both school sites under the 2nd Headmaster, George Lancaster. The School opened at Straven Road in Feb 1926--his final year. He was lucky to know both sites.'

At the AGM I finished my service on the NZSG Board and received a service award for 2 years on the NZSG Council (2012-2014) and 2 years on NZSG Board (2016-2018). As there was a full slate for the elections we are in a better position than last AGM with a full board and I wish the new members all the best for the future.



I attended the June evening meeting where Paul Ashton showed us how he can keep up with his research while on the go by using only his smart phone. With the help of apps he can access all his records and add to them. Smart man!

Raewyn

## REPORT ON JUNE MEETINGS

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in lieu of June 4<sup>th</sup>**

Christine Tregonning's talk on DNA drew a large audience, with many visitors. Christine used her own DNA experience of dealing with her DNA results and tracing likely relatives as a way of explaining this complex and possibly misunderstood genealogy research tool. As Christine explained DNA will not tell you who your great grandmother was but it may open other doors in your search for her. DNA is only as good as the comparisons with other DNA contributors and in reality, the proportion of these are quite small, population wise. The results may yield some surprises and it may yield some outcomes you would rather you didn't know about. Contact is required with those who appear as close matches and then comparisons of family trees to try and sort out the blood ties. This in itself can become very interesting and raise some problems.

Christine gave useful comparisons of the different organisations offering genealogical DNA and their differing methodologies all of which just adds to this complex subject. The talk was aimed at an ideal level, as this subject can soon become so technical that one's eyes begin to glaze over. Thank you, Christine, for a well prepared and excellent talk, no we didn't find out who our great grandmother was but we now have more knowledge on DNA and its possibilities.

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

Only 12 people attended this meeting at which Paul Ashton gave a presentation on Genealogy and the Digital Age.

Paul demonstrated that by using his smart phone and a number of appropriately costed (free) applications readily available on the net he had complete access to his family history records wherever he was. A number of these applications were discussed and shown how they worked.

This was an enlightening evening and those that did not make the effort to brave the weather missed out on some features that I am sure many would use.

## JULY 2018 MEETINGS

**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.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm**

Raewyn Nevin will cover My Heritage and DNA

## NSMP Transcription Project - June Update

During June the team has continued working with some testing files to get some hands-on experience with the data and files. As a result, there has been a number of changes made to streamline and simplify the procedures recording and control.

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

## **Fear Not Other Feckless Feeling Friends**

If you have been feeling somewhat frightened and dare I say “inadequate” as you read the emails passing between the computer nerds regarding the Schnapper Rock Cemetery Project – fear not.

Like you I have wondered what they are talking about and thinking there is definitely no place for me in this enormous task our group has set itself. However, I went to the session at Glenfield Library last Sunday and listened to those who do know what they are talking about. The discussion of the pros and cons of how the system design allows for all the technical aspects but make it viable for members regarding their skills left me very comfortable that everything is in very good hands.

My admiration for those members who started the original project and their excellent work increased

and the subsequent efforts of those now involved left me feeling a little less lost and bewildered. I had my “stupid” questions answered and are now confident that when the real work begins I shall have a place, with my limited computer skills, that will be worthwhile and valuable.

Whether you are happy to visit the cemetery or work from the comforts of your own home there will be a task for everyone. Think of all the resources you have accessed in your ancestral search – this data base will be yet another valuable tool when completed. All it needs is the continued guidance of the nerds and assistance and full support of all the members to bring it to a successful, amazing and very worthwhile conclusion.



## **BOOK REVIEW by Dennise Cook**

### **FINDING FAMILY – My search for Roots and The Secrets in My DNA.**

By Richard Hill

Published 2017 ISBN9781945547393

The author’s quest to find his birth family (both biological mother and father) is a roller-coaster ride over 30 years. Embarked on before DNA testing had become part of genetic genealogy, and then it being used to confirm his family tree. “A Beginner’s Guide to DNA Testing” is included at the back of the book.

A very easy-to-read book, and perhaps may give some assistance to those who have come upon brickwalls in their research.

### **How Is The River? A Takaka Valley History**

By Jane McDonald.

Published 2017 ISBN 978-0-8841234-2-8.

The author's great-grandfather (Frederick Sparrow) arrived in Golden Bay in 1857 and spent the rest of his life there. This book tells the story of the district and its people from diaries and daybooks. Lots of interesting and informative details and photographs.

Other books worth a mention:

### **Emigrants: why the English sailed to the New World**

By James Evans

### **Childhood and death in Victorian England**

By Sarah Seaton

## **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

### **July Meetings are:**

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Let the Elders Speak with Ian Lawlor about his researching and transcribing of the Native Land Court 1868 Orakei minute books.

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>** - Artists books to zines with Renee Orr and Zoe Colling. A hands on exploration of how private press meets DIY publishing,

**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)

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



"I'M ONLY INTERESTED IN LOCATING WEALTHY RELATIVES."

## REMINDER

The July day meeting is on  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 1:00pm

# 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.

## 40th Birthday Luncheon Menu



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



**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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