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Programme for 2019

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

1st April 2019

Speaker: John Hemmingsen

Subject: Restoring old photos

6th May 2019

AGM followed by:

Speaker: David Verran

Subject: TBA

Evening Meetings:

Generally, 3rd Wednesday each month

7:30pm to 9:30pm

Door Sub \$5.00

17th April 2019

Speaker: Paul Ashton

Subject: Questions & Answers.

Cemetery Project Update

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

Well it's definitely turning to Autumn now though I haven't seen many trees changing colour yet. The end of "summer time" is upon us and we will be putting our clocks back in another week. My tomatoes have died down but my bell peppers are still thriving and provided the guava moth hasn't ruined them I should be eating feijoas soon.

At the March day meeting it was good to hear from Dennise Cook about the resources she houses on behalf of the branch.

Dennise has been a stalwart member for many years, previously serving on the committee and due to her hard work as our research officer she has kept the cost of running the branch down. When we were ejected from our research room she volunteered to house our Herald Birth and Death Registers, the photocopier for sending research copies and those resources we wanted to keep.

We are very grateful to Dennise and yes we have made her a life member.

I'm afraid I was unable to attend the evening meeting as I was rehearsing a play I am directing – another of my hats:

The Meeting was an update on the North Shore Memorial Park project. If you can help at all with this we would like to quicken the pace of its completion. There are a number of jobs involved and we will be advertising these shortly.

We are rapidly approaching our AGM in May and we must ask again for new committee members. If you cannot attend day meetings we are prepared to accommodate this by holding them at night. Please think about this as if we cannot get more help it may have serious consequences.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Raewyn

REPORT ON MARCH MEETINGS

Monday 4th March Meeting

We all know the club retains very few resources but very few take advantage of these. The keeper of them, Dennise Cook, a Life member, reminded us of what a truly valuable resource we do have.

It began with a card system of newspaper death notices. In 1993, a donation of newspapers dating from the 1940s, spurred the club into forming a group that met twice weekly to paste, photocopy and index these into book form. The branch then decided to start its own collection of birth and death notices. These are now available to everyone, from our club to the rest of the world, and a 25-year index is soon to be published. The "paste up" ladies are now just down to three, Dennise, Gwen Wells and Janice Morris. These ladies deserve our sincere thanks for the work they do. However, Dennise reminded us of the debt we also owe those who worked so hard in the beginning. How June and the late Alan Taylor drove across town with car boot loads of pasted-up pages, the hours spent in our resource room at Marlborough Hall by a dedicated team, some of whom were present at the meeting. Several members raised their hands and spoke of instances where the death notices had been invaluable in their research. Peter Cross reminded us that having a Funeral Director's name provided the direction for further information from their records.

As well as the newspaper notices, Dennise also maintains other resources such as some electoral rolls and NZSG CDs bought by the club. Her details are on the front page of our newsletter and also in the NZSG magazine.

The debt we owe the past members involved in this work is immeasurable as is the ones that continue to maintain it. Newspaper birth notices have almost disappeared thanks to social media; however the death notices are still an important part of the public information system. Genealogists everywhere will have the advantage of our club's diligence and hard work forever.

The Club resources are available to all branch members – they do not have to be NZSG members.

Thank you Dennise and all involved.

Wednesday 20th March Meeting

The Cemetery Project was begun in May 2007, many members will remember the time they spent photographing and preparing the information ready for use. Credit must be given to them for the great job they did. Momentum slowed down and some years passed without any progress. During this time computers and photography moved rapidly ahead. For instance, many of us have acquired cell phones with excellent photographic facilities and the skill to use them. About 18 months ago Paul Ashton picked up the project and with his computer background has been able to retrieve the old data and develop a new computer system to complete the project. This required many hours of work; a recent member John Hammond has provided his project management ability to assist us to now move forward.

Tonight, Paul provided us with an outline of the tasks ahead in the Cemetery Project. He has devised a system which is simple but thorough and there will be something all willing members can do. Hopefully there will be many of them. While it may seem a huge project to tackle, our group is up for the task. Training and all necessary paper work will be provided and starting soon, it was suggested that cemetery visits be done with a "buddy". Data entry, checking etc can be sent to you and can be done in the comfort of your own workspace. The completed data will be held by the NZSG and add a valuable increase to the cemetery data they already hold.

APRIL 2019 MEETINGS

Monday 1st April at 1:00pm

John Hemmingsen of JHphoto is our speaker and the topic is restoring old photos. This should be of interest to all as everyone has an old photo with stains, tears or other marks on. John is a member of the North Shore Photographic Club and is an expert on all aspects of photography.

If you have an old tattered photo bring it along and there may be time to have an attempt to fix it.

Wednesday 17th April at 7:30pm

There will be another evening of questions and answers. Bring any questions re your computer and any genealogy programmes along and we will attempt to provide answer. Further update on the Cemetery Project.

The committee is always open to suggestions for topics or speakers.

NSMP Transcription Project - March Update

If you are interested in joining the project, in any capacity, please contact Paul, drop me an email at pgashton@gmail.com and I will add you to our Email group in the first instance.

Paul Ashton

NOTICE

Members are advised that there is a write up and some photos of our 40th Birthday celebration in the latest edition of The Genealogist.

If you would like a name badge there will be a list available at the next day and night meetings to which you can add your details. The cost will be approximately \$12 each.

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

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Wednesday 3 April, 12pm – 1pm

Living DNA with Jan Gow

Join Jan Gow QSM FSG and hear about LivingDNA's test, which covers your family line ancestry, your motherline, and your fatherline ancestry if you are male, with sub-regional breakdowns of results. The partnership with Findmypast promises to bring even more depth to your research.

Wednesday 10 April, 12pm – 1pm

Playing dress up: fancy dress in New Zealand museum collections with Marguerite Hill, heritage researcher, Auckland Council.

Wednesday 24 April, 12pm – 1pm

Spice it Up:

Be inclusive with Professor Edwina Pio, University Director of Diversity, AUT

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 Seonaïd 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 access to their Newsletters.

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

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

Irish Pensions

<http://www.irelandoldnews.com>

Old Irish Newspaper