



# North Shore Branch of NZSG

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## Programme for 2019

*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*

### *1<sup>st</sup> July 2019*

*Speaker: Maureen Green*

*Subject: Every Life's a Story*

### *5<sup>th</sup> August 2019*

*Speaker:*

*Subject:*

### *Evening Meetings:*

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

### *17<sup>th</sup> June 2019*

*Subject: Update on Task*

*Sheets for Cemetery Project.*

*This will include practical*

*exercises*

*Bring your laptop to enable a*

*Dropbox installation and*

*access to working files.*

*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 [djenion@xtra.co.nz](mailto:djenion@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 [djenion@xtra.co.nz](mailto:djenion@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

Well winter has certainly set in. The fog and frost in the mornings has made it hard to get out of bed. Considering the weather, it was heartening to see so many at the day meeting when Diane and Maria from LDS library brought us up to date with Family Search's website. They explained some new features which they are happy to help people master either at the Sunset Road Library or they have said they will come along one evening and walk people through them with their own computers.

The evening meeting was devoted to explaining procedures and allocating tasks for the North Shore Memorial Park Photographic Project. We still need more help – perhaps you could just look at grave photos and grade them as good, bad or review (someone else's opinion needed). Every task is divided into manageable chunks. Please contact John Hammond [jpham1950@gmail.com](mailto:jpham1950@gmail.com) if you can come onboard.

You will have received an email from the Branch re a scam that has surfaced using my name. Two of our former branch committee members were approached, one by email and one by text saying it was from me and that they were in a meeting and urgently needed the person to go and buy a \$500 iTunes card.

As the email came from [raewynnevin-chairmanelect@gmail.com](mailto:raewynnevin-chairmanelect@gmail.com) and the text from a Private number they both smelt a rat and rang me up to query them. How anyone could be dumb enough to send them in the first place I can't imagine.

It is hard to realise half the year is over already. Our next meeting sounds interesting so I hope to see you there.

Raewyn

## REPORT ON JUNE MEETINGS

### **10 June 2019 Meeting**

Diane Cooper and Maria Good from the Latter-Day Saints

Diane and Marie gave a most interesting and enjoyable talk on the Family Search website changes.

This is a free website, all that is required is to sign in. Recent changes have greatly improved it and like all websites it is constantly having new information added. If you haven't check it out lately it is well worth a visit.

#### **The improvements include:**

**Nearest LDS Centre;** a visit allows more information and free access to other websites that are not available from home.

**Recommended Tasks;** checks your tree details for anomalies when compared with other trees.

**Compatible Apps;** for your devices such as phone which can be ideal when not at home.

**Fan Charts;** provides an instant view and very simple way of displaying a family tree.

**Research Wiki;** an amazing information source.

Diane and Maria also gave information on many other sources of research to help with those brickwalls. If the Family Search website cannot help then a visit to the nearest centre will open even more doors with their expert assistance. Thank you both for a most enjoyable meeting.

### **19 June 2019 Meeting North Shore Memorial Park Project**

Paul Ashton and John Hammond

The complex preparation of the data base for the NSMP is now complete and John Hammond has completed the Project Management of the process. Names and appropriate tasks were collected and John will be allocating these in the next few weeks. These first enthusiastic starters will then come to grips with their tasks and can get underway. A slow and steady start is envisaged as people learn their roles and gain confidence. This is going to be a learning curve for most of us but it keeps the grey matter active and the sense of achievements bring its own rewards. Don't be daunted by this, we still need more volunteers and will soon be shoulder tapping to enlarge our team.

## JULY 2019 MEETINGS

### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 1:00pm**

Maureen Green is passionate about bringing both published and unpublished authors' work to readers. She found life after retirement somewhat boring and at the urging of her family began writing some of the stories she had been telling them for years. She now has a number of published works of several genres. Maureen was also one of the founders of 'From the Author's Mouth' a local writer reader group which meets monthly and showcases local talent.

### **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 7:30pm**

This will be a review for those that have been entering data. Any problem areas will be discussed and practical exercises will be done to ensure that we all know the procedure to follow.

We still need more volunteers to help with this project.

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



"Grandma says that she has so many skeletons in her closet that she can only do her family history work at Halloween!"

## NSMP Transcription Project - July Update

We are now at the stage of having our documentation in place and a description of the work flow required to complete this work as detailed below:

1. Existing data entry. Enter data from previous transcription project into new transcription

spreadsheet. Rename existing photos & check size.

2. Site data update. Visit the cemetery and re-photograph any marked as Bad, check any marked as Review, photograph if situation has changed, check location and any plot details. Add amendments to existing data
3. Location Photographed. This will most likely be done in conjunction with above but the reason for a separate sign off box is that while someone may have been to site & updated data they may not have completed the photographing.
4. Transcription Current. This can't be signed off until Existing Data Entry, Site Data Update & Location Photographed boxes are signed off. The sign off of this stage ensures that before starting the Secondary transcription all available information is to hand & is current.
5. Secondary Transcription Check that Transcription Current has been signed off before beginning. Enter data on spreadsheet using either the media files and/or the previous project word and/or excel files.
6. Photos Approved This is a final check of all media to confirm they are of correct standard.
7. Replacement photos Inserted This covers the retaking of the photos, resizing, renaming & inserting into media folders as appropriate. Sign off is when this is all complete. This step should be very minimal as it should be only photos rejected in the preceding check.
8. NSMP Location Checked This is a physical check of the plot location to ensure both spreadsheet & media have the correct designation. This could occur at any point after either the primary or secondary Transcription has been completed

All members who are interested in this project need to study the 8 work flow steps and decide which ones they are interested in doing.

At our next evening meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July we will be reviewing the work done since our last meeting and reviewing procedural instructions on completing these tasks.

If you are interested in joining the project, in any capacity, please make the effort to attend our July evening meeting.

PLEASE don't be put off by what sounds complex and too difficult. Treat this as brain food.

## 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 heritages 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 2019**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 12pm – 1pm**

### **Coming home: The Returned Soldier experience after the war with Dr Stephen Clarke**

During the First World War, 18,000 New Zealanders died and their names are immortalised on local war memorials that are the focal point of remembrance on Anzac Day. But what do we know about the 80,000, often forgotten New Zealanders that survived the war? Join Dr Stephen Clarke as he discusses the Great Silence about the experience of coming home from the Great War.

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 12pm – 1pm**

**The lost suburb of Newton East with Lynn Howcroft, Elianna Gabriel, Jade Oskar Harvey and S'Wee H'ng**

Join the team behind the children's book, *Barkell and Mr Arkell*. They will discuss their tentative journey into self-publishing, and how they developed this true story of characters who lived in Newton East, 80 years before construction of the Newton Motorway Interchange.

**Wednesday 31st July, 12pm – 1pm**

### **New Zealand Imperialism in the Cook Islands with Chris Turnbull**

Fifty years after the Treaty of Waitangi, colonial New Zealand was given a second opportunity to shape the new government of a Pacific polity. This talk discusses this meeting of Colonial and Island cultures in the Cook Islands, and argues that Island Leaders were significant in determining the outcome.

**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 4924



## SOME BRANCH WEB SITE LINKS:

Wellington Branch NZSG:

[www.genealogy.org.nz/wellington\\_District\\_124.asp](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/wellington_District_124.asp)  
[x](#)

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

## REMINDER

### **Next Day Meeting is on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> JULY**

Maureen Green, one of the founders of 'From the Author's Mouth' a local writer reader group which meets monthly and showcases local talent

### **The evening meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> July**

This is an important one as the procedure and work flow requirements for the Cemetery Project will be demonstrated and discussed in detail. Bring your laptop.

The allocation of duties will also be discussed together with a suggested timeline so that we can finally get this project on the way.

Please consider what tasks you can assist with and be prepared to let us know on the evening. If you have any queries on the tasks and how much is involved this will be covered on the night

Looking forward to seeing you at the July Meetings