



# 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*

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

**Speaker:** Peter Krafft

**Subject:** Seeing is not believing

### **Evening Meetings:**

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

### **21<sup>st</sup> August 2019**

**Subject:** NSMP update  
and Questions & Answers  
with Paul, John and Ian

*Bring your laptop*

*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 –**

- **Mail-only request -**  
Send request/queries with sae and donation to:

Dennise Cook,  
Research Officer  
North Shore Branch of  
NZSG  
PO Box 89 045  
Torbay  
Auckland 1742.

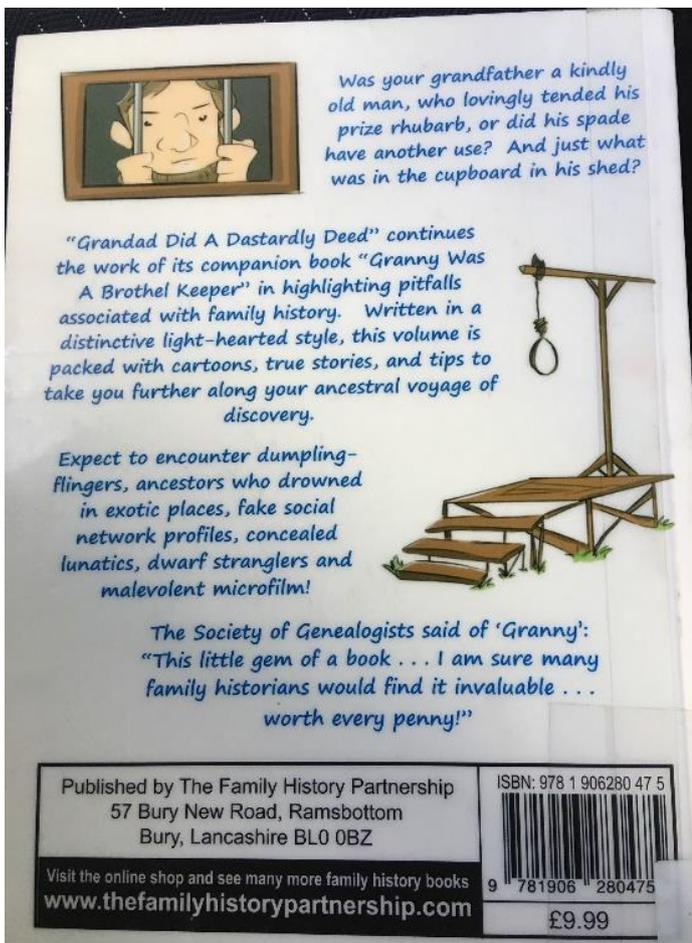
**PLEASE NOTE: NO scanning facility is available.**

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 this has not been a good month for me. Luckily I got to the day meeting as it was very interesting. Maureen Green must have encouraged some of us to write our stories as there was a crowd around the table displaying her books at the end of her talk. I did not know there was a writing club at Browns Bay, did you, but I imagine a few people will have gone along to look after her talk.

I didn't get to the evening meeting as I have been ill for the past 3 weeks, first with a bad asthma attack and then with inflamed lungs and then a chest infection. Consequently, I was unable to fly to USA to see my grandchildren on Sat 27 July. I have now got clearance to fly on Monday 5 Aug – talk about shades of last year! I will be back in time for the September meetings.



While I was recuperating, I read a humorous little book called 'Granddad Did A Dastardly Deed: 50 more family history traps' by Kate Broad and Toni Neobard. It was on the short genealogy shelf at the Glenfield Library. It is a light hearted recounting of pitfalls for researchers, true story examples and amusing

cartoons. It is apparently the 2<sup>nd</sup> book they have written on this topic, the first one being 'Granny Was A Brothel Keeper' which I will track down when I get back. If you want to smile in recognition as you read, I would recommend this.

See you in September

Raewyn

## REPORT ON JULY MEETINGS

### **1 July 2019 Meeting**

Maureen Green and Vicky Adin

Today's speakers had accomplished something that many of us aspire to but few seldom achieve. Writing and publishing a book. Both Maureen and Vicky have published many books of several genres. Both are passionate about the need to record “oral histories” of family, the people, and the happenings and tales told when relations get together. Such stories, handed down through generations, create a social history and help us to know who we are.

Maureen began by telling of us of her boredom after retiring and how she came to write her first book. Encouraged by her family Maureen, put pen to paper and wrote down some of the stories she had made up to amuse her grandchildren. Once started, she couldn't stop. Through the Hospice movement, Maureen began recording the memories of patients for posterity. A task she finds rewarding and supports her view that everyone has a story to tell as many significant events are lost if not recorded.

Vicky was a genealogist before she became a writer. Being from a very small family and marrying into a very large one, Vicky found the relationships within the family almost impossible to sort out particularly when many answered to more than one name. In an effort to sort them out Vicky started a “Family Tree” and from this grew her fascination for genealogy, the family stories told, inspired her to write, taking real life characters and weaving them into real historical events but placed in different times and places.

Maureen and Vicky concluded their talk by sharing some “how to do it” hints. Talk to, or record, older family members. Keep a notebook handy and write

down thoughts or ideas as they occur. Write what springs to mind then edit and edit again. Don't ask friends or family to critique your work, they will probably be polite rather than honest. To give your characters a place in the world, research historical events and use this as a background.

Maureen and Vicky were instrumental in founding the Mairangi Writer's Group. Google both Maureen and Vicky and also Mairangi Writers. Their websites make very interesting reading.

Have you tried to write your family's story? You owe it to your grandchildren to tell the story so give it a go.

### **17 July 2019 Meeting**

The NS Memorial Park Project is now really underway. This was the first meeting since "going Live" so discussion centred mainly around ironing out problems that had arisen mainly from individual computer programs. John Hammond who is directing and guiding the project is delighted with the progress and enthusiasm of those involved at the moment. However, more volunteers are still needed. If you don't fancy coming to the night meetings but wish to be involved please let Paul, John or Ian know. Training at a suitable time and venue can be arranged and some tasks can be done from the comfort of your own home.

Credit must be given to the original team who began the photographing and recording of this project over 10 years ago. We owe it to them to complete the task on this very worthwhile tool for genealogist the world over.

### **AUGUST 2019 MEETINGS**

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 1:00pm**

#### **"Seeing is not believing"**

This presentation will show how easy it is to get your family tree totally wrong by believing a single document and not double checking.

Peter Krafft, a volunteer team leader at the NZSG Research Centre in Panmure, has been doing genealogy for approaching 30 years which was necessitated by an urge to investigate his family name and furthered by trying to understand the heirs

of a will. Peter's work experience was in the brewing industry, where he spent many years as a senior Quality Assurance Manager which gave him the experience in problem solving,

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 7:30pm**

A considerable number of records have now been checked and rechecked and transposed into the updated transaction files. Media files have been checked and where necessary replacement photos have been taken. The cemetery locations have been checked and where necessary the records updated with those changes that have happened since the records were first recorded. Almost all of section 6 has now been done and during this period there have been a number of modifications and methodology changes made.

At our next evening meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> August 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.

**We will also be prepared to answer any queries members may have on digital matters to do with their genealogy research**

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

### **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 7<sup>th</sup> August, 12pm – 1pm

#### **The Hidden Web: Digging Deeper with Cyndi Ingle**

US genealogist Cyndi Ingle is one of the keynote speakers at the Auckland Family history Expo which runs for the month of August.

Don't give up if Google and traditional search engines fail to return useful information. We will explore resources that are invisible to Google and hidden deep within web sites and proprietary data bases. The "Hidden Web" lies buried within the collections of commercial web sites, libraries, archives and museums. We will also talk about the importance of indexes that deep-link into web sites online, thus uncovering hidden gems of information that may not be found easily through a search engine query.

### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 1:30-2:30pm

#### **Family history & the media – behind the scenes of WDYTYA with Dr Nick Barrat**

UK author, broadcaster and historian Dr Nick Barrat is best known for his work on BBC's Who Do You Think You Are? series. In this session, Nick discusses broadcast media and how the rise of the internet has transformed genealogy and family history. He will reflect on how the hit BBC series was commissioned, researched and filmed. Using case studies from the show, he explores how several celebrities changed the way the programme was made – with a profound impact on the way audiences embraced a new style of research. Come and hear Nick tell us about what really goes on behind the scenes of these TV

programmes. There will be more opportunities to hear Nick Barrat speak at the Auckland Family History Expo.

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August, 12pm – 1pm

#### **My Heritage with Russ Wilding**

Another opportunity to hear Auckland Family History Expo speaker and MyHeritage's Chief Content Officer advise us on using MyHeritage technologies to discover your family history. He will also tell us how MyHeritage DNA can become another tool in your genealogy toolbox to help find missing links and verify your research.

### Wednesday 21st August, 12pm – 1pm

#### **The Many Faces of D.B.Russell 1862 – 1940 with Lisa Truttman**

Light opera singer, entrepreneur, impresario, supposed construction engineer, agricultural expert, resident agent and manager. D.B.Russell convinced people he could do virtually anything – then left behind little record of his activities. Lisa will discuss how she researched his life via archives held in New Zealand, Australia, America and Mexico.

D.B.Russell enjoyed a career on stage in the Far East and travelled through the Pacific during a time of British and New Zealand imperial activity in the area. She discovered shady deals in the Gilded Age of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries in America, a grand Auckland canal project which never materialised and his experience of the 1911 Mexican revolution.

### Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August, 12pm – 1pm

#### **Dall'altra parte del mondo: To the other side of the world with Giuseppe Gallina**

Giuseppe Gallina presents an illustrated talk about the evolution of Italian emigration to New Zealand which began in 1769 with the first arrival – a Venetian sailor who came on the Endeavour with James Cook. Giuseppe explains why Italians left their homeland for this country, when they came, where they settled,

the work they did and the challenges they faced as their community grew.

**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.aspx](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/wellington_District_124.aspx)  
[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

## **REMINDERS**

### **August is Family History Month**

**The Auckland Family History Expo**  
**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2019**  
**Fickling Convention Centre**  
**546 Mount Albert Road**  
**Three Kings**  
**Auckland**

Find out more at

<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/2019AFHExpo>

**Next Day Meeting is on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August JULY**

**The evening meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> August**

Looking forward to seeing you at the August Meetings