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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*

2nd September 2019

Speaker: Erica O'Flaherty

Subject: Genealogy & Local

*History resources at Research North,
Takapuna Library*

7th October 2019

Speaker: Raewyn Nevin

Subject: Mills of Canterbury

Evening Meetings:

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

18th September 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

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.

CONVENORS REPORT

Our convenor is presently overseas visiting with family and will be back sometime later in September. Raewyn will also be giving a talk on the Mills of Canterbury in October.

The New Zealand Herald Death Notices

After many years of input from both our North Shore branch members, the NZSG's Project Manager, Carole Deveraux, and her team of indexers, a DVD of death notices from "The New Zealand Herald" was launched at the NZSG's AGM on 30 June 2019.

This index contains some 700,000 records of deceased persons between the years 1990 and 2015. These notices can include names of family members, place of residence, venue for the funeral, burial place and the funeral director. It refers the researcher back to the newspaper death notice.

The index details on the DVD include surname, given name(s), age, date of death, date of publication of the notice, and a reference to the actual death notice. From the index, it is recommended that researchers refer back to the source document for more details.

The DVD is available for purchase from The New Zealand Society of Genealogists for \$45.00.

It is available to the public – not just NZSG members.

North Shore branch provides a mail-only look-up service or you can access these death notices personally (see details in the newsletter). You can also access them in person at the NZSG at Panmure.

Make the most of this wonderful resource – the information contained in the notices may help you break down brick walls and find other family members.

A huge "thank you" to all the people involved over the years in getting this up and running.

REPORT ON AUGUST MEETINGS

Monday 5 August Meeting

Many members including four visitors ventured out on a miserable, wet, cold winter's day to our meeting. However, the hall was warm and our speaker Pete Kraft, whom many will know from Panmure provided an entertaining and educational talk. The title "*Seeing is not Believing*" was well demonstrated by his slides and the explanations that what we were looking at and what we were seeing was not the truth but two different things. The lesson from this was how all documentation including the official ones need to be thoroughly checked and analysed to get to the truth. Peter suggested ways and means of doing this which often involves more than checking the original document because sometimes people tell lies! Using his own family research, he could show how names, dates and even parents might not be what they first appear. Even a copy of his own wedding certificate had anomalies. Everyone learnt something from his talk even if it was only how easy it was to spend countless hours researching a family line only to find it was the wrong one. Thank you, Peter, for the most enjoyable talk.

Wednesday 21 August Meeting

The NS Memorial Park Project is now really underway. This was the second meeting since "going Live" so discussion centred mainly around ironing out a number of procedural problems that had arisen from practical operations. There are new and smarter ways of carrying out our set procedures continuously being discovered and we endeavour to standardise these where possible. 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.

SEPTEMBER 2019 MEETINGS

Monday 2nd September at 1:00pm

Erica O'Flaherty is the Team Leader at Research North, based at Takapuna Library. She has previously worked as an Archives Assistant for the former Auckland City Council, and as the Community Archivist for Research West at Waitakere Library. She completed an MA in History at Waikato University and an MLIS at Victoria University of Wellington, and as an interest in New Zealand social history.

Erica will be talking on the Genealogy and Local History resources at Auckland North based at the Takapuna Library.

Wednesday 18th September 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. All of section 6 has now been done and we are well into Section 7.

At our next evening meeting on 18th September we will be reviewing the work done since our last meeting and reviewing further procedural instructions on speeding up data entry and completing these tasks.

If you are interested in joining the project, in any capacity, please make the effort to attend our September 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

SEPTEMBER 2019

Wednesday 11th September, 12pm – 1pm

Wills and Probates with Marie Hickey

Many researchers believe that it's not worth looking for their ancestors' wills, because their family didn't have much money missing out on vital information: Lists of household items, or even learning about a family squabble. Hear what is available from New Zealand, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Wednesday 25th September, 12pm-1pm

The Growth of New Zealand towns with Hugh Dickie

Enjoy an interactive visual presentation including fascinating facts about the growth (or otherwise) of our towns and cities, including a focus on Auckland. Misconceptions and historical myths are dealt with, as well as current trends and possible future changes. Based on extensive research

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 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

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>

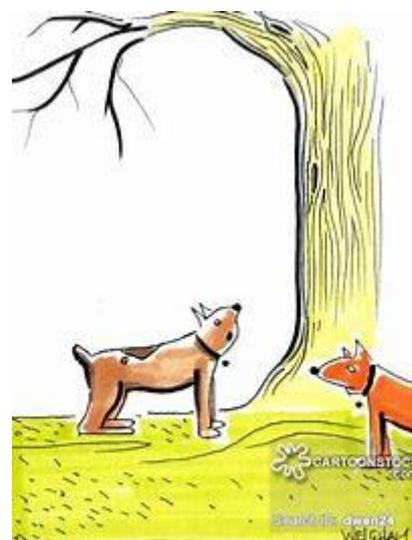
Old Irish Newspapers

REMINDERS

Next Day Meeting is on Monday 2nd September

The next evening meeting is on Wednesday 18th September

Looking forward to seeing you at the September Meetings



"This is my family tree."