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Programme for 2020

*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*

3rd February 2020

*Speaker: Peter Michel
Subject: Sharing your research
with Family*

2nd March 2020

*Speaker: Lesley Wilson
Subject: Following in the
footsteps of the men remembered in the
Albany Memorial Library*

Evening Meetings:

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

19th February 2020

*A review of suggestions for
discussion at future sessions*

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,
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PO Box 89 045
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Auckland 1742.

CONVENORS REPORT

January 2020

Well it has certainly turned into a hot January. My water bill is going to be high as my garden needs continual watering. At the moment I am making plum jam, jelly and sauce – in this heat! I have not been doing any research and now my Ancestry subscription has expired I expect it to slow down even more. It is great that our local libraries offer access to the library version of Ancestry as well as a lot of other digital resources. All I have to do is take my laptop there.

The December day meeting was a lovely Christmas breakup but we were a little disappointed at the number who attended. We had a really Christmassy gathering with a reading from the Pickwick Papers, carols accompanied by Theresa McCarthy on the guitar, a Pass the Parcel and the winner of the best Christmas headgear was Ian Winkel. We then had a lovely Christmas afternoon tea. A great way to end the year.

As we start this year, I would like you to consider how valuable our group is to you. Each year we struggle to maintain a committee that organises and ensures our monthly meetings occur. You must be aware of the contribution Lyn and Ian Winkel have made for a number of years but now they would like a rest so they can pursue other interests. Consequently, at the AGM in May we will need new volunteers, especially a treasurer, The NZSG Rules say the Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer must be members of the NZSG but the other committee members can be local members. Please help us keep our Group going.

Raewyn

FEBRUARY 2020 MEETINGS

Monday 3rd February at 1:00pm

This is the first meeting for this year and will have guest speaker Peter Michel covering the subject "Sharing your research with Family".

Peter lives on The North Shore and the last 14 years

has been spent on his Company called Living Family Histories Ltd, writing books, film making and videos on many subjects, all of which has kept him busy. His main interest is to encourage genealogists to put their years of research into a book or video rather leave it in a box or on a computer file.

Wednesday 19th February 2020

Use it or lose it

The first evening meeting will be a review of possible activities and computer programmes that you as members may be interested in investigating. If you have any pet programmes or web sites etc please bring these along so that we can share.

It was decided that the evening meetings would be used as a technical type session with wifi access available so that people could physically get involved.

Because of the very low attendance at these sessions and with no feedback or suggestions forthcoming from the membership as to what they would be interested in there is a possible consequence of these evening meetings ceasing.

Anyone who requires transport to either the Day or Night meeting should contact a committee member who will arrange this for you.



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BOOK REVIEW By Dennise Cook

INHERITANCE:

A Memoir of Genealogy, Paternity, and Love

By Dani Shapiro

Published 2019 ISBN 9781524732714

A book every person who has submitted their DNA, or is thinking of doing so, should read!

In the Spring of 2016 Dani Shapiro “whimsically” submitted her DNA and received the astonishing news that her beloved deceased father was not her biological father. Over the course of a single day, her entire history – the life she had lived – crumbled beneath her.

“Inheritance” is a book about secrets – secrets within families, kept out of shame or self-protectiveness; secrets we keep from one another in the name of love. It is the story of a woman’s urgent quest to unlock the story of her own identity, a story that had been hidden from her for more than 50 years.

A very well written, and thought-provoking genealogical mystery. One aspect of DNA which I wonder how many of us have thought about?



“Oh, yeah? Well **MY** Great, Great Grandmother would have had it up to **HERE** with **YOUR** Great, Great Grandfather!”

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

FEBRUARY

Māori accounts of disaster recovery with Xavier Forsman, Auckland Libraries

Wednesday 5 February 12pm - 1pm

While Hawke's Bay can be said to owe much of its present-day character to the development following the 1931 earthquake, little is documented on how Māori communities of the region fared. Join Xavier Forsman as he explores this area by drawing on field work undertaken as part of his Masters thesis. He reflects on the experiences of interviewing Māori elders and the insights gained from them, and incorporates how the unpredictable nature of research led him to the region's freezing works closures, disasters in their own right.

Researching your property - panel discussion

Wednesday 12 February 12pm - 1 p

Would you like to Learn some tips and tools for researching your property? If so, join us to hear representatives from Auckland Council's Heritage Unit, Archives, the Auckland Libraries' Research Central and Heritage New Zealand Pouhere Taonga discuss tips and tools of the trade. Each speaker will provide an overview of the resources available from their respective areas and there will also be an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the session.

Tāmaki Makaurau Auckland's past with Auckland History Initiative Summer Scholars

Wednesday 19 February 12pm - 1pm

The Auckland History Initiative (AHI), a research collaboration at the University of Auckland, presents a series of research projects from the 2020 Summer Scholars, exploring aspects of Auckland's history. These students have spent 12 weeks over the summer break researching in the varied and rich archives around Auckland under the supervision of Professor Linda Bryder.

In search of Scandinavian ancestors with Seonaid Lewis

Wednesday 26 February 12pm - 1pm

Viking, mariner, whaler, trader, forester, gum digger— if tales of these occupations lurk in your background, then your ancestors might be Scandinavian! Scandinavians had a big impact on the settlement and development of New Zealand. Come along and learn how to find out more about them, and where to look.

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

REMINDER

Our first Day meeting is this coming Monday 3rd February at 1:00pm in the Senior Citizens Hall, Mayfield Centre, Mayfield Street, Glenfield.

Our first evening meeting is on Wednesday 19th February at 7:30pm. Please bring along some ideas of what you would like to discuss.

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