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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*

2nd March 2020

Speaker: Lesley Wilson

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

7th April 2020

Presenter: Dennise Cook

Subject: *A mini history
research session*

Evening Meetings:

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

18th March 2020

Speaker: P Ashton/I Winkel

Subject: *Backups, iCloud and
Dropbox*

15th April 2020

Speaker: P Ashton/Ian Winkel

Subject: *A problem shared
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 - February 2020

This will be a quick report as I am packing madly. I am off to Dannevirke to stay with my cousin Bill and help him with his duties at this weekend's Viking Festival. It should be a lot of fun. But as I won't be back till late Monday night, I shall miss Lesley Wilson's talk. As I have always been impressed by the old Albany Memorial Library, I am sorry to miss her talk. Just as a side-line last year some of the members of my Miniatures Club made miniature models of the library – amazing!

The February day meeting was well attended and the attendees were very interested in the talk by Peter Michel. He was very encouraging about writing your own stories and gave a number of hints to help with this. I am sure there will be more people putting their stories on paper. Don't forget the NZSG magazine is always looking for contributions.

A very good attendance at the evening meeting was encouraging for the committee. A number of ideas were brought forward for future meetings. There seems to be a desire for more research evenings and a 'help problem' section where everyone puts in their suggestions to solve problems. One of the first suggestions is for members to learn more about cloud-based backups.

Raewyn

MARCH 2020 MEETINGS

Monday 2nd March at 1:00pm

Lesley Wilson will be following in the footsteps of the men remembered in the Albany Memorial Library.

Wednesday 18th March at 7:30pm

Paul and Ian will cover the options concerning backup of your data. In particular they will cover the iCloud and the use of the Dropbox programme.

Assistance will be given to install Dropbox on those wishing to use this facility. Bring your laptop.

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

REVIEW OF JANUARY MEETINGS

Monday 3rd February

This was the first meeting of the year and our speaker Peter Michel gave a very timely reminder that as time passes, we really need to do something with our research efforts. Our genealogy research has a bad habit of residing in drawers, boxes, files and shelves. While catalogued and in some degree of order, at least to ourselves, to others it could appear to be a lot of people – dare I say it – rubbish.

Peter became fascinated by stories told at funerals, by other family members, friends and workmates. His hobby was videoing and filming mainly for his work in marketing management. This combined with his admiration for the skills of amateur genealogists, such as ourselves, decided him on complete directional change in his employment.

Fourteen years later his company Living Family Histories is well established with 25 full length family histories and 7 family books completed.

However, Peter's talk focused on how we go about writing our own family histories, for these are what adds meat and bones to the family tree our research has created. Peter advises - gather information from any source possible. Your cell phone makes recording or videoing very easy. Start your story anywhere interesting but remember to start each chapter with a family tree for clarification. Add plenty of photos of, street views, houses, school photos for instance. Keep the story simple and not judgemental as morals and ideas have changed over the years. Do not clutter with dates or references, these can come at the end and provide information for future genealogists to research. Your final product can just be 10 double sided pages. Printing companies can reproduce 10 copies quite cheaply and you will have produced something of lasting value and something from your research to be proud of.

Why don't you start your Family History today?

Good luck.



Michel Peters



Good Attendance at Michel Peters presentation

Wednesday 19th February

A turnout of 14 members had an interesting discussion on the future of the evening meetings. The general consensus was that these evenings should continue.

A recommendation by Christine Tregonning to have "A problem Shared" session at which a particular problem a member has a question on or has hit a brick wall with one of their ancestors will be able to presubmit their problem as per the sample below:

Do you have a question, or have you hit a brick wall with one of your ancestors? Send Ian an email at lynianwinkel@gmail.com before 26th March and we may be able to help at our 15th April evening meeting.

[Example of request for assistance]

This month's query is from Christine Tregonning who is after some help with her ancestor John KAY(E) who was born at Knutsford, Cheshire in 1787.

Christine has established that his parents were James and Sarah KAY(E). A baptism record for John's

daughter Ann contains the following information:

Ann daughter of John Kaye of Wincham, Rockgetter (son of James & Sarah Kaye of Liverpool) and Ann (daughter of William & Hannah Forster of Weaverham) born 23 Dec 1829 baptised 10 Jan 1830.

Christine wants to know what happened to James and Sarah Kaye.

We will accept as many requests as possible and they will be scheduled for a specific Wednesday evening session.

Don't forget to bring your laptop or device.

If you have a problem that you would like assistance with then please follow the format above and send it to Ian Winkel at lynianwinkel@gmail.com so that we can set it up for a Wednesday evening. Our first session is scheduled for 15th April.



If anyone requires name badges then please contact Teresa McCarthy either at our meetings or by email to saleskat@gmail.com Cost approx. \$10.00.

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

MARCH

The hunt for Ellen Louisa Taylor with Peter Krafft

Wednesday 4 March 12pm - 1pm

Join Peter Krafft to learn how he solved the mystery of Ellen Louisa Taylor. Although Men's family, the Taylors, were involved in horse racing in Otahuhu and Ellerslie during the latter half of the 19th century, several of the family proved more elusive than others to find - and Ellen Louisa was the most difficult of the Lot. Hear how Peter finally solved this family history mystery.

**Isaac Rhodes Cooper (1819-1889)
with David Verran**

Wednesday 18 March 12pm - 1pm

The eldest son of a wealthy landowning family in England, Isaac Cooper was a Captain in the 58th Regiment, and a Major with the militias at Whanganui and Thames, as well as Manly in Sydney. Besides donating land for both St John the Baptist Church in Northcote and the Anglican cemetery at Pupuke Road, he also represented Orewa on the Auckland Provincial Council. Local historian David Verran will discuss his private life, and his unsuccessful attempts at a national political career.

DNA Masters Series - Auckland edition

A DNA case study with Blaine Bettinger

Monday 16 March, 1pm-3pm – Pioneer Hall, Ellen Melville Centre, 2 Freyberg Place, Auckland Central.

FREE Entry

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/event.aspx?eventid=9498>

The DNA painter toolbox with Jonny Perl

Friday 3 April, 6pm-10pm – Pioneer Hall, Ellen Melville Centre, 2 Freyberg Place, Auckland Central

ENTRY: Bring a plate for informal shared dinner and “Meet the DNA Experts: Blaine Bettinger, Jonny Perl and Angie Bush”.

7.30pm: The DNA painter toolbox with Jonny Perl
<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/event.aspx?eventid=9582>

DNA & the unknown biological family with Angie Bush

Monday 6 April, 1pm-3pm – Pioneer Hall, Ellen Melville Centre, 2 Freyberg Place, Auckland Central
FREE Entry

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/event.aspx?eventid=9583>

Booking highly recommended!

We recommend you use public transport or Auckland Transport (AT) carparks.

<https://heartofthecity.co.nz/article/guide-city-centre-carparks>

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](https://www.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](http://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



REMINDER

Next Day meeting is this coming Monday 2nd March at 1:00pm in the Senior Citizens Hall, Mayfield Centre, Mayfield Street, Glenfield.

Next evening meeting is on Wednesday 18th March at 7:30pm.

Please bring along your laptop