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## Programme for 2020

*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> October 2020**

#### **Questions and Answers**

*Bring your Questions and we  
will try to answer them*

### **4<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Speaker:** *To be advised*

**Subject:** *To be advised*

### **Evening Meetings:**

*Generally, 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month*

*7:30pm to 9:30pm*

*Door Sub \$5.00*

### **21<sup>st</sup> October 2020**

**GEDCOM**, *what it is and how  
to use it and other useful  
technicalities*

### **18<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

*Christmas Function*

*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.

### **A look-up service is still available at all times**

- **Mail-only request** -  
Send request/queries with  
sae and donation (which can  
be deposited into the North  
Shore Branch bank account  
030 275 0136855 00 (using  
reference “Look-Up and your  
surname”)) to:

Dennise Cook,  
Research Officer  
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Auckland 0742.

## CONVENORS REPORT - SEPTEMBER 2020

Hello Everyone. I do hope this month has not been too awful for you feeling shut-in yet again re Covid Level 2.5. Poor Auckland has been hit very hard with level 2.5 while the rest of the country was on level 2. It meant sadly no church for me as Auckland was only allowed groups of 10 whereas the rest of the Country was allowed up to 100. They were upset that their sports were cancelled whereas I was upset it was church. Go figure! Different strokes and all that.

So yeah back to level 2 and we had our first church service on Sunday with about 50 people. Some people were very suspicious at being allowed to come. Never mind. The ones who came thoroughly enjoyed seeing friends that they hadn't seen for about 7-8 weeks. We've been missing each other but following the rules.

However, I did kidnap a girlfriend and we went down to Waihi and stayed in a 1902 Miners Cottage called 'Circa 1902' that has been done up. Wow it was really lovely and quite classy. It looked small from the outside but 2 bedrooms and modernised on the inside. It had everything we could ask for. We were recommended a Cafe called 'FlatWhite' on Waihi Beach for a meal and it was definitely the highlight of our 3 days. Wow the food was amazing and I will definitely go back at some point. We passed the gorgeous Karangahake Gorge and breathed in some fresh air and peaceful rippling water from the Ohinemuri River. I can see why a lot of our families went farming down that way. Very relaxing. We passed the Waihi Cemetery too but I didn't have any names of family with me and couldn't get up the energy to go up and down the graves to look. It certainly looked well laid out and I was impressed. If I'm more prepared next time I'm sure I will find some of my ancestors. (They farmed down Waitoa, Te Aroha, Morrinsville way).

So of course, there's been no Genealogy group meeting either! I'm sure you have all missed each other as well. The lass I had lined up to speak from Glenfield Library had a family situation meaning she was no longer available. I will pin her down for a talk next year. So we will have a panel of a couple of experienced members doing a question and answer session. Not sure how it will go but at this late stage

we will make it work. Get your questions ready and if the panel can't answer your question, we will get direction from the floor with someone who can. So, ponder on that for Monday. It would be good to be a bit interactive. We only need to fill 30-40 minutes till cuppa tea time so short questions would be good.

In the last newsletter a few of us on the committee put forward some ideas we thought of to keep you busy during the month we haven't been able to meet. I thought they did very well. Raewyn Nevin gave you some advice on how to proceed with your personal learning plan and more, including Webinars. (I must get on to those) Sounded very interesting. She gave you 20 Ideas to follow on her plan.... Thankyou Raewyn.

Dennise Cooke who was our last speaker, (and did an amazing job), gave a few suggestions of 'Genealogy during lock-down'. Yes, again very informative and to come up for air (and a cuppa) was suggested. (Thanks, Dennise). The cuppa was my idea. My mum always said a 'cuppa tea' solved all the problems in the world! Ha ha.

And as for a 'Quiz Geek' I asked for – it turned out to be Pam Irwin who did a Quiz time 10. Questions and if you haven't cheated and did it all by yourself the answers will be in this issue. I wonder who was smart enough to know all the answers and got 10 out of 10? I think I might have got 2 out of the 10. (I told you I was a newbie still!) Pam, I know you have other quiz brain teasers to share with us and I'm looking forward to those. Maybe I can do better. Can they be a bit simpler for me please! (Thanks Pam)

So, on that note I look forward to seeing you all on Monday with questions and answers up your sleeve.

Let's hope and pray that we go down more levels and stay there this time.

Thanks everyone.

Teresa

### NAME BADGES

If anyone requires name badges then please contact Teresa McCarthy either at our meetings (when they restart) or by email to [saleskat@gmail.com](mailto:saleskat@gmail.com)  
Cost approx. \$10.00.

## SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Due to the Codiv-19 lockdown there were no meetings in September.



When you said you were going to find your ancestors I thought you meant on the INTERNET!

## OCTOBER 2020 MEETINGS

The day meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> October at 1:00pm will take the form of a questions and answers session. If you have had an unanswered question on genealogy then bring it to this meeting and let the experts give you the answer.

The evening meetings will restart on **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October at 7:30pm**. GEDCOM will be discussed and demonstrated. Other technical applications will be covered. A summary of where we are at in the North Shore Memorial Park project will also be given.

Bring your laptop as wifi facilities will be available.

## **SOME MORE ADVICE FROM RAEWYN**

These tips are provided by Thomas MacEntee from his best-selling book *Preserving Your Family's Oral History and Stories* and from an article entitled *The Power of Story*:

Yours, Mine and Ours about a family story of how he nearly drowned at age four.

- Don't delay.

While it can seem overwhelming to record interviews with family members and to preserve them, don't put it off for "another day." In addition, don't expect someone else in the family to take on the task. For each day you delay, you risk losing a family member and their memories.

Stories preserved on media – slides, film and more – break down and deteriorate over time.

- Make a plan.

Even big projects that seem too difficult to take on are made easier when viewed as smaller tasks. Lists are your friend: make a list of "to do" and "action items," as well as a list of existing items needing preservation.

- Get help.

Yes, the duty of story keeping usually falls to one person in a family but, if you look closely, you will notice how that person enlists others to help out. Seek out those with special skills such as writing, converting files, scanning photos, and more. Set up "work days" when family members meet to accomplish important tasks. Also, tap into the vibrant community of professionals and vendors who sell their services and knowledge of family history preservation.

- Think long term.

When setting your sights on preserving stories and mementos, think decades in the future, not just years. Make sure digitized items are stored using the latest technology and employ multiple backups. Keep up with changes to technology and upgrade – before it is too late.

- Pass it on.

Preserving your family's history is more than just work; it can be a journey of discovery for you as well. Take time to document what you are doing, your thoughts and feelings – perhaps in a journal or online. Then look to the next generation of story keepers and make sure they understand the importance of family history preservation.

## SEPTEMBER QUIZ ANSWERS

Here are the results for the September quiz.

1. D; 2. B; 3. A and D; 4. C; 5. B;  
6. A; 7. D; 8. C; 9. D; 10. A;



I'M TRACING MY RELATIVES

CARTOONSTOCK.COM

Search for: 1/1/16

## AUCKLAND CENTRAL LIBRARY

Libraries have been hit with the lockdown so ensure you check before making a physical visit. However, there are plenty of things that can be done on the internet.

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>

## 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)

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