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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 November 2020

Speaker: Julie McDonald

Subject: *What's in a Name?*

*Where can you go with a name
like Jones?*

7th December 2020

Christmas Function

Bring a Plate

Evening Meetings:

Generally, 3rd Wednesday each month

7:30pm to 9:30pm

Door Sub \$5.00

18th November 2020

Christmas Function

Bring a Plate

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.

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
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030 275 0136855 00 (using
reference "Look-Up and your
surname") to:

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CONVENORS REPORT – OCTOBER 2020

Hi again,

Well Auckland is now back to level 1 and long may it continue. Plus, we got through the 2020 Elections which some of us worked on! At least that is now done & dusted and we can get on with life as we know it. The 'new normal' is what I hear banded about these days! Watch this space!

I hope you all enjoyed the Panel provided at the September Monday day meeting - Raewyn, Pam & Dennise. What a wealth of knowledge they had between them and the group had quite a few questions to put to them. Thank you so much ladies... I'm sure I let it go overtime but I think we were all enjoying ourselves and learning heaps of stuff so I wanted to let everyone have time to take it all in. And we did get our cuppa and chat at the end. I looked around and listened to the ongoing chatter and the place was really buzzing! Lovely to see. Sorry I didn't take any photos this time as I was too busy trying to keep everyone under control! Haha. I think everyone had missed each other so it was catch-ups as well.

The next day meeting 2nd November (next Monday) is a talk by **Julie MacDonald** & the title is **'What's in a Name? Where can you go with a name like Jones?'** So, I suppose we are going to find out on the day. It should be very interesting and helpful especially when we have to search for names that are quite prolific on our trees to say the least! Julie has been a tutor of 'Family History' at several colleges too, so she has a lot of knowledge to share and I'm sure we won't be disappointed. She is a well-known speaker and writer and I'm so delighted that I was able to book her in to speak at our North Shore Genealogy group! (I was given her name by the NZSG office so I'm hoping she makes a plug for membership of NZSG as well and she can mention the benefits of being a member and how that can help you in your research.)

Julie invited me to go with her last week to the Hibiscus Coast Genealogy group and see how that was run. They had over 60 people there as it was their first day back on level one. It was a fun afternoon and it has given me some creative ideas to bring into our group in the future. Watch this space!

Their speaker for October was Victoria Storey from the Orewa Library. It was a very interesting talk and presentation and I picked up a few hints from her as well. Each speaker on the DNA subject comes from different angles of their own research etc and I had a few 'lightbulb' moments of where to go with mine!! Victoria had some very exciting discoveries re her husband's line & got some answers re sleuthing in 3 days (in one instance) whereas others had taken her 2 years. I like the sound of the 3 days best as I want to know now, now, now!

Exciting to hear that if you want help with your research you can book in for an hour session one on one with Victoria at the Orewa Library. She also has DNA group sessions at the Orewa Library Tuesday afternoons for Intermediate/Advanced 1-3pm and Sunday afternoons for Beginners 1-3pm.

I think it's the 'never ending story' and a lifetime's work as I'm finding out. I wish I had started when I was younger, but hey I've started now and it's not over till it's over. Life continues doesn't it! And if you haven't noticed, the Tree just keeps on growing!!

Thanks everyone.

Teresa



"Testing, testing, once upon a time, testing..."

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
Cost approx. \$10.00.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

The Monday meeting on 5th October took the form of a Questions and answers forum. The meeting was a great success with many various questions which the panel were able to supply most if not all answers to.

The evening meeting on Wednesday 21st October covered GEDCOM, its definition and use were covered. Some other technical queries were discussed and John Hammond gave a summary of where we are at in the North Shore Memorial Park project which is presently around 78% completed.

NOVEMBER 2020 MEETINGS

The day meeting on 4th November at 1:00pm will have Julie McDonald give a presentation entitled "What's in a Name? Where can you go with a name like Jones?".

This will be about how Julie uncovered hidden gems of social history along an unlikely path.

Julie has been a family historian for 44 years, along the way I have served three separate terms on the NZSG Council/Board, was the first convenor of the North Shore Group as it was then called, and along with help from the Auckland Group this group hosted the first National Conference the NZSG had in 1981. I have had several trips to the UK on research trips, the first in 1981 when I took a small group of genealogists. Julie has been a tutor in family history at several colleges from Rangitoto to Kaipara. Two years ago, Julie formed The Family History Writers' Network together with the editor of the NZ Genealogist and they have run workshops at branches of the NZSG from Kaitaia to Te Kuiti and last year were invited to speak at the Manawatu Writers' Festival.

AUCKLAND CENTRAL LIBRARY

The libraries are almost back to normal after the Covid lockdown.

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>

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>

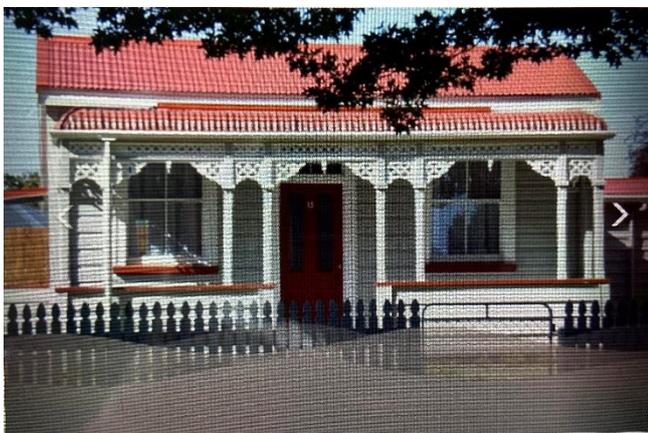
Irish Pensions

<http://www.irelandoldnews.com>

Old Irish Newspapers

I had a few members asking about the Circa 1902 Miners Cottage my girlfriend and I stayed at in Waihi recently. I never thought to put a photo of it in so here it is. It looks small on the outside but it was big on the inside. Great amenities and everything you could want. It had recently been totally refurbished. Many original features as well as a touch of luxury. It is at 13 Tauranga Road Waihi. 5 minutes' walk from town. Very close to Katikati which was awesome. So central for day trips. Go onto the website and check her out.

Teresa



"We've found your tree but your family are still living in it!"

Auckland Regional Meeting, Saturday 17 October 2020.

As representatives of the North Shore branch, John Hammond and Dennise Cook attended this meeting. It gave the Auckland branches/interest groups and others an opportunity to advise what was happening in their area. A most informative and interesting experience. Attached are the notes from this meeting for your perusal.

REMINDER

Day Meeting Monday 2nd November at 1:00pm

This should be a very interesting and beneficial session for all from Julie McDonald.

Evening Meeting Wednesday 18th November at 7:30pm. This is our Christmas Function and last evening meeting for the year. So, come along and have some fun and bring a plate to share.