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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*

25th January 2021

Speaker: Graham Walton

Subject: Eden Park

1st March 2021

Speaker: Neelie Govender

Subject: Glenfield Library

Evening Meetings:

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

17th February 2021

*Discussion on Digital Records and Family
History Programmes*

17th March 2021

TBA

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
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to arrange a suitable time and
date.

A look-up service is still available at all times

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Send request/queries with sae and donation (which can
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CONVENORS REPORT – DECEMBER 2020

Hello Everyone

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! Well welcome to the New Year and may it be a better year than the ghastly year we have just left behind. It has to be better of course doesn't it? Yes!!

Just a recap on the final meeting for 2020 in December 2020. RAFFLES/HATS/FOOD/GAMES/FUN and frivolity as usual. CAROLS...(me) I might change the songs for next year and do some different ones so you don't all get bored! Sorry I don't do boring so forgive me!!

For those who have not come to the Christmas meeting you should come to the next one if you can. It is very laid back and you never know what's going to happen because we are always excited at Christmas time with the pending New Year around the corner. Someone can pick you up if you don't have transport too. Just let a committee member know and we can sort it.

So.... while we were nibbling on the yummy food... Random conversations came up with a few interesting jobs people held in the past. Not sure how we got onto that discussion but I think it was the way the ladies had set up the tables that brought us all together. Like the round table! So there were Women Engineers Structural and Civil, Draughtswomen..... really? And not to forget John was one too!! I was quite amazed knowing how the world viewed women back in the day. And I in my ignorance thought there would-be receptionists, shorthand typists etc. But not one. A teacher in the mix as near as. Sorry I've forgotten what other jobs there were as we got short for time and I've gone blank! You can't guess eh especially in the 40's and 50's as jobs were so very different than the jobs available now. Hats off to you all ladies as you must have had to be so skilled and very strong minded to sell yourselves into those jobs when it was very much a man's field I would have thought! I'm still totally shocked! It was so surprising and they never got around to asking me..... so... I was a shorthand typist, receptionist, Airbrush Artist at Christopher Bede, Spare Parts delivery driver at MacDonald Halligan Motors Panmure, that was fun and.... 'equal pay with

men'! In About 1971 ish! No mean fete and no accidents either! I used to get a sense of cops and speed cameras and had quite a camaraderie with other delivery drivers around the Panmure/Onehunga areas. We looked out for each other like wee groupies!! They still do I'm sure.



NEW YEAR HOLS.....I went to Te Aroha with my sisters and cuzzies. (Mum was brought up in this area on the Johnson/McCarthy farm in her younger years).. Met some new O'Gradys that we didn't know we had. (Ancestry found me and it was all on from there). My walking cuz with us was an O'Grady from another side of the tree. She was fascinated to see where she fitted in. Fun and noisy frivolity as we met up. I need to go back there as I have a few more Rellies to meet yet David O'Grady says. At the moment I'm on their tree as a daughter to my grandmother as both mum and her mum had the same first name Mona but different surnames of course. Hilarious to be sure to be sure! (mums mother died in childbirth so we never met her). We had visited her mother's grave again so I took a photo of the headstone for proof of birth/death etc to sort that out. The O'Grady girls in Auckland had updated the headstone with a photo and everything. It was new and readable and amazing. Wow. Made a great photo. (when I got myself out of the shadow of me).. She is buried in the Historical Cemetery up the hill in Morrinsville that has been closed for a long time now. I think another lady in our group has relatives buried up there too. Shirley? We must have a coffee and mull over the family trees and see if we are related I'm thinking.



What I did find absolutely amazing was another relative of David O'Gradys had a family tree book that her mother had painstakingly handwritten up for each of her children with photos of their grandparents and great grandparents etc. I took snapshots with my phone of those as it all started with my great great grandparents in Ireland. (I really really want a copy of that book)!! They had 9 children, one of which was my great grandmother (Annie McCarthy) and the O'Gradys came down through the line from her sister! So funnily enough the O'Grady families were not related through the O'Gradys they married but through the McCarthys. They were just a mean trick to make you dig in deeper. By the way I changed my name to my nanas maiden name by deed pole so I was never a McCarthy either! Just to mess some more with the family tree..... Got to shake that tree eh! Nana was my favourite person in my childhood! Why not claim her name!.....



KARANGAHAKE GORGE WALK.....So the fit ones in our group wanted to do the Karangahake Gorge walk.... no not me... I went visiting the cuzzies and talked all afternoon surrounded by pieces of paper, photos and family trees. The walkers joined up with us later. I have taken a few pics of the action though for you to see as the area is very pretty and has the Rail Trail walk. I dropped them off at the start and they walked and picked up their car at another point. By the way if you ever consider doing the walk, just to let you know that you can be given a card that has an emergency number on that so you can get picked up from wherever you ran out of puff! That would be me I'm sure!! Give it a go if you want to. An easy l o n g walk!! Haha. My sister and I found that piece of information at the Library in Paeroa.

TE AROHA has some very special healing waters! Mineral Spas. The silky-smooth mineral water that flows straight from the only *hot soda geyser* in the Southern Hemisphere. Renowned for its healing properties since the 1800's Te Aroha Mineral Spas are a must to try. Your skin feels soft and smooth and they say not to shower straight after and wash it off as it's healing just sinks in and it's an amazing treat for your skin.



The 5 of us booked a pool that will take 10 people and it was \$8 each for 30 minutes. They do have a cold tap to use if it's too hot and yes it definitely was hot. I think we lasted 10-15 minutes but it was worth it. There are plaques on the wall from the farming era and a bit of Irish Blarney thrown in if you took the time to read them carefully while you cooled off a bit.

One particular 'testimony' to healing was a man with who had lost his leg in the war that said his leg fracture had been healed! He had a wooden leg!! Funny! My sister thought it was a real leg until I reread what she had said!! Haha. So now I know where the family got its crazy sense of humour from. What a laugh!!

So back to the serious stuff now because as you see I get around a bit and share my not so boring life with you all. I take you on my journeys as it were.....)

So our *SPEAKER FOR JAN 25th*. Is *Graham Walton, Historian for Eden Park*. That should be very interesting.....Now John Hammond had a part to play in Eden Parks structure as well which he might share during the talk with Graham. Please do John. It's fascinating.

Just to let you know I won't be at the first 2 meetings. Darn! Can't complain as I've been on the hospital waiting list for over a year to get my body sorted so just have to do what I have to do. Sad to miss Grahams talk though, it would have been really interesting. Someone will have to keep me in the loop and give me an overview of his talk. Dennise can you do that for me please? Thankyou.

SPEAKER FOR MARCH 1ST...I have managed to get *Neelie Govender from the Glenfield Library* to come and do the talk on 1st March. Neelie is the Community Engagement Librarian at Glenfield. Sorry, but not, to say that I have hassled these ladies to get someone to talk to us and finally it's Neelie. Yay Welcome Neelie! Thanks to Jenny (the manager) for being excited about having one of her staff speak to us to promote the Library resources etc. I will catch up with her at the Library and have a one on one myself in March. The meeting after that will be Monday 29th March. The dates are weird this year as we have all the long weekends that mess up our first Mondays of the month. So if you can bear with us everything straightens out a bit as the year progresses! Yay.

So Happy New Year everyone and I will be back '*healed, sealed and delivered*' to the meetings again at the end of March.

I hope you all enjoy my very personal Convenor reports as I just love sharing what I'm getting up to

and it does mostly include a Genealogy mission focus doesn't it! Mmmmm!! Hope so!

Catch you all later!

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
Cost approx. \$10.00.

IN MEMORIUM



Peter and Betty Cross

Peter Cross

Sadly, we learnt a few days before Christmas of Peter's passing.

Peter was a regular at our meetings for many years and could always be relied upon to answer diverse questions from members to help solve their problems. His knowledge of the local and central library systems was legendary and I'm sure he will be missed by library staff where he was a regular for many years.

Peter was on the committee for 2005 and 2006, and also assisted Jill Williams with the beginner's classes around 2011/2012.

His quiet presence will be missed by all.

We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Betty and family.



Leone and Bill Bronlund

Leone Bronlund

It was with sadness that we learned of the passing of long-time branch member Leone Bronlund on 2 December 2020.

Leone was on the committee initially in 1998, and came back on from 2000 until 2004. She was elected as our Convenor in August 2005 and held that position until 2010. Unfortunately, after suffering a stroke, Leone stepped down. She was awarded a branch Life Membership in 2012. The North Shore Memorial Park (Schnapper Rock) Cemetery project was initiated under her "watch". Leone brought a more casual and light-hearted aspect to our branch during her time with us and, although she did not attend meetings so frequently due to health issues, she kept in touch with what was happening in the branch.

Leone was farewelled at the Wakatere Boating Club, Narrow Neck, on Monday, 7 December.

AUCKLAND CENTRAL LIBRARY

Heritage Talks

Are you interested in family and local history; the stories of Aotearoa New Zealand, the Pacific, and beyond?

Then why not come along to one of our fortnightly Heritage Talks - Waha pū-taonga and hear more about both our personal and our shared heritage?

These talks are given by experts in their field and can provide valuable insight into our histories and our cultures.

When: Wednesdays, February to November, 12pm-1pm

Where: Whare Wānanga, Level 2, Central City Library,
Lorne St, Auckland

Also online via Zoom (with speaker permissions)

Cost: Free

Booking: All welcome. Booking recommended

Please contact Research Central on

09 890 2412, or book online at

www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 3 February 12 noon — 1pm

Restoring the mana of a manuscript: Tamihana Te Rauparaha's life of Te Rauparaha with Ross Calman

In the late 1860s Te Rauparaha's son Tamihana wrote an account of his father's life: a rich source of Ngāti Toa history, language and culture, including the tumultuous history of the 1820s and 1830s. Tamihana's account has now been published for the first time in a parallel Māori/English edition as *He Pukapuka Tātaku i ngā Mahi a Te Rauparaha Nui / A Record of the Life of the Great Te Rauparaha* (Auckland University Press, November 2020). Translator and editor Ross Calman discusses the manuscript and the challenges he faced interpreting it for a modern audience.

Wednesday 24 February 12 noon — 1pm

Moana Currents: Early Pacific migrants to Auckland

City with Dr Andrea Low and Emily Parr

The Kronfeld and Greig families were calabash cousins through their matriarchs Florence Greig and Louisa Kronfeld. Both women gafa to Samoa; the island of Lotofaga for Louisa and Fasito'otai for Florence. Their travels eventually brought them in 1890 and 1907 respectively to Aotearoa New Zealand, where they settled and continued to raise their families, maintained links to the families they had left and nurtured new relationships. Andrea Low, great granddaughter of Florence, and Emily Parr, great greatgranddaughter of Louisa, will share stories and images of these early Moana migrants who made their homes here.

WEEKEND HERITAGE WALK

Symonds Street Cemetery Walk with David Verran
Saturday 27 February IOam

Taking in both Grafton and Newton Gullies, Symonds Street

Cemetery is Auckland's oldest, dating from 1842. Explore the past through a two hour guided walk by David Verran, local historian, visit the graves of some of Auckland's founding families and learn about the many nineteenth century communities represented in the burial grounds, including Catholic, Anglican, Jewish, Presbyterian, Methodist and Māori. Numbers strictly limited please book via library



website
aucklandlibraries.govt.nz

Captain William
Hobson's grave at
Symonds Street
Cemetery . Henry

Winkelmann,
Auckland Libraries
Heritage Collections,

I-W1389.

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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

www.genealogy.org.nz

The NZSG national web site

www.tinyurl.com/nsgenealogy

Your Branch Web Site. This site is presently being updated with the intention of it being an informative centre for members and the public.

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