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## Programme for 2021

*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*

*3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021*

*AGM followed by*

*Speaker: Neeli Govender*

*Subject: Glenfield Library*

*31<sup>st</sup> May 2021*

*Speaker:*

*Anna Clarke/Boyd Miller*

*Subject: Devonport Museum*

### *Evening Meetings:*

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

*21<sup>st</sup> April 2021*

*Discussion on Digital Records  
for Branch and Web Site*

*19<sup>th</sup> May 2021*

*Speaker: P Ashton*

*Subject: Ancestry*

*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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PO Box 89 045  
Torbay  
Auckland 0742.

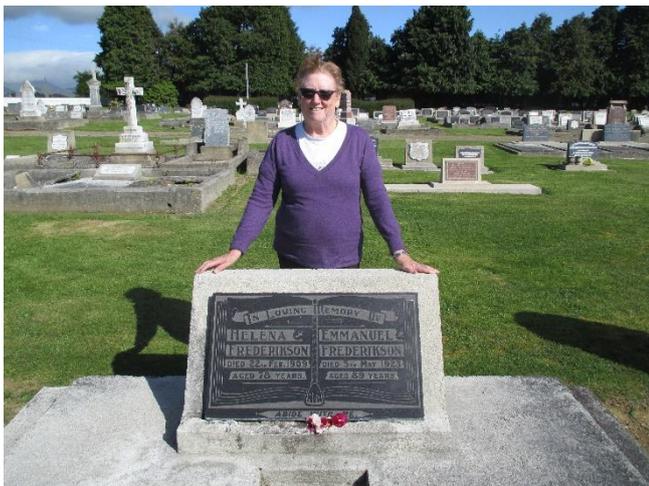
## CONVENORS REPORT – MARCH 2021

Hi Everyone,

We had a Lovely turnout for our last day meeting on Monday March 29<sup>th</sup>.

Raewyn Nevin was our Speaker and she spoke on Cemeteries with a short history of how they were started in England and New Zealand – I asked her to give me a photo of some of her ancestors' gravestones and where she found them.

I found her talk fascinating because for a start I never knew families could put a headstone up without the body even in there. I think it's called an Epitaph. Also, I was most shocked to hear that there were graves that had multiple bodies buried and only 1 name on the headstone? I think? That just seems so sacrilegious to me somehow.



This photo was taken in Norsewood Tararua at the Norsewood Cemetery. Her Swedish Ancestors Helena & Emmanuel Frederikson. A beautiful photo thank you Raewyn and a very clean clear readable headstone too. I'm sure John Hammond and his team would be most impressed with the clarity of the photo.

Well guess where I went for a few belated birthdays with sisters and cousins over the weekend? Whangamata. We stayed at an amazing place that was very close to the Estuary. Very comfortable. It was an air B n B. Whangamata is such a flat place to amble about and some cute little cafes for a coffee or lunch. The shops were abuzz with tourists like us from all over the place and the shops just had everything you could possibly want. If you've never

been there, you need it go. It's only a couple of hours out of Auckland. A bit windy through some of the hills for driving but not too bad.



While we were all there, we went to the Anzac Dawn Parade!! The first time I've ever been. Very sobering with the bagpipes and the last post being played of course. We guessed most of Whangamata turned out at 6am in the morning. It was worth it definitely. I took quite a few pics so will see if I can find something clear for the newsletter. How do you capture an emotive moment like that?



Our AGM is at our next meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May and 1pm. We would love a good turnout please. Once the formal part of the meeting is concluded at around 1:30 I will introduce the Speaker of the Day who is Neeli Govender from the Auckland Libraries. Neeli had to be cancelled earlier in the year due to Covid levels. Neeli will share all the resources that the Library system hold pertaining to our Genealogy researching! I'm looking forward to this definitely.

Information and where to get it these days is the order of the day.

So, we will see you all at the meeting on Monday.

It should be a serious but pleasant day as well.

See you then.

Blessings.

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.

### REPORT ON APRIL MEETINGS

#### **Monday 29th March at 1:00pm**

This meeting was held a week earlier than usual due to the Easter holiday break.

#### **Cemeteries and Finding Family Graves**

**Speaker: Raewyn Nevin**

Raewyn began her talk with an informative and an interesting outline of burials.

The word cemetery was originally Greek and used to describe the catacombs where the dead were placed. It became into use in England to describe the burial grounds in church yards. However, many deaths were caused by disease and the overcrowding began to cause concern so cemeteries began to be built on the outskirts of the towns and cities. Only the wealthy could afford proper markers and burials.

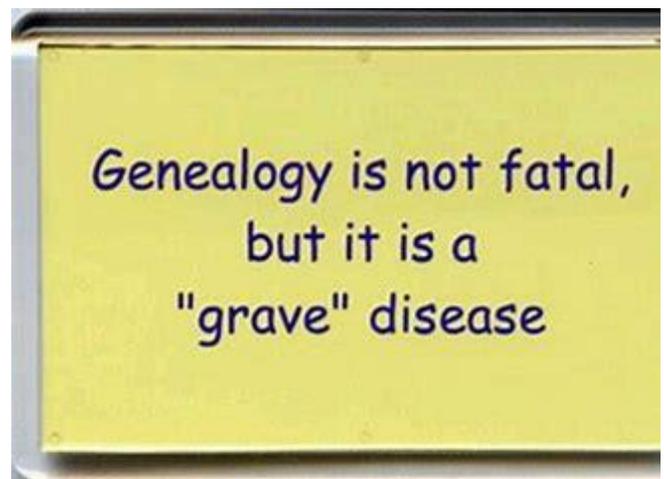
Early New Zealand burials were diverse, Maori maintained their iwi practices and traditions, while evidence of the early Chinese burials are few and far between. Most Chinese tried to have their bodies returned to China.

European cemeteries were divided into religious denominations as many genealogists know from the

diverse Auckland Cemeteries. Since the World Wars special RSA areas have been set aside for those who served in these events.

Raewyn concluded her talk on her worldwide travels in search of her ancestors' graves complete with a slide show and interesting tidbits. Graves can be most informative, sometimes confusing and amusing. Truly a fascinating topic to research and learn more about as we all have a vested interest in them.

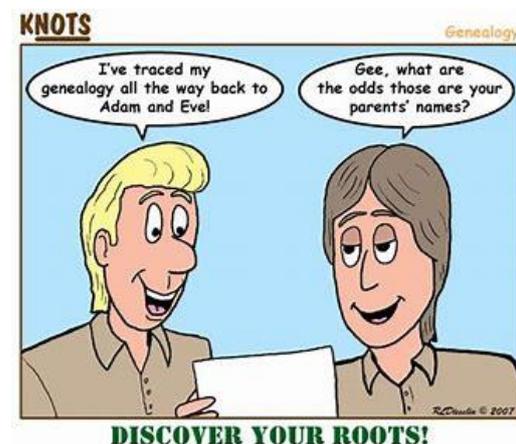
Thank you, Raewyn, your talk was much appreciated.



#### **Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7:30pm**

A collection of suggestions for inclusion in the web site was made and these will be used in the presently ongoing update of our web site.

Paul the gave some useful hints on the use of the computer in finding detailed information from various sources. A more detailed session on Ancestry will be covered at our next evening meeting.



## 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](http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz)

### MAY

#### 100 years of Curtain Calls with Dr Julie Jackson-Tretchikoff

##### Wednesday 5 May 12 noon — 1:00pm

Join Julie Jackson-Tretchikoff to hear the remarkable story of Auckland Music Theatre. In a talk featuring more than 100 photographs, Julie will cover the story of the Society from its beginnings in 1919 to becoming the longest-established theatre group in the Auckland region. The history of the society will give you a thrilling insight into the evolution of musical theatre, and along with it, the development of the most populated region in New Zealand.

#### Jean Wishart: Publishing Icon with Jenny Lynch

##### Wednesday 12 May 12 noon — 1:00pm

Woman's Weekly editor, the late Jean Wishart, was a New Zealand publishing icon. During her 32 years at the helm, she developed the Weekly from a small newsprint journal into the best-selling woman's magazine in the world per head of population. At the time of her retirement aged 64, in 1985 the Weekly enjoyed a readership of more than a million. Jenny Lynch, a former Weekly editor and author of *Under the Covers: The Secrets of a Magazine Editor*, will tell the personal story behind this shy and unassuming woman's extraordinary success.

#### What Lieutenant Cooper did in his summer holidays in 1850 with David Verran

##### Wednesday 19 May 12 noon — 1:00pm

Isaac Rhodes Cooper's journal covering 1850 to 1856 has recently been transcribed by Susan and David Verran and this includes Cooper's visit to the Bay of Islands and the Pink and White Terraces at Rotomahana. They also describe who his party met along the way and various interesting incidents.



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

### SOME BRANCH WEB SITE LINKS:

Wellington Branch NZSG:

[www.genealogy.org.nz/wellington\\_District\\_124.asp](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/wellington_District_124.asp)  
[x](#)

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)

[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. 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](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

## **REMINDER**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May at 1:00pm**

The Annual General Meeting will be followed by a presentation by Neeli Govender from the Glenfield Library.

We are still looking for members to join the committee. It is not too late for you to put in a nomination- in fact we will even accept nominations at the AGM.

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 7:30pm**

Paul Ashton will be answering your questions on Ancestry.

Look forward to seeing you at these meetings and let's hope that Covid 19 does not raise its head again.