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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*

1st March 2021

Speaker: Neelie Govender

Subject: Glenfield Library

29th March 2021

Speaker: Raewyn Nevin

Subject: Cemeteries

Evening Meetings:

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

17th March 2021

*Discussion on Digital Records and Family
History Programmes*

21st April 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
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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Auckland 0742.

CONVENORS REPORT – JANUARY 2021

Hello Everyone

As you know I was not there so I am just giving a short report as I've rung around and gathered feedback from different people. Thanks for convening the meeting Dennise I believe you did very well. Well done! And thank you to the Committee!! You are appreciated!

I heard Graham was absolutely phenomenal with his talk. And, that his historical knowledge of Eden Park was mind blowing. I believe he showed photos of Eden Park before it became Eden Park when it was just a swamp. Wow! I'm sure John you had some input from the floor too as you had something to do with the engineering side of the process? Hope I got that right?

It appears he was on such a roll he could have spoken for another hour. Graham had asked me how long I needed him to talk and when I said about 40 minutes he said he could talk for much longer than that if I wished. Obviously, he wasn't joking. Well done Graham! You were a hit! Both Raewyn and I are so sorry we missed it!!

I don't think we use our library enough so let's get started to use it as a resource. I'm talking about myself here too.... Thank you Raewyn for Convening this meeting.

So about me.... I'm still in recovery after surgery a month ago and healing well. I'm sorry I won't be at the next meeting either as I need just a couple more weeks to get myself back to normal. I am doing well though so I'm definitely going to be at the next meeting which will be on Monday March 29th when Raewyn will do a talk on Cemeteries. It is Cemetery month so perfect timing. Thank you, Raewyn.

So, I had a major birthday on Monday the 8th February (just last week) and I didn't want to miss out on the day! I decided if I couldn't go out then I would invite people to come to me. So, it was a very long day! I had church ladies in the morning – a rest in the afternoon – and family at night. I felt much loved and appreciated by friends and family. It was very precious. I just turned 70 and it appears I am now a Septuagenarian (aged in my 70's) Hilarious!

It's a case of mind over matter, if I don't mind, then it doesn't matter! That's my story and I'm sticking to it! I don't act my age anyway and don't intend to any time soon!

Photos attached of course of me being the birthday princess for the day or longer if I feel like it!



Life is for living isn't it! Have fun! I did and I do!



See you soon!

Many blessings from me.

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.

FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Monday 25th January Graeme Walton;

Author and Historian for Eden Park

Eden Park is the spiritual home of rugby and sport in New Zealand and as such provides us with an interesting slant on the social history of Auckland. Graeme's father was involved with Eden Park from the time of its inception and Graeme carried on the tradition. Between them they have seen all of the 88 rugby tests and most of the 50 cricket tests played there. Graeme has also written books on the Park and acted as a guide there for many years.

During the early days of the settlement of Auckland the rocky land was a swamp complete with Whau trees (a light cork-like wood used by the local Maori as floats etc for fishing) until 1924 when drainage was added. Stock could now be grazed, and where sport, mainly cricket and rugby could be played. One of the "conditions" of playing on the field required the players to carry away a rock at the end of their game, so slowly but surely the ground was improved.

Most sport was in some way connected to a church but the improvements and development to the ground were driven by Henry Ryan and the Snedden family.

The original grandstand was built at a cost of £3431/6/1 and used for cricket in the summer and rugby in the winter. An Act of Parliament allowed it to be used for the wider community and other sports such as tennis was played there. (This Act was recently used in arguments for diversifying the use of Eden Park). Many changes have been made since those early days as the old photos Graeme sprinkled his talk with showed. The crowd scenes were of particular interest. Mostly men, dressed in collar and ties and hats and of course smoking. Tickets were sold at the gate until everyone had been admitted, first in, first served and standing on the terraces was the norm. Some interesting and ingenious anecdotes on the lack of toilet facilities were also described. Some lucky more energetic lads climbed the trees, and surrounding properties built grandstands for a free viewing.

Getting to and from Eden park was greatly assisted by a tram loop behind Eden Park and around 60 trams would shuttle sports fans before and after the game. In 1930, a crowd of 58,000 was there to watch a rugby game. Health and safety hadn't yet been invented.

Graeme is to be thanked for a well present and very interesting talk on something that every Auckland accepts as part of living here, but very few knew of its interesting development from swamp to the venue of today we all know and love. Thank you, Graeme, it was much appreciated.

Wednesday 17 February:

Due to a Covid 19 lockdown this meeting was cancelled.

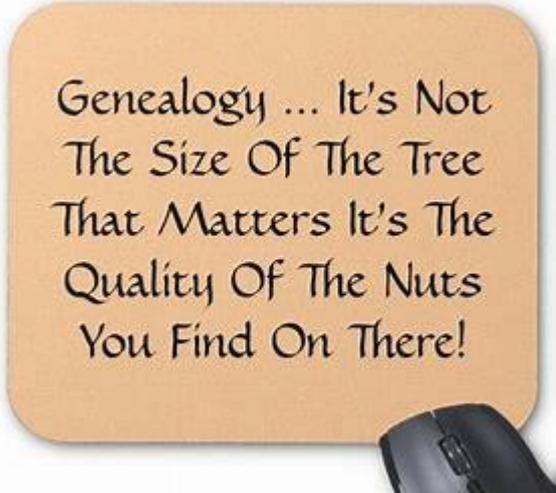
MARCH MEETINGS

Monday 1st March at 1:00pm

Neeli Govender will be giving a talk covering the various resources that are available at the Glenfield Library.

Wednesday 17th March at 7:30pm

A discussion on the various Family History computer-based applications and Digital records. There will be some discussion on our Web site and what improvements we can make to better inform our members and guests to the site of our services.



Genealogy ... It's Not
The Size Of The Tree
That Matters It's The
Quality Of The Nuts
You Find On There!

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

MARCH

Migrant women we love with Dr Edwina

Pio Wednesday 10 March 12 noon - 1 pm

In our woven universe, immigration stories have multicoloured gleaming threads entwined with motifs of history, culture, work and gender. How do migrant women navigate their worlds? How is voice and silence enacted in the theatres of their lives? This heritage talk will focus on the lives of visible ethnic minority migrant women and their trajectories of migration and work, embossed with patriarchy, religion and transnational feminist psychology) in their quest to create wonderful meaningful lives for

themselves and their families in our beautiful Aotearoa.

Exploring 1840's New Zealand through Australian Convict Records with Associate Professor Kristyn Harman PhD

Wednesday 24 March 12 noon - 1pm

In the decade before New Zealand's first official national population census was taken, more than 100 people were transported as criminals across the Tasman Sea to Van Diemen 's Land (now Tasmania). Detailed records of their interrogations have survived, along with in-depth accounts of their physical features and other personal attributes. This talk will reveal how Tasmania's convict records can tell us much about the origins, characteristics, and skill sets of the working classes who populated New Zealand's early towns and cities, why some of them were transported across the sea and what became of those who were exiled.

Talking Family History with Michelle Patient and Fiona Brooker

Wednesday 31 March 12 noon - 1pm

Come along for a live that with Fiona Brooker and Michelle Patient from the on-line Talking Family History lounge sessions. Fiona and Michelle began the weekly Friday night session last March, and have since found themselves presenting fortnightly on Ancestry's facebook site. Now is your chance to come along and meet them in real life as they chat about genealogy, DNA and take questions from the floor. Bring along your family history questions, be they brick walls, or "I have always wanted to know how..." or "what would you suggest to do next"?

SOME BRANCH WEB SITE LINKS:

Wellington Branch NZSG:

www.genealogy.org.nz/wellington_District_124.asp
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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

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



REMINDER

Monday 1st March at 1:00pm

Neeli Govender will be covering the facilities available at the Glenfield Library.

Wednesday 17th March at 7:30pm

We will be covering a number of computer-based programmes available for Family History recording.

We will also like some input from members on what they would like to see on our Web site.

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

