



# From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



## May 2017

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### Convenors comments

May is the month we hold our AGM. I and several other current committee members are stepping down. New members coming onto the Committee is always a good thing as they bring fresh, new ideas to the Branch. Please consider putting yourself forward. Thank you to the current committee members for the support given to me and the branch members. Thank you also to the house-openers who give their time to help others with their research. Thank you to everyone who does that little bit extra for our branch and our meetings.

Best wishes to the new committee

Iris Taylor  
Convenor

**May Meeting 2<sup>nd</sup> May 7.30pm:** This is our Annual General Meeting. Please consider standing on the committee. Your views are important. And being a committee member gives more insight into the structure of New Zealand Genealogy Society and also you will be playing an important part for the future of Genealogists. Do you have the commitment to your group or are you going to leave it to the other fella?

Jane Brooker will speak on "*Are you researching – or wasting your time and money?*"

A talk based on, she says, bitter experience and with many helpful tips.

I have heard this talk but look forward to listening again as one can always learn something new.

**June Meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> June 10am:** Viv Parker's U Tube presentation on English Parishes  
**7.30pm:** Exploring our Branch Resources.

**July Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> July 7.30pm:** To Be Advised

### **Last month's meetings.**

April's morning meeting was a talk with Tracy Little about what was available on the Genealogy Society's website and how to access what you need. Did you know that members can get access to digital records on Discovery at The UK National Archives and Gale Newspapers? Also a discount on Findmypast membership.

On a wet and wild evening meeting, Julie Halligan spoke on "Researching Local History". Julie writes articles for 'E-Local' paper. This was an interesting discussion that somehow evolved to discussing DNA testing. Julie also recommended the following books regarding the coming of people to New Zealand.

"Celtic New Zealand" by Martin Doutre  
"The People Before" by Gary Cook  
(pre-maori 19th century anthropologists / historians)  
"The Story of the Waitaha" by Barry Brailsford

### **More Books that are Absent With Out Leave!**

We still have a number of books and resources outstanding. It is a mammoth task to catalogue and match books with index cards. Below is a list of some books that are missing. Please check to see if any have been tucked in the back of your bookshelves.

Scrapbook – Papakura Courier

Documents re: "Jane Gifford" & "Duchess of Argyle" Ships by Anniversary Committee

Hunua School Centennial 1876-1976 Compiled by McDonald G, Sn

Auckland Harbour Board Yearbook 1968, Auckland Board

Tracing your Ancestors in Canada

Scrapbook – Northern Advocate BDM's

Scrapbook – Bits & Pieces

**Absent without Leave** continued-

Scrapbook – 1992-1995

Scrapbook – Papakura & Districts compiled by Papakura NZSG

The Norfolk Islander

Scrapbook – Otago Area compiled by Papakura NZSG

Early Missionary Families in Australasia

Pukekohe Public Cemetery 1870-1985 Headstones compiled by South Auckland NZSG

Orere Point – Ashby Family Cemetery

Papakura Marriages 1859-1876

Waiuku Presbyterian Communion Roll 1890-1917

Alfriston School Committee Minute Book 1938-1948

**Please help these books and valuable resources return home.**

**Findmypast has some free records until 1st May**

To help as many people as possible to get started on their family history journey, we're making all of our birth, marriage, death and census records FREE from Thursday 27 April - Monday 1 May 2017.

Free access will begin at 9am (IST) on 27 April and end at 11.59pm (IST) on 1 May

During this time you can enjoy all 1.9 billion of Findmypast's birth, marriage, death and census records (some of the most essential resources in family history) completely free.

What is Included in the FREE Access?

All of our global birth, marriage, death and census records are included in this free access promotion. That means when using the category search on the site, any records you explore under the 'Life Events (Birth, Marriage, Death)' category or the 'census' sub-category will be completely free to continue on their site

<https://tinyurl.com/n2y33s3> a link to NSW State records

## **NZSG Conference**

The next great event is the New Zealand Society of Genealogists' Conference and Annual General Meeting. This year it will be held at the Alexandra Park Function Centre, Greenlane West, Auckland. Beginning on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> of June to Monday 5<sup>th</sup> of June with Dinner on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

Register online at the NZSG Website [www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz) or at reception in the Family Research Centre, 159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland. Or alternatively pick up a leaflet and post.

The Theme of the Conference Is: **“Looking forward to the past”**

Day attendance is possible, just check on the NZSG website to see which day has speakers you are interested in hearing.

More information on the NZSG Website. For costs: look under “shop” tab. For information on the conference look under “News” tab.

The AGM on Sunday 4th June from 9.30am to 12.30 can be attended, provided you are a financial member of the NZSG, without attending the Conference.

## **Auckland Family History Expo**

**When:** Friday 11 August, 5pm - 8pm  
Saturday 12 August, 9am - 7pm  
Sunday 13 August, 9am - 5pm

**Where:** Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Road, Three Kings.

**Cost:** Free. No booking required except opening event Friday. Tickets for Friday's event are \$15, booking essential as seats are limited.

Bookings open to public on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

<http://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/EN/Events/Events/Pages/familyhistoryexpo.aspx>

We have heard from the **Department of Internal Affairs** of the expected price rise in printouts. It takes effect from 22 May 2017

Copy of any document - \$25.00

Electronic printout of any document - So no reduction for emailed copies, unfortunately.

This is the gist of their email:

“After consideration of the feedback received, Cabinet has approved new fees for BDMCU products and services to be introduced in line with the Department and the respondent's preferred option - Option Two, a simplified fee structure.

New fees will come into effect on 22 May 2017.

Fees were last set in 2003, and the cost to provide these services has increased over the last 13 years. This was acknowledged by a number of parties who provided feedback during consultation, where it is noted that fees need to reflect the cost of providing a particular product or service, such as birth certificates.

For the first time, new fees will be introduced for the registration and renewal of marriage and/or civil union celebrants. This was supported by the majority of submitters who provided feedback in the consultation process.

A full list of the new fees that come into effect on 22 May 2017 are available at <https://www.govt.nz/assets/Documents/BDM/BDM-2017-Fees-Change-List.pdf>

### **Computer Group**

This group holds informal meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month from 1.30pm at ‘Our House’

These cover problem solving and general tips for computer uses as well as Family History Support.

### **Legacy Sessions:**

Next Wednesday Legacy session Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 10 – 12.

Next Monday Legacy session Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 1 -3

Held at ‘Our House’

Many a problem has been solved here.

There is a small gold coin charge.

Contact Jane Brooker at jane@cjarm.net or on 299 8749

### **Trading Table**

Our trading table is always open. During meetings and in Research times. Your produce and purchases are valuable for funds. It is surprising the extent of items.

### **Ink Cartridges:**

This is another valuable source of funds for our Branch. Please bring in your empty cartridges.

### **Our House is open for research**

A small door charge is required

Tuesday 9.00am to 12noon

Wednesday 7.30pm to 9.30pm

Saturday 1.00pm to 4.00pm

### **We also subscribe to these overseas Magazines.**

“Who Do You Think You Are”

“Family Tree”

They are there in our library for your benefit.

Please use them as they contain great information.

We also receive **newsletters from around the country**. Many of these newsletters, which are available at “Our House” have interesting stories from their members. Their finds and challenges.

Best wishes to all who have had births, birthdays and other celebrations.

To those of you who have been unwell, a speedy recovery.

Also our sympathy to anyone who has had a recent bereavement.

Save travel to all those who are travelling be it worldwide or at home.

And welcome back to those recently returned.

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