



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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FOR YOUR DIARY

Mon 29 May	Tues 30	Wed 31	Thurs 1 June	Fri 2	Sat 3	Sun 4
Committee Meeting 7.30pm	House open for research 10 – 12	Auckland Central Library Your British Ancestry – an afternoon with Helen Smith 1pm - 5pm		NZSG Conference Alexandra Park 5pm	NZSG Conference 9 - late House open for research 1 - 4	NZSG AGM & Conference 9 - late
5 NZSG Conference 9am – 3pm	6 AM Meeting Viv Parker's U-tube English Parishes 10am PM Meeting Branch resources 7.30	7 Legacy Session 10 am – 12 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	8	9	10 House open for research 1 - 4	11 Combined English Interest Groups Research Day and AGMS 10 – 4 Panmure Computer Group 1.30
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Convenors comments

Hello everyone,

This weekend is the NZSG conference at Alexandra Park, Green Lane west. I am volunteering there, so hope to check out the trade displays and the interesting speakers that are there. The **NZSG AGM** is on the Sunday. It would be great to have a group of people to represent Papakura group. The trade displays and exhibitors will be open after the AGM.

Looking forward to Tuesday 15 August, this is the luncheon for NZSG's birthday. Cost is \$50.00 if you know of any past members, please let them know.

I consider myself a young genealogist, as I have been researching since the age of 19 , and I'm not quite 50 yet. I am new to the Papakura area , but am keen to learn more, as my mother and her family have some roots here, I know there is a wealth of knowledge in the local branch, and we would like to expand on that and use the resources we have at our house.

The names I am researching are: BLISSETT, JACOBS, MORRIS, BUCKLEY, ATKINSON, O'DRISCOLL, THOMPSON, HART and FLETCHER.

It would be great to meet a few more of the members and have a few more pop along to meetings.

Watch this space next time for the conference highlights.

Gail Thompson #17365

June Meeting: 6th June 10am: Viv Parker's U Tube presentation on English Parishes

7.30pm: Exploring our Branch Resources. Do you know what we have?

July Meeting: 4th July 7.30pm: Cabinet Meeting! A mid-year mystery and celebration.

August is Family History Month: We are holding several extra events. Hopefully a speaker on Scottish research, a focus on newspapers and research and Who Do You Think You Are?

Last month's meeting.

At our AGM the following committee members stepped down: Iris Taylor, Jocelyn Bruton and Cathy Owens. Gail Thompson was elected convenor and Fredda Martin and Jane Brooker were re-elected as secretary and treasurer unopposed. Chris Bayley and Shirley Early remained as committee members. Retiring members were thanked for their contribution and presented with a posy of flowers.

Jane Brooker gave her "Are you researching or wasting time and money?" talk, repeated from a morning meeting earlier in the year. A good reminder to take another look at what we already have, and perhaps a different way of looking at things. Many people found something of interest in the talk.

PLEASE READ!

About to contribute to the newsletter in the hopes that other members follow suit. It is a privilege to be able to have such a “**source**” and we are not taking advantage of it.

Are you a Papakura or close proximity Researcher struggling to find information? - Why not ask your questions here? It is so easy to just send a quick query to the editor, and who knows there are about 100 plus people who read this newsletter, for it is circulated to at least 15 other branches too, so maybe an answer will come right back to you.

I have lived in Papakura nearly all my life, went to both Primary and High School here; but have no research backwards – only forwards as my family have been born, schooled, worked, married, resided, been involved in clubs and organizations, featured in local newspapers, appear on honours boards, died and been buried in Papakura. Isn't this history? If you look in the records at the Genealogy resources held by this branch you are bound to find all this information.

I know - because I have helped create - record - and put it here.

HAVE YOU?

So do take advantage. Have you ever thought of looking in the huge index files, there are all sorts of info there. The Microfiche e g; the Births Deaths and Marriage indexes up until 1990; the International Genealogical Index; the Cemetery Microfiche for New Zealand, plus other microfiche and of course the CD's which are all those issued by the NZSG, and Branches of our Society.

Just to give you a little example of what we do have available at 11 Opaheke Road Papakura. Look forward to seeing you there doing some 'proper' research. Cheers Shirley Early.

RESEARCH FACILITIES

The Genealogy Branch has **the genealogy facilities** for the people of Papakura

The Library has the **books and general information** of Papakura

The History Society has **the history** of Papakura

The Museum has **the artefacts** of Papakura

Our House is open for research

Can't find something on the NZ BDM site you think should be there? Come along and check out the microfiche. Several people have recently made 'discoveries'. Our friendly volunteers can help you. \$2 door charge and a 10c per page photocopy charge. Who knows? You may break down a brick wall by using your own resources.

Tuesday 10.00am to 12noon:

Wednesday 7.30pm to 9.30pm:

Saturday 1.00pm to 4.00pm

NZSG Conference and AGM

Are you going to conference? Looking back - I have been to many over the years from Whangarei to Invercargill along with other members of our Branch, Conferences used to be our Annual Holiday! How times change!

I am going to the AGM on Sunday morning, that is always informative, and all NZSG members are encouraged to attend, so give it some thought. I believe there is plenty of free parking. Shirley

Have you seen? The following article [Getting Started](#) (pdf) available on the NZSG website and available to non members.

Who Do You Think You Are? We are looking for a local name to research in a Who Do You Think You Are? type way. Do you have someone in your family? Have you been curious about a street name? Got a local brick wall? We also need a couple of volunteer researchers to join the team. Contact a committee member.

Did you know? If you have unwanted certificates NZSG certificates collection can now accept your certificates by email. Please send them to the [NZSG Manager](#)

As the NZSG does not own the certificates and copyright could be breached we cannot send them to members by email.

The Collection currently stands at over 112,000 documents (certificates of all kinds from many countries) and over 950,000 indexed entries in the database which can be found in the NZSG Kiwi Collection V2. The branch hopes to have a copy of this available soon.

Something to think about:

Why are you doing your Family History? –

Hobby? Preserve Family Information? Pass on to younger generation? Find out about something that happened in the family?

Regardless of why - How are you keeping the information? On paper? On Ancestry, Family Search, or another on line programme? Using a Genealogy software programme?

When you find some information what do you do with it? File it? Record it? Photograph it?

How will you find it again if you need to?

REMEMBER:

The NZSG AGM is held during the conference at Alexandra Park on Sunday 4th June from 9.30am to 12.30 and can be attended, by all financial members of the NZSG, without attending the Conference.

Coming Up:

The Papakura Museum is hosting a travelling exhibition in June and July which focuses on the All Blacks and WWI: Free admission. Balls, Bullets and Boots. From Rugby Field to Battlefield.

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 1st.

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

The ONWARD Project

The ONWARD Project Organisers aim to publish a photograph of every member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force that served overseas between 1914-18. As always, these things require lots of input from several sources and they are hoping you may be able to contribute a photograph/s.

The Organisers have already published 3 Volumes of approximately 12,000 portrait photographs, and are well on the way to finishing the fourth volume. Do you have a photo of a family member who enlisted with the NZEF during World War 1?

The Organisers are close to their quantity of 4,000 photos required for Volume 4 but there is room for more! The cut-off time for photos to be included in Volume 4 is early June 2017.

With 97,500 photos to find it is a huge job, but with the help of many they are making progress. If an image from a newspaper article has already been published in an earlier Volume, an original image will be accepted to be published in an additional Volume.

It will be at least two years before the next volume in the ONWARDS project, Volume 5, will be completed.

This project is recognised by the Governments WW100 official commemoration programme. The link to the Organisers website where you can send images and which explains more about the project is at:

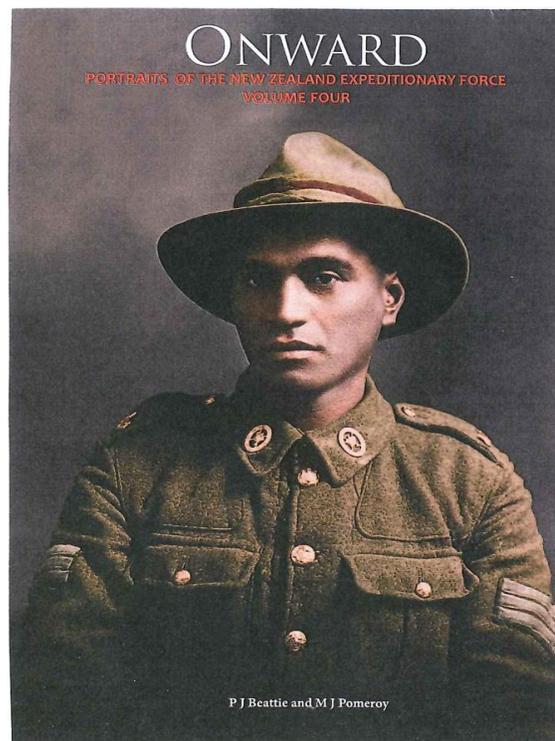
<http://www.fairdinkumbooks.com/#!news-and-events/clpz>

Should you require further information on this project, contact the Organisers at onwardnzef.book@gmail.com

Can you identify this Soldier?

The cover of ONWARD Volume 4 is of a young Soldier in the Pioneer Battalion on leave in Paris, France in 1917 when he had this photo taken.

If you are able to assist in identifying this young Soldier the Organisers of the ONWARD project would like to hear from you. Contact onwardnzef.book@gmail.com



Computer Group

Next meeting Sunday 11th June 1.30pm. This is the group's 'birthday' please bring a **small** plate to share. We hope to have a session with Chris Bayley on some tips and tricks with Windows 10.

Legacy Sessions:

Next Wednesday Legacy session Wednesday 7th June 10 – 12.

Next Monday Legacy session Monday 12th June 1 -3

Held at 'Our House'

Gold coin donation

Contact Jane Brooker at jane@cjarm.net or 296 0257

Don't forget:

Trading Table: Bring along your excess produce, jams, genealogy bits and bobs, no longer needed books etc and support the branch.

Ink Cartridges: Only the following are accepted **Canon** 37 Black, 38 Colour, 40 Black, 41 Colour, 51 Colour, 510 Black, 511 Colour, 512 Black, 513 Colour, 640 Black, 640XL Black, 641 Colour, 641XL Colour.

HP: 22 Colour, 57 Colour, 60 Black, 60XL Black, 60 Colour, 60XL Colour, 61 Black, 61XL Black, 74 Black, 74XL Black, 75 Colour, 75XL Colour, 93 Colour, 95 Colour, 97 Colour

50th Anniversary Luncheon Planning is well underway at NZSG Panmure for a 50th Anniversary luncheon to be held on Tuesday, 15 August 2017.

Headlines from the Magazines and Websites:

- 1) **Australia:** Records of families' searches for missing, wounded and captured **Australian** soldiers are now available to search for free online.

The collection, 'Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Cards' is part of the Australian Red Cross' historic collection, which the charity donated to the University of Melbourne Archive last year. All 58,000 cards are now digitised on the archive's website.

The Red Cross Central Bureau for Wounded, Missing and Prisoners of War was active during the Second World War. Next of kin of missing soldiers, along with some civilians, would contact the bureau trying to find out more about their loved one. The cards include records of any details the Red Cross uncovered, such as whether the person was captured, repatriated or died. Around 5,000 cards date from the Korean and Vietnam wars.

To search the collection, click the link to [University of Melbourne Archives](#) and type in the surname of the person you are searching for. You will need to click the PDF symbol next to their name to view the card.

- 2) **Ireland:** Fingal County Council has produced a free resource to locate people buried in North County, Dublin.

The free database, [Buried in Fingal](#), includes searchable details of more than 65,000 people interred between 1905 and 2005 in 33 of the burial grounds under the council's care in North County Dublin. The oldest burial record dates to 1877 and the most recent to 2013.

- 3) **England:** The names of officers who led the Parliamentary forces in the English Civil War are available to search online for the first time.
 The [Cromwell Association Online Directory of Parliamentary Army Officers](#), which launched last week, fulfils a project that began in 1999 to mark the 400th anniversary of Oliver Cromwell’s birth.
 The database is available for free via **British History Online** and lists over 4000 English and Welsh officers who fought for the Parliamentary cause, primarily in the 1642-1646 phase of the conflict.
- 4) **Ancestry** adds over 6 million **Wiltshire** records. FindmyPast has added those plus adds **Nottinghamshire** records and **Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Somerset** and **Warwickshire** will be included over the next four months.

New in to Our Library: Open All Hours second edition. By Michelle Ann Smith
Coming soon: Kiwi Index V2

I am reading at the moment the “**Breakwater Against the Tide**” book by Elsdon Craig.- a History of Papakura and Districts – really just to get some background information – but am surprised to see some of the long forgotten names of Papakura that formed the backbone of Papakura’s Early History have disappeared from the area. (Chadwick – Mellsop – Lees- Laird). It does have a great index.

Would you like to tell us about a book that you have recently read that pertains to Papakura or maybe your family personally; **Maybe we should all be writing one!**

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