



# From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



## December 2017

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

| Saturday 2<br>Dec               | Sun 3   | Mon 4   | Tues 5  | Wed 6                               | Thurs 7 | Fri 8  |
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| House open for research 1 – 4pm |   |   | <b>Monthly Meeting<br/>           10 am &amp; 7.30pm<br/>           Christmas Social</b><br> | House open for research 7.30 – 9.30 |         |  |
| House open for research 1 – 4   | Computer Group Christmas Lunch<br><b>Not at House</b> |   | House open for research 10 – 12 noon  | House open for research 7.30 – 9.30 |         |  |
| House open for research 1 – 4   |   |   | HOUSE CLOSED  | HOUSE CLOSED                        |         |  |
| HOUSE CLOSED                    | Christmas Eve   | Christmas Day<br>  | Boxing Day<br>HOUSE CLOSED  | HOUSE CLOSED                        |         |  |
| HOUSE CLOSED                    | 31 New Year's Eve                                     | 1 January 2018<br> | 2 Jan<br>HOUSE CLOSED   | 3 Jan<br>HOUSE CLOSED               | 4       | 5<br><b>HOUSE REOPENING<br/>TUESDAY 16th</b> |

## **WHAT'S ON:**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, 10 am and 7.30pm**

**Christmas Social Event.** Please bring a small plate to share and an old Christmas card sent to you by a family member, old Christmas photos, your earliest memories of Christmas or a Christmas memento. I have tree decorations made by grandchildren.

**Raffle:** Tickets are on sale now for one of 2 or 3 prizes These will be drawn at the evening meeting. Donations of non-perishable items welcome.

**House Closing:** The house will be closing for research from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December until Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to allow all our hard-working volunteers a break.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE** **Our next meeting date falls on Waitangi Day. As a result, the February Meeting will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10am and 7.30pm.**

## **Convenors Report:**

Wow, what a fast month it's been, with these daylight savings hours, time to get in the garden, get in early for Christmas shopping, doing a bit of exercise, or doing what you love best, finding another person for our family tree, breaking down another brick wall, or just updating the results that you have found.

I have been watching DNA detectives, and as a prompt from my cousin finding an adoptee wanting to know where they are connected, I have made the plunge and purchased my DNA kits; they arrived last weekend, so here's to another chapter in my life.

I want to wish you all a merry Christmas and happy findings over the Christmas break.

Gail

## **Committee News:**

The committee have co-opted Carmen Parris-Oswald to help out until the next AGM in May.

We are busy planning for next year, one thought is to have more of an in depth look at specific resources such as 'getting the best out of Ancestry'. What do you think?

Do you have ideas for speakers or topics? We would love to hear from you. Contact Gail 2991162

What do you want from the branch?

**Email Addresses:** If you used a Vodafone email address and have changed to a new address, have you let us know?

My thanks to those of you who have sent a changed email and my apologies if this newsletter has gone via your old address as many of them came while I was overseas and I may have missed them.

**To forget one's ancestors is to be a brook without a source, a tree without a root. - Chinese Proverb**

**DNA:** Have you had yours tested? Are you thinking of having a test done? Want to know more? Have results but no idea how to proceed? Are you interested in an informal meeting of others with DNA as the focus? We are looking at having a DNA interest session in the New Year. Please let Jane Brooker know if this interests you. [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net) or Ph 09 2960257.



**Amount of Shared DNA**  
 217 centimorgans shared across  
 15 DNA segments

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**When was:** The last time you chatted to another researcher about your family history names and locations? In this day and age of “everything being on line” the social side of genealogy seems to have been lost. Rarely do people talk about where they are stuck, what names they are looking for or issues they have had accessing information. Certainly, not everything is on line and many things will never be, due to the limited interest in, and high cost of, small data sets to the big on-line companies, but these might be priceless to you. A recent conversation with a third cousin resulted in him saying he had not realised what might be available from a visit to the Archives and perhaps he should go!

The next page is a blank Where Are You Researching? Form, please complete and return to the branch to add to the folder – you never know you might find a cousin in the branch or someone who knows someone with that name. You may find someone willing to help you look.

**Have you seen?** Scrapbook 2614 Papakura and Districts. This was on the shelf when we did the stocktake and is now missing.

**New in to Our Library:**  
 December Family Tree magazine.  
 Papakura Croquet Club Centenary 1917-2017

**Legacy Sessions:**

Next Legacy sessions.            Wednesday    14<sup>th</sup> Feb 10 – 12.  
    Monday        26<sup>th</sup> Feb 1 -3  
 Held at ‘Our House’            Gold coin donation  
 Contact Jane Brooker at [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net) or 296 0257

**Did you know?** From 13<sup>th</sup> December you will need to log in to Familysearch from your account (free) to access records. Visitors will see a prompt telling them to either register or sign in to their existing account to use the site.



## Don't forget: Non-perishable items for the Christmas raffle.

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

**Ink Cartridges:** Only Canon and HP are accepted.

**Are you a member of Lost Cousins?**



As a LostCousins member you will be entitled to receive the newsletter, which is full of useful tips and articles to help you knock down 'brick walls' and take your research to a new level. <https://lostcousins.com> This site often gets the jump on others with news and views, especially about free access to the pay to view sites. Sign up and you might learn a thing or two!

## From the Magazines and Websites: A bit of a round up.

Those of you with Essex ancestors thousands of records from Essex are now available for free on FamilySearch. The site's new collection features an index of [parish register](#) records, including 424,558 baptisms, marriages and funerals, dating from 1538-1997. Also added 92,188 new [Derbyshire parish records](#); 37,798 [Manchester parish records](#); 129,438 [Cambridgeshire bishop's transcripts](#); and 836,206 [Hampshire bishop's transcripts](#).

The [Dreadnought Seamen's Hospital 1826-1930](#) admission and discharge registers have now been digitised on Ancestry. The first hospital for seamen, co-founded by William Wilberforce, opened on board the hospital ship *Grampus* in 1821. It moved to the larger *Dreadnought* in 1831, and the *Dreadnought* hospital itself was active until 1974.

[TheGenealogist](#) has added 15,000 new names from 53 war memorials, bringing its total war memorial records collection to over 383,000. The new records come from memorials in Worcestershire, London and South Yorkshire as well as [Australia and Canada](#).

Medical records of injured servicemen in the First World War are now available on Findmypast. The website has added the series 'MH106, War Office: First World War Representative Medical Records of Servicemen' from The National Archives (TNA).

Scotland: The [Paisley Poor Law indexes](#) are now available online for free via the Renfrewshire Heritage Centre's website.

**Have you heard of? Dusty Docs** <http://dustydocs.com/> Links to free website in the British Isles containing parish registers including Channel Islands and the Isle of Man. Also has Australia and New Zealand resources. These are the New Zealand ones

### Search by Surname

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| ▶ <a href="#">Birth Death Marriage Index</a>       | ▶ <a href="#">Obituaries, 1844-1963</a>                             |
| ▶ <a href="#">Passenger Lists, 1839-1873</a>       | ▶ <a href="#">Archway Government Records</a>                        |
| ▶ <a href="#">Probate Records, 1843-1998</a>       | ▶ <a href="#">Varcoe's NZ Marriages Index 1840-1854</a>             |
| ▶ <a href="#">Albertland Index, 1862-1962</a>      | ▶ <a href="#">Irish Immigrant List to NZ</a>                        |
| ▶ <a href="#">Civil Records Indexes, 1800-1896</a> | ▶ <a href="#">Old Colonists Association Register 'slow to load'</a> |

**Last Word:** A Genalogical Christmas Tree!



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**If there are any errors, omissions or any comments about this newsletter please contact Jane Brooker**  
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Contributions, articles, topics, event dates etc for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to [jane@cjarm.net](mailto:jane@cjarm.net) no later than the **24<sup>th</sup> Jan 2018**.

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