



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 27 May	Mon 28	Tues 29	Wed 30	Thurs 31	Fri 1 June	Sat 2
	Committee Meeting 7.30	House open for research 10 -12	House open for research 7.30 – 9.30		NZSG Conference Christchurch	House open for research 1 – 4 NZSG Conference Christchurch
3 NZSG Conference Christchurch	4 Queen's Birthday  NZSG Conference Christchurch	5 10am meeting All things transport 7.30 meeting	6 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	7	8	9 House open for research 1 – 4 Maurice Gleeson talk Howick
10 Computer Group 1.30pm	11	12 House open for research 10 -12 7.30 Panmure British in India	13 Legacy 10 -12 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	14	15	16 House open for research 1 – 4 GCG Maurice Gleeson
17 DNA group 3pm	18 Legacy 1 - 3	19 House open for research 10 -12	20 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	21	22	23 House open for research 1 – 4
24	25 Committee Meeting 7.30	26 House open for research 10 -12	27 House open for research 7.30 – 9.30	28	29	30 House open for research 1 – 4

WHAT'S ON:

Queen's Birthday Weekend: NZSG Conference Christchurch

Tuesday 5th June: Monthly Meetings

- 10am Flesh on the bones - Transport - Trains, boats, planes, Road and rail builders, carting, getting to school, getting around NZ
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A short presentation on records to assist with researching transport resources, and members stories of ancestors who worked or used transport. Bring your photos, newspaper articles, memories etc and share.

Saturday 9th June: Maurice Gleeson a speaker from Conference is speaking at Howick Branch
1. Using DNA to solve unknown parentage cases 1:00-2:00pm
2. Marrying DNA and Irish family tree research 2:30-3:30pm

</data/media/documents/Event Flyers/Maurice Gleeson Auckland.pdf>

Sunday 10th June: Computer Group 1.30. Websites, software programmes, help with problems. Informal and collaborative.

Tuesday 12th June: Panmure Branch Meeting 7.30pm at the FRC, British Families in India

Saturday 16th June: GCG Genealogical Computer Group. Maurice Gleeson What's a shrink like me doing in a place like this? (a review of the software and tools that I use in my day to day work)

Sunday 17th June: DNA Interest group, a follow on from Michelle Patient's visit.

Jocelyn Bruton NZSG No: 2136

Jocelyn Bruton (nee Page); an original member of our Papakura Branch passed away suddenly on Wednesday 23rd May at Middlemore Hospital after a short illness, her funeral was held on Monday at the Crossroads Church in Broadway Papakura and attended by many.

Jocelyn has been a Life Member of our Branch and member of the NZSG for over 40 years and has made her mark with the indexing cards and library resources we have gathered, she was extremely knowledgeable and her assistance with researching and other things is going to be greatly missed. Jocelyn had served as a committee member for a number of years and has contributed in many other areas in getting the Papakura Branch to where it is today.

I am sure she will be remembered with fondness by many of us.

Rest in peace Jocelyn.



Convenors Report:

Hello all,

My gosh what a journey, I only discovered Papakura NZSG in July last year. Now, I find myself as the Convenor for all you lovely people 😊

August 2017, I was so humbled by the warmth and support of everyone when I came to the first session/meeting. Owing to a shoulder operation, driving was not allowed. I was truly grateful for how you all went out of your way to support me for transport to meetings. Daytime events and occasional 'get togethers' were wonderful for me. I could walk to these, giving me purpose to get out of the home and rehabilitate. Is it any wonder I wanted to have the opportunity to immerse myself and help volunteer with you all!

Convenor - this has occurred so fast, I have not had much 'thought time' regarding what I envisage for our branch. Being new to this role and our community house, I would love to hear your knowledge, thoughts and views. My contact details are at the end of my 'little' story. Please, I look forward to you sharing any thoughts or queries - the more feedback I receive the more we can achieve and grow together!

I became involved with the 'scanning project' that is currently pending grant funding. My first thought and passion is around protecting and preserving our precious records and data. If funding is approved, this will ensue a major project for us all. This will require a great deal of volunteer resource. I feel confident (from what I have recently seen at the centre), that you too will embrace this awesome opportunity to future proof our history. The plan will be for a long and staggered project to ensure this is not pressurised for us as volunteers. Our focus - to ensure data is preserved and protected in a 'real' timed period that meets the availability of all of us as volunteers.

We have a huge amount of support from 'NZSG' for this project. I will personally ensure communications are maintained so we can learn and adopt their successful 'digitising' practices and process. Why re-invent the wheel right?

A little about me. I moved to Pahurehure, in March 2017. I have a gorgeous little home that I absolutely adore. I am so happy to live in this neighbourhood and am very blessed by my surroundings and awesome neighbours. I work at the Ministry for Primary Industries. My role is a BSO (Business Support Officer, not a Bright Shiny Object!), in the Transitional Facilities Team (oversee sites that import sea containers). Yes, I am very passionate about Biosecurity in New Zealand and am proud to live in our beautiful little country

I would like to end my very first 'contribution' with saying how *truly grateful* I am to Gail – you are placing a lot of faith in me. I endeavour to follow in your footsteps, knowledge and hope to gain more. I sincerely wish you all the best for your new ventures for you and your family.

Please join me in saying a huge thank you to a wonderful person who spent so much energy and time in our wonderful community; Gail, we all look forward to hearing from you and your new adventures!

Kindest Regards to you all,

From the desk and thoughts of

Carmen

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Introducing: Gloria Buddle our new committee member.

I joined Papakura "Tree House" many years ago, but as a 1st generation Kiwi, did not think there would be anything of family info for me, in Papakura. My "Buddle's" are from England, via Australia, to NZ, and my "Sneddon's" from Scotland & Australia, to NZ. So, I always said I was dabbling at my family history. I was always with adults as a child, and loved listening to family stories, (or eavesdropping on family antic's)!!!? Though now, as I am retired, and with Ancestry, Legacy program (I originally used Family Tree Maker- I think it was called), I am mostly dabbling daily.

I am from Lower Hutt, and love going home, next time I will get to a LH meeting for sure. (I have received the newsletters from various other NZSG Branches, and guess that goes with being a Committee member) Was great to read what they are up to.

Sure hope to contribute to our Group and share the load of Committee work.

Bye

Gloria 3354

Committee News: Carmen Parris-Oswald was elected as the new convenor at the AGM. Gail Thompson may well be moving during the year so is remaining on the committee until then. Re-elected were secretary Fredda Martin and Treasurer Jane Brooker. After almost continual service to the branch since its beginning Shirley Early reluctantly stepped down from committee. In her absence she was thanked for her huge contribution and her presence will still be felt. Newly elected committee member Gloria Buddle joins Chris Bayley and the others to make up the team.

New charges were approved at the AGM: A standard \$3 for all research (door), Legacy, computer group, DNA group and any other teaching sessions was agreed, to match meeting charges.

A \$5 charge applies to non-branch and non-NZSG members.

We await the result of our funding application to digitise the index cards.

Coming Up:



June Meeting

Flesh on the bones – Transport

July Meeting

Our 40th Anniversary. Social event come and meet some former members, see photos and share.

Family History Month Activities

Wednesday 1st August

Getting Started with your Family Tree 7 - 9

Saturday 4th August

Legacy Workshop 10 – 1

Tuesday 7th August

Meeting Flesh on the Bones – Schooling

Weekend 10th – 12th August

Family History Fair - Fickling Convention Centre

Saturday 18th August

Combined Research Day at Papakura Library 10 – 2

Wednesday 22nd August

DNA and Genealogy

Legacy Sessions:

Next Legacy sessions. Wednesday 13 June 10 – 12.
 Monday 18 June 1 – 3 Held at 'Our House' \$3

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

DNA Group: Following on from our successful first meeting in February and the great seminar with Michelle Patient in April our next meeting will be on Sunday 17th June 3pm at the house. We hope to show the webinar No Tree No Problem and cover queries and information on getting to grips with DNA

Children and Genealogy: Have a look at these resources for encouraging youngsters into genealogy <http://www.growinglittleleaves.com/> maybe it will give your little leaves some ideas.

Did you know?

As well as being the 100-year anniversary of the 1st World War ending, with effect from the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month;

2018 marks

- The 100th anniversary of the outbreak of the Spanish Flu epidemic. 8600 New Zealanders died
- The 125th anniversary of women having the right to vote in New Zealand
- 100th Anniversary of women's suffrage in Great Britain and Ireland.
- 50th anniversary of the Wahine disaster
- 50th anniversary of Inangahua earthquake
- It is 100 years since the Royal Air Force was formed.
- 250 years since Captain James Cook set sail from England aboard Endeavour.
- 200 years since *Frankenstein* was published.
- 50 years since the assassination of Martin Luther King and Robert F Kennedy
- 75 years since the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising and the Dambusters bombing raid
- 50 years since Apollo 8 orbited the moon the first manned spacecraft to do so.
- 50 years since Hair debuted on Broadway
- 1975 years since the Romans invaded Britain!
- 300th anniversary of transportation from Britain to the American Colonies
- 150th anniversary of last penal transportation from Britain to Australia
- In 1818 Karl Marx and Emily Bronte were born
- Nelson Mandela was born 100 years ago
- 200th anniversary of the first blood transfusion
- 40 years since the first test tube baby Louise Brown was born. She is married with 2 children, guess her DNA results could be interesting!
- 60th anniversary of BMW's mini and Lego



Facebook:

I forgot to mention in the last newsletter that there is a great article on the NZSG website regarding Facebook. https://www.genealogy.org.nz/facebook_1655

Thanks Tracey Little our webmaster for the reminder

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

Remember Ancestry, Findmypast and The Genealogist are available at Auckland Library libraries so you don't need to subscribe.

Ancestry now has the 1939 register, they have also updated records from many English counties.

New:- [Victoria, Australia, Birth Index, 1837-1917](#), [Victoria, Australia, Death Index, 1836-1988](#), [New York State, Death Index, 1957-1968](#), [Poland, Krakow Apartments of Displaced Jews, 1940](#)

Findmypast has added to its [Catholic Heritage Archive](#), and has Norfolk England parish registers, parish chest records and land tax assessments. You are now also able to search the 1939 register by address on this site and they have 'opened' 64000 additional records on the register. Transcripts of UK deaths from 2007 – 2016 are also available.

The Genealogist has added over a million Warwickshire records and more War Memorial Records

Family Search has added some Devon Bishops transcripts – although not considered as good as parish registers these records do give you another option if the original registers are damaged, illegible or missing altogether

Have you seen? The British Ministry of Defence has used a mix of records and DNA to identify a sailor killed at the Battle of Gavrelle -1917 (part of the Battle of Arras) The sailor belonged to the *British Royal Naval Division*. This division was set up by Winston Churchill to divert some of the huge numbers volunteering and in reserve for the navy in WWI to the army as there were not enough ships for them all. This division functioned as part of the navy and its records were stored separately to those of the army and have survived. Do you think one of your ancestors was in the RND? Maybe their records are still available.

Its surviving service records are listed in the ADM 339 catalogue at the National Archives at Kew. Records of most RND officers can also be found in WO 339. Use your NZSG membership to log in and access Discovery. <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/>



Rubbish: Since the introduction of the new system in Papakura and the difficulty with handling the big bins, the committee are asking members to place all used teabags in the bucket on the sink for composting, all paper rubbish in the paper box and take any recyclables and items not teabags or paper home with them please.

New in to Our Library: Family Tree Magazine, Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine June Issues.

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.

Sharing: A problem shared is a problem halved. Hit a brick wall? Come and have a chat at one of our meetings and see if others have any suggestions, or come to one of our research sessions and have one on one help.

Last Word:



If there are any errors, omissions or any comments about this newsletter please contact Jane Brooker jane@cjarm.net

Contributions, articles, topics, event dates etc. for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to jane@cjarm.net no later than the **25 June 2018**.

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