



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



Family History Month - August 2018

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FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 29 July	Mon 30	Tues 31	Wed 1 August	Thurs 2	Fri 3	Sat 4
	Committee Meeting		Introduction to genealogy 7.00 – 9.00		European Interest Group Panmure 4 - 10pm	Legacy Workshop 10am House open for research 1 – 4
5	6	7 Branch Meeting 10 am School Records Meeting 7.00pm School records	8 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	9	10 Family History Expo Fickling Centre	11 Family History Expo House NOT open for research
12 Family History Expo NO COMPUTER GP	13	14 House open for research 10 -12	15 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	16	17	18 Joint Research Day Papakura Library 10 - 2 House open for research 1 – 4
19	20	21 House open for research 10 -12	22 DNA and Genealogy 7.00 – 9.00pm	23	24	25 House open for research 1 – 4
26	27 Committee Meeting 7.00	28 House open for research 10 -12	29 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	30	31	1 September House open for research 1 – 4

All evening meetings will start at 7pm

WHAT'S ON:

Wednesday 1st August: 7pm What's it all about? Genealogy introduction and getting started

Saturday 4th August

Legacy workshop 10am Customising, getting started, tips and tricks bring along your queries

Tuesday 7th August: Monthly Meetings

10am Flesh on the bones - School Records and how to use them

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Friday 10th – Sunday 12th August:

Family History Expo: Fickling Centre. See Auckland Library website for details.

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/2018AFHExpo>

Saturday 11th August: House closed for research

Sunday 12th August: NO Computer Group 1.30.

Saturday 18th August: Joint Research Day Papakura Sit Edmund Hilary Library 10 – 2 Brick walls, how to etc

Wednesday 22nd August: DNA and genealogy. 7- 9



Convenors Report:

Hello everyone,

Hoping everyone is managing to stay at least somewhat dry and warm!

A couple of maintenance areas of concern have been addressed at our 'House' by Council this last month, so that was good to see. More changes possibly on the horizon, time will tell!

What's been happening? Our branch 40th birthday was a lovely evening and we all enjoyed awesome stories and lovely homemade birthday cake! A small team of us spent a very productive day at NZ Archives, the assistance and support from the Archives team was outstanding. We were also treated with a behind the scenes tour of the centre, extremely interesting to see and hear what goes on behind the large closed doors.

I spent some of my time at NZ Archives researching for another family and had some very intriguing finds. Also, my own family popped a couple of surprises, that I will need to dig deeper into! My DNA kit arrived, and I need to get my little sample sorted and sent off! Doubt I will get much results until I get this done!

This month is Family History Month and some very exciting events coming up. Legacy Family Tree Workshop at the house and a joint research day at Papakura Library. Not to mention the Family History Expo 10th-12th August at the Fickling Centre in Mount Albert.

Looking forward to catching up with you all soon

Kindest Regards, From the desk and thoughts of

Carmen

Committee News: We got the grant from Auckland Council local Papakura board!! This will enable us to preserve our bio index from damage, give us a copy of this extensive resource and make it more user friendly for look ups. The grant allows us to buy a multicard scanner and new computer, some additional funds from the branch will be needed for computer consumables.

Lots of activities planned for Family History Month.

Auckland Office National Archives visit: A really informative visit . Stephanie van Gaalen gave us an introduction to what was in the archives at the beginning of our day, then we did some of our own research and before we came home, Mark Stoddart, the Regional Archivist, gave us a behind the scenes tour. A particular highlight was the admission books for Carrington hospital which included notes on patients and in many cases photographs of patients. (Photo on our Facebook page)

If you are interested in what the Archives has to offer <http://archives.govt.nz/resources> is a link to research guides from the Archives.

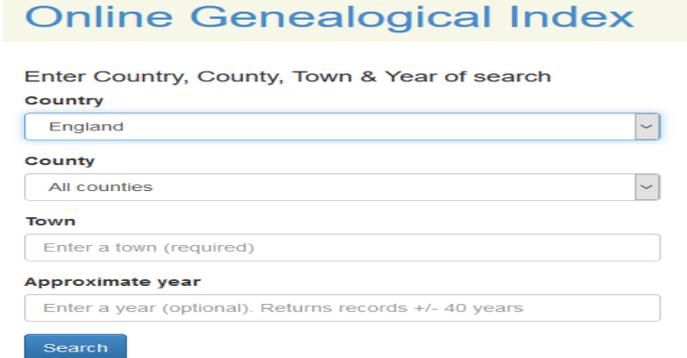
Also, each day Archives NZ posts an image or “on this day” item on Twitter. You can view these without signing up to Twitter <https://twitter.com/ArchivesNZ>

Did you know?

If you have someone who worked in a specific industry or company, take a look at Grace’s Guide to British Industrial History https://www.gracesguide.co.uk/Main_Page

Grace's Guide is the leading source of historical information on industry and manufacturing in Britain. This web publication contains **129,268 pages** of information and **204,280 images** on early companies, their products and the people who designed and built them.

Have you seen? <http://ogindex.org/>



The image shows a search form titled "Online Genealogical Index". The form has a light green header. Below the header, there is a prompt "Enter Country, County, Town & Year of search". The form contains four input fields: "Country" with a dropdown menu showing "England", "County" with a dropdown menu showing "All counties", "Town" with a text input field containing "Enter a town (required)", and "Approximate year" with a text input field containing "Enter a year (optional). Returns records +/- 40 years". A blue "Search" button is located at the bottom of the form.

A place to look for free sites for specific places in England Wales or Isle of Man.

Of Scams and things

Recently there was discussion at computer group about the Microsoft scam. Next day one of the attendees received a call from 'Microsoft' saying there was something wrong with their computer. It wasn't and there wasn't, Microsoft will NEVER ring you. Having had the discussion at user group she knew what to do, HANG UP, don't say anything, just HANG UP. I swore at one and he rang back and swore at me, he has your number!

In view of this, thought it would be an idea to offer some information on scams.

Firstly, and most importantly NEVER give your details and/or credit card details to ANYONE who rings you, no matter what excuses, threats, fantastic deals, love or investments they may offer, EVER. The only time you would give your details is if you ring to order and/or pay for something. If the call leaves you feeling intimidated ring your local police. Or 111 if a crime is being committed.

Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, Spark, Vodafone, IRD, your bank, etc will NOT ring you and ask you to log on to a website nor ask you for credit card details, EVER. Just HANG UP. If you think the call may be legitimate ask for the person's name (they will likely hang up as it's probably a scam call). Do not ask for their phone number. If they do provide the info, then look up the phone number and ring and ask for the person. That way you are sure you are talking to a legitimate person.

Email scams. These are becoming very sophisticated so be on your guard! NEVER click on a link or attachment in an email. Even if it's from a familiar source, friend etc (look at this fantastic picture...um...NO). Look closely at the sender's email address, it may look a little or very slightly odd. If it does DELETE IT. If you hover your mouse over the link you should see the address the link will open. This is another check to see if the email is legitimate. Got one from APPLE (first clue, don't have an Apple) which asked me to click on "http://store.apple.com" hover over showed "http://bit.do/erGKh", that's where you would go if you click on it, SO DON'T. As a rule, DO NOT click on a link or attachment in an email unless you are VERY sure of the source, even then it can be spoofed. Click on it and your world may fall apart! Some may install malware (nasty programs you really don't want). This is one of the major entry paths for the data hacks and ransomware attacks you read about.

Rules

1. If it looks/sounds too good to be true, it's a scam, HANG UP or DELETE IT.
2. Love scams. I love you, I LOVE YOU, but I need money. NO, they don't, they WANT your money. The minute they ask for money break it off. Don't get involved.
3. Any phone call offering something/anything and wanting your credit card details or to log onto a website, just HANG UP.
4. On that note, don't give to charities that ring, a scam? If you want to give, contact the charity directly.
5. Cover your webcam, if you have one. As these can be hacked, and they could be watching you!
6. Your microphone is listening! (if you have one, all modern laptops do). If you want to turn it off, go to Settings, Privacy, Microphone and turn off. The reverse to turn on. You will need to leave it on if you use Cortana. You will need to turn it on to use Skype etc.
7. Never click on a link or an attachment in an email unless you are VERY sure where it comes from. You know not whence you may travel, it may be to a very dark place.
8. NEVER put your details or credit card details in an email, EVER. Emails, unless encrypted, are not secure.

Make sure you have some malware protection. Microsoft Windows Defender as a minimum (it's improving all the time), this comes with Windows 10 and it's free. Check Windows firewall is turned on. Be sure that Windows Update is enabled to keep Windows and Defender up to date. Both should be turned on by default.

PLEASE backup your data. In the past have had floods of tears when clients are told there's no way to recover their lost data. Copy data to a USB stick, external drive, CD, DVD, and store off site. No use if it's in the draw beside the computer and house burns down. Or to the cloud DropBox, Onedrive etc.

If you need some help come along to the computer group, meets 2nd Sunday, 1:30pm. <https://netsafe.org.nz> is a very good resource. Gives extensive info on scams. You can contact them if you are worried. Also <https://www.consumerprotection.govt.nz/general-help/scamwatch> has good info.

Coming Up:

Lots of NZSG branches are having speakers or special presentations and workshops this month. Visit <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/> and look at the events calendar. You do not need to be an NZSG member to view this page.

September Meeting: Suffrage Month, speaker to be confirmed

October Meetings: To be advised

Legacy Sessions:

Next Legacy sessions.	Workshop Saturday 4 August 10 am		
	Monday 3 September 1 – 3		
	Wednesday 19 September 10 – 12	Held at 'Our House'	\$3

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

Facebook:

Remember our Facebook page, Family History Papakura. <https://www.facebook.com/Family-History-Papakura-612976212372952/> photos posted there of 40th birthday and visit to Auckland Archives.

Remember Ancestry, Findmypast and The Genealogist are available at Auckland Library libraries, so you don't need to subscribe. With a library subscription you can access My Heritage from your own home via the library site.

New in to Our Library: Family Tree Magazine, Who Do You Think You Are? Magazine July & August 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 **27 August 2018**.

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