



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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FOR YOUR DIARY

Sun 26 August	Mon 27	Tues 28	Wed 29	Thurs 30	Fri 31	Sat 1 September
	Committee Meeting 7.00	House open for research 10 -12	House open for research 7.00 – 9.00		Research night Panmure 4 - 12 midnight	House open for research 1 – 4
2 Scottish Interest Group 1- 4 NZSG Panmure	3 Legacy 1 - 3pm	4 Branch Meeting 7.00pm A story of 2 suffragettes	5 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	6	7 European Interest Group 4 – 10pm NZSG Panmure	8 House open for research Howick Branch Digital Genealogy 1.30pm
9 COMPUTER GROUP 1.30	10	11 House open for research 10 -12	12 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	13	14	15 House open for research 1 – 4 Franklin Branch Suffrage Expo 10 – 4.30pm
16	17	18 House open for research 10 -12	19 Legacy 10 – 12 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	20	21	22 House open for research 1 – 4
23	24 Committee Meeting 7.00	25 House open for research 10 -12	26 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	27	28	29 September House open for research 1 – 4

All evening meetings will start at 7pm

WHAT'S ON:



Friday 31st August: **4pm - Midnight** **Research Session Panmure**
NZSG. See NZSG website for details. places may still be available

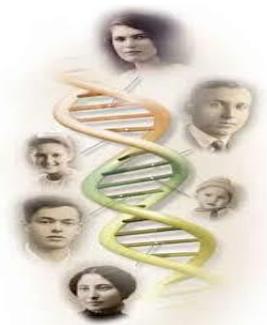
Monday 3rd September: **1pm – 3pm** **Legacy Help Session**

Tuesday 4th September: **Monthly Meeting**

7.00pm **Speaker: Elizabeth Donald - A story of 2 suffragettes.** Elizabeth is a past member of the branch and has a grandmother and great grandmother who were part of the suffrage movement.

Sunday 9th September: **1.30pm** **Computer Group**

Wednesday 19th September: **10 – 12am** **Legacy Help Session**



Convenors Report:

Greetings everyone,

What a month! It's getting lighter in the morning and evening's now. Daylight savings can't be too far away, and we can say goodbye to a horrible damp and windy winter.

This month saw more changes, to 'Our house' by Council. Some concreting laid and minor maintenance issues resolved inside too. Watch this space!

August has gone in a flash and so did Family History Month. 'Our House' enjoyed quite a few mini seminars and learning sessions. Thank you so much to all our volunteers who prepared and presented these events to provide us all with such valuable information and advice!

The other big buzz was the Auckland Family History Expo 2018, held at the Fickling Centre in Three Kings, Auckland. Ok, I was not able to attend Friday's session, but attended Saturday and Sunday's events. Wow is how I summarised those two days! I was buzzing after both evenings and totally brain exhausted. I took extensive notes, still deciphering some of them! The guest speakers, each one passionate, experienced and filled with pride for what they do! Their achievements and the goals and challenges they are to endure are humbling. We are so fortunate to have amazing people out there caring and wanting to find, restore, archive and digitise our beautiful precious history.

My news, I received my first ever DNA kit results, so exciting! A couple of interesting details I came across, so looking forward to more research, time permitting.....

Looking forward to 'Lock Down' this coming Friday night at the Family Research Centre in Panmure!

See you all soon 😊

Kindest Regards

From the desk and thoughts of Carmen Parris-Oswald (nee Parris)

Committee News:

Please check what you are paying in cash, we have had a run of Australian and Fijian coins. Less money in the coffers. 😞

Women's Suffrage:



19th September is the 125 Anniversary of the signing into law of an Electoral Act giving women the vote in New Zealand. The first self-governing country in the world to do so.

The 1893 Women's Suffrage Petition is on display at He Tohu the National Library in Wellington. It was signed by almost a quarter of the adult female population of New Zealand at the time.

If you think you may have an ancestor who signed, have a look at the Women's Suffrage Petition Database on NZ History. <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/politics/womens-suffrage/petition>

The database allows you to search by surname, by suburb or town, by city or region or by Sheet number and a digital version of each sheet is available.

I had a look and 6 people gave Papakura as their Suburb including Ellison McFarlane Norrie, address The Manse Papakura. She was the eldest daughter of the 10 children of Rev Thomas Norrie and his wife Elizabeth. Ellison was born in New Zealand in 1859. The Norrie name is well known in our district. Norrie Road in Drury being one example of where the Presbyterian Minister is remembered.

On election day 28th November 1893 according to www.nzhistory.govt.nz more than 90,000 women went to the polls, although women were not allowed to stand for Parliament until 1919 and the first female MP was not elected until 1933, the first female cabinet minister was appointed in 1947 and the first female Maori MP was elected in 1949

Many branches are holding special events including Franklin Branch. A Suffrage Expo is being held at The Centre, 12 Massey Ave, Pukekohe on Saturday 15th September from 10am to 4.30pm.

Did you know? We had a great turnout at both the library research day and the DNA meeting during family History Month. Several new potential members and some 'old hands' making new discoveries.

The branch has about 30 volunteers covering activities and duties with approximately 70 hours of work per month. (Research times, meetings, classes, making sure things run smoothly, library research, answering queries etc). Thank you to everyone – without you we couldn't carry on.

Other branches and interest groups in the Auckland region have speakers and events coming up - see calendar for dates and NZSG website for details.

Have you seen?

The Friends of the Cathedral are staging an exhibition "**Hatched, Matched and Dispatched**" in the Selwyn Library 8 St Stephens Ave, Parnell from **5th to 14th Oct** and is part of The Auckland Festival. It will feature Baptism and Wedding gowns and items of Mourning memorabilia. This is from the 1900's onwards and will include apart from clothing; flowers, music, photographs and many items of historical interest. The library is itself historic, being built in 1862 and not normally open to the public. Entry is \$10.pp and tea will be available in the Monteith centre across the road. Enquiries ph. 09 524 0241 or frbridgman@xtra.co.nz

Have you seen 2?

From the NZSG website. 2018 is the 100th anniversary of the flu pandemic.

[The Great Flu Pandemic, 1918](#) (you tube)

Presenter: Gay Williams - 08/03/2015 (past president of NZSG)

Over a 3 month period in 1918 NZ lost half as many people to influenza as it had in the entire war. Gay discusses the world's worst disease outbreak ever.

Download the [PDF](#)

NZSG Member Benefits:



Coming Up:

October Meetings: Meat on the bones - Wills, probates, what have you found that has led to new family discoveries? Had fun transcribing a will.
November: Hope to have a speaker on a nurse in WW1 as commemoration of Armistice Day
December Meetings Traditional sayings and family expressions, and their meanings.

Legacy Sessions:

Next Legacy sessions.	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

WANTED:

Donations of good quality item for raffles – non-perishable items for the Christmas hamper, genealogical or other items for general raffles. Please contact Gloria Buddle 09 2999550.

Auckland Central Library Heritage Talks

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/search-results.aspx?u=#k=heritagetalks>

These are some of the talks coming up in September and October most are Wednesday lunch time 12 – 1pm, Go on the train, walk up Queen St, have coffee on the way enjoy the talk and come home again.

12 September Life through the lens with Keith Giles,

26 September Maori Cloak Project – Auckland Museum

3rd October Influenza 100 1 – 5.30pm

7 October Looking for a better life – the Chinese poll tax certificate records Sunday 11 - 1

10 October The people of Wai Horotui – Early settlers and the Queen St stream

24 October Made in Auckland New Zealand filmmaking.

Facebook:

Remember our Facebook page, Family History Papakura. <https://www.facebook.com/Family-History-Papakura-612976212372952/>

From around the websites and magazines:

Ancestry has a DNA special of \$90 AUD for Father's Day (just under \$100 NZ\$) until midnight Sunday 2nd Check whether shipping is included before buying.

My Heritage is also offering a NZ\$89 for DNA kits – free shipping if you buy 2+kits.

Ancestry has added a database of vital notices from The Age, The Sydney Mail and the Sydney Morning Herald between 1831 and 2001. (Remember these may also be available on Trove and some info may be in the Ryerson Index)

Deceased Online has added Rose Hill, Botley and Headington Cemeteries in Oxfordshire burial records to its collection

Findmypast has added 37,000 open records to its 1939 register. The full register contains over 45 million people and Findmypast has released 33.9 million. A Lanarkshire death Index is also available.

The British Newspaper Archive has added pages to the Liverpool Echo, the Music Hall and Theatre Review and Wicklow People. Also available on Findmypast.

The Isle of Wight council has launched a burial and cremation website. <https://www.iw-bereavementservices.co.uk/>

FamilySearch has added some French collections including public records from Brittany.

Scotlands People has added more than 2400 maps, plans and drawings

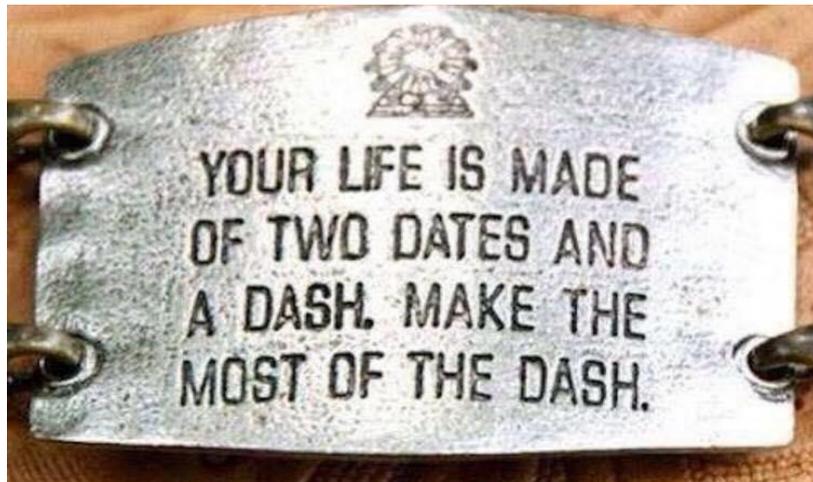
If you are aware of any good sites or other resources, please share.

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 **24 September 2018.**

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