



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 27 Sun | 28 Mon Auckland Anniversary | 29 Tues House open for research 10 -12 Committee Meeting 7.00 | 30 Wed House open for research 7.00 – 9.00 | 31 Thurs | 1 Feb Fri | 2 Sat House open for research 1 – 4 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 Meetings 10am and 7pm Occupations, trades, apprentices and more | 6 Waitangi Day House open for research 7.00 – 9.00 | 7 | 8 | 9 House open for research 1 - 4 |
| 10 Computer Group | 11 Legacy session 1-3pm | 12 House open for research 10 -12 | 13 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00 | 14 | 15 | 16 House open for research 1 – 4 |
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All evening activities start at 7pm

WHAT'S ON:

- Tuesday 5 February:** **10am & 7pm Occupations, trades, apprenticeships and more:**
Do you have occupations or trades that run in the family? Have you found any unusual occupations? Have you come across an occupation and have no idea what it entails? Come along and share, learn about a few resources that may help your research.
- Wednesday 6 February:** **Waitangi Day BUT house will be open for research in the evening 7-9pm.**
- Sunday 10 February:** **Computer Group.** Software programmes, websites, new resources.
- Monday 11 February:** **Legacy Session 1-3pm.** Help with the programme, tips and techniques, problem solving...
- Friday 22 February:** **Joint session at Sir Edmund Hilary Library 11-1** Come along and join us if you are stuck and want some help. Use of Library on-line resources and advice and guidance from Branch members and Library Staff.
- Wednesday 27 February:** **Legacy Session 1-3pm.** Help with the programme, tips and techniques, problem solving...

Convenors Report:

Hey Everybody,

Happy New Year everyone, hoping everyone is safe and well! How are we all coping with this hot weather?

I managed to embark on some NZSG time for me! So, my indulgence was to spend 6 hours wandering around Waikumete Cemetery! Not something I have entirely shared with all my friends ☺ I had a fantastic time and learnt so much along the way. My next exciting mission is going down to Wellington in a few weeks with the opportunity to visit Wellington Archives for a brief time for some research and hopefully some great answers.

Looking forward to this year and what we can achieve this year ☺

From the desk of Carmen

Kindest Regards

Carmen

Committee News:

Valentine's Raffle – Thanks to the kind donation of wine and chocolates we are using Valentine's Day as an excuse to have an *indulgence raffle* this month! Thank you Gloria for organising.

At our al fresco meeting (too darn hot in the house) last night the committee did some forward planning on speakers, made some progress with setting up internet access and leasing scanning equipment for digitising the cards and setting up more streamlined internet banking.

Work our volunteers do: There are a number of branch members besides the committee, who support us in many ways, running research sessions, working on the library, helping at Papakura library, keeping membership lists up to date for helpers, articles for the newsletter, cleaning, making tea, reporting issues and I'm sure there is more. **A huge thank you to them all. Without you our branch might have to close.** This is a possibility unless we get a few more offering to help or willing to stand on the committee

STILL WANTED.

Volunteers to relieve for house duty. Wednesday Evenings, Saturday Afternoons, Tuesday Mornings.

Our pool of house openers is dwindling, and we really need some fresh blood to help out.

You are being asked to put your name forward to cover for someone normally rostered on, unable to do their session. It is not a regular commitment.

It is a great way to find out about what we have at the house, do your own research, meet and help others. Please email janebaknz@outlook.com if you are available.

Legacy Sessions:

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| Next Legacy sessions. | Monday | 11 February 1 – 3 | Held at ‘Our House’ | \$3 |
| | Wednesday | 27 February 10 -12 | | |

Contact Jane Brooker at janebaknz@outlook.com or 296 0257

Legacy update: Since our last newsletter there have been 3 more updates to Legacy. Latest one was on 21 January Version 9.0.0.282. You don't have to upgrade, but all these latest upgrades are to fix bugs. You can see what has been fixed by clicking on the revision history (RHS) from the Legacy home tab .

Legacy have obviously recognised the large number of users on this side of the world and are running a series of Australia New Zealand webinars.

DOWN UNDER EDITION OF WEBINAR WEDNESDAY ANNOUNCED



[Legacy Family Tree Webinars](#), the leading genealogy and DNA education platform, announced today the addition of a new webinar channel specifically for genealogists in Australia and New Zealand. The "Down Under" series will be broadcast live the first Wednesday of every month at 12pm (noon) Sydney, Australia time. The webinar series has been created to recognize the importance of Australian and New Zealand genealogists and to provide live genealogy education in a more convenient local time zone.

The new channel features both well-known Australian and New Zealand educators as well as international genealogists. The speakers for the 2019 series include Helen Smith, Carol Baxter, Jill Ball, Fiona Brooker, Cyndi Ingle, Thomas MacEntee, Blaine Bettinger and Paul Milner. Topics in the new series range from Australian Cemetery Records to the British Parish Chest as well as technology and DNA.

The next one in this series is Six Feet Down Under – Cemetery Records in Australia by Jill Ball 12 noon Sydney time so 2pm in New Zealand on Tuesday 5th February. If you don't have a webinar subscription, they are usually available free for about a week after screening.

DNA Group:

After some discussion the DNA group is going to run every three months on the second Sunday. The group would like to thank the computer group for agreeing to this sharing of timing.

Next DNA meeting Sunday 10th March 1-3pm

ADVANCE NOTICE

GARAGE SALE

Saturday 6th April at 'Our House'

8am – 12noon

Start looking through those cupboards and drawers for good quality items for us to sell to raise funds for the branch.

PLEASE REMEMBER

We are not an alternative to the tip.

Books, clothes, bric-a-brac, produce, baking and preserves welcome.

NO ELECTRICAL GOODS UNLESS TAGGED

NO FOOTWEAR

If you need items picked up contact a committee person

We would prefer items not to be left at the house until the week before

Would you be interested? We are considering having a raffle of 'one on one time' with someone who has good knowledge of a resource eg:- Using Findmypast, or specifically something like the 1939 register, Ancestry or something like the Probate Index, Legacy, Family Tree Maker, English, Irish or Scottish resources etc etc.

If you are interested, let a committee member know what the resource is you would like to 'win' and we'll see if we can make it happen.

THANK YOU: To everyone who has renewed their membership of the branch.

Coming Up:

- February Meetings: Occupations. In your family, old names, want to know more.
- March Meeting: Using Family Tree Maker to create a book. Branch Member Rodney Price will talk about the reasons for putting the book together the way he has, and the interesting twists along the way.
- April Meeting: We hope to have a speaker about the Falkland Islands. To be confirmed.
- May Meeting: AGM speaker to be confirmed

From around the websites and magazines:

Ireland Reaching Out: If you haven't looked at this website for a while it may be time to have another look. When I was in Ireland this was the 'go to' site for many people I spoke to about family.

Sharing the story of past generations (From the website) <https://www.irelandxo.com/>

Much of what we know about our Irish ancestry is passed down from generation to generation. This week's Chronicles feature two short biographies that were created over 100 years ago by an observant daughter. These first-hand accounts of people who left Ireland in the mid-1800s are now documented in their Irish place of origin, enabling the people living there today to have a greater understanding of their own diaspora, past and present.

Findmypast: has run an Australia Day focus on Australian (and New Zealand) resources on the site <https://search.findmypast.com.au/search-australia-and-new-zealand-records> takes you to the Australia New Zealand search function. At the bottom of the page is a link to resources such as Victoria Electoral Rolls, NSW Convict arrivals, Brands Directory South Australia and NZ Boer war service men.

They also have a free webinar "Finding Family Down Under". This is the link to the UTube presentation www.youtube.com/watch?v=AI-iLW9JAK4&feature=youtu.be&utm_source=fmp&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=AUday19&utm_content=AU+Day+260119&utm_term=11918920

In addition; they have added some Scottish records to mark Burns night:- Including, Scotland Jacobite Rebellions 1715 and 1745 (lists of prisoners, those banished or pardoned and many other records), Roman Catholic Parish Congregational Records and Glasgow's Smallpox vaccination Registers 1801-1854. (I am going to be looking at these to see if I can track down Chris's elusive Black ancestors!)

Who Do You Think You Are? Following the Scottish theme, has some hints on the 17 best free Scottish resources. Their newsletter has a reprint of Chris Paton's July 2017 article from the magazine. (copy on our library shelves)

The February issue has articles on census tips, Understanding DNA results, the origins of Valentine's Day cards, technical tips on scanning photographs tithes maps, and how to find criminal ancestors, which leads me to:-.

TheGenealogist: has added criminal records from the UK National Archives, these are different to the ones on Ancestry and Findmypast.

Lost Cousins: If you do not subscribe to the Lost Cousins newsletter you should, Peter Calver who runs the site, publishes a newsletter approximately 2 weekly and it is full of really interesting articles and information about family history. <https://www.lostcousins.com/> You can register for free to get the newsletter.

The bimonthly **FFHS** (Federation of Family History Societies) **Newsletter** has an interesting article about Welsh Family History. To subscribe follow this link <http://www.ffhs.org.uk/ezone/subscribe15.php>

In line with our February theme of occupations **Ancestry** has added a register of UK, Mechanical Engineers 1847-1938, they also have (although not new) Civil Engineer Records 1820-1930, Railway Employment records 1833-1958 and trade directories. I've certainly found my relatives in the Railway records.

WHO KNEW? On the Kent Family History forum, I belong to, there has been a lively discussion about abbreviations found in military (mainly naval) baptism registers Including:-

R.M.L.I. (NOT R.N.L.I.) Royal Marines Light Infantry (not Royal Navy Light Infantry)

S.B.A.R.N. Sick Bay Attendant Royal Navy.

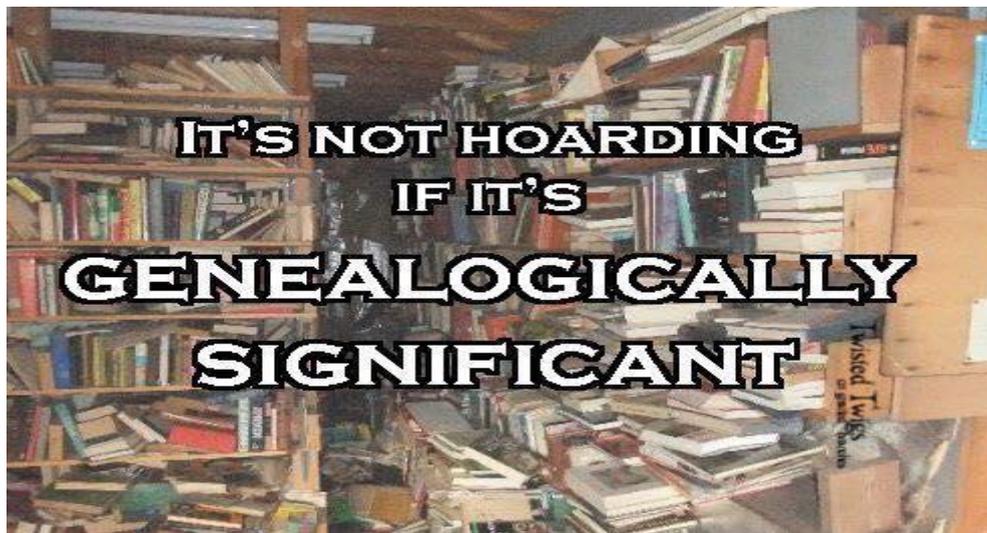
A.H.C. Army Hospital Corps

And I kid you not:...

P.O.R.N. and C.P.O.R.N. Petty Officer Royal Navy, Chief Petty Officer Royal Navy (Poor them)

Have you come across any other unfortunate acronyms?

UK GRO price rise. It was been reported elsewhere, but if you are thinking of ordering a certificate from the GRO the price is going up on 16th February, so get in quick. PDF going from £6 to £7 and full certificates from £9.25 to £11. They are also going to charge £3 if the full reference isn't provided AND £3.50 if they can't find the entry that matches the information provided.



With thanks to Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches Genealogy Facebook page

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.

Please share if you have found resources to 'colour in' your family so they can be passed on to others.

Last Word:

1} Once all the villagers decided to pray for rain. On the day of prayer all the people gathered, but only one boy came with an umbrella.**
That's FAITH**

{2} When you throw a baby in the air, she laughs because she knows you will catch her.**
That's TRUST**

{3} Every night we go to bed, without any assurance of being alive the next morning but still we set the alarms to wake us up.**
That's HOPE**

{4} We plan big things for tomorrow in spite of zero knowledge of the future.**
That's CONFIDENCE**

{5} We see the world suffering, but still we get married and have children.**
That's LOVE**

{6} On an old man's shirt was written a sentence 'I am not 90 years old.... I am sweet 16 with 74 years' experience'**
That's ATTITUDE**

Have a good week and live your life like the six tiny stories!

May you always have love to share, health to spare & friends who care

If there are any errors, omissions or any comments about this newsletter please contact Jane Brooker janebaknz@outlook.com

Contributions, articles, topics, event dates etc. for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to janebaknz@outlook.com no later than **26 February 2019**.

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