



# From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



## March 2019

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### FOR YOUR DIARY

24 February	25 Mon Committee Meeting 7.00	26 Tue House open for research 10 -12	27 Wed Legacy session 10-12 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	28 Thur	1 March Fri European Interest Group 4-10pm NZSG Panmure	2 Sat House open for research 1 - 4
3 Sunday	4	5 House open for research 10 -12 Meeting 7pm	6 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	7	8	9 House open for research 1 - 4
10 DNA Group 1.30pm	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
17	18	19 House open for research 10 -12	20 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00 Bruce Ringer 6pm Papakura Museum	21	22	23 House open for research 1 – 4
24 Scottish Interest Group 1-4pm Panmure	25 Committee Meeting 7.00	26 House open for research 10 -12	27 Legacy session 10-12 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	28	29 Papakura Library help with research 11-1	30 House open for research 1 – 4
31	1 April	2 House open for research 10 -12	3 House open for research 7.00 – 9.00	4	5	6 House open for research 1 – 4

All evening activities start at 7pm

## WHAT'S ON:

**Tuesday 5 March:** **7pm Rodney Price Branch member** Using Family Tree Maker to create a book. Rodney will talk about the reasons he put the book together the way he has, and the interesting twists along the way.

**Sunday 10 March:** **DNA Group.** 1.30pm

**Monday 11 March:** **Legacy Session 1-3pm.** Help with the programme, tips and techniques, problem solving...

**Wednesday 20 March:** **Papakura Museum Special Meeting 6pm Bruce Ringer Dating photographs through visual clues**

**Sunday 24 March:** **Scottish Interest Group 1-4 NZSG Panmure**

We welcome back Alec Macleod from Clan MacLeod Auckland, who will speak about the Clan MacLeod and also explain the 'Mysteries of Whisky' If you are a MacLeod or have MacLeod ancestors come along and be entertained. Afternoon tea provided. Cost: \$5 at door. Research help available. All Welcome.  
Contact: Barbara 5757968

**Wednesday 27 March:** **Legacy Session 10-12pm.** Help with the programme, tips and techniques, problem solving...

**Friday 29 March:** **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.

## Treasurers Report:

Me again. Hope you feel better soon Carmen.

A significant number of people have renewed their membership, thank you.

Family tree wise I am working on a special project, which for the moment, must remain unnamed. Very secret squirrel I know, but my deadline is looming and hopefully all will be revealed in April. Time is the problem.....

A family member, who lives in Wellington has managed to track down a booklet at the National Library, written by Chris's grandfather. Have been aware of it for years and knew National Library had a copy, as did the beekeepers association (as we weren't members, we weren't allowed to see it) Auckland Library had a copy, but it is either lost or damaged, so I took the opportunity of our trip to Wellington to ask her if she would follow up. She did and I have just received a pdf copy. We are both looking forward to reading it.

Hope to see you at a meeting or a group session soon

*Jane*

## Committee News:

Internet banking access now all set up, more work done on scanning project and internet connection.

Next raffle will be for April meeting.



## Coming Up:

- April Meetings: We hope to have a speaker about the Falkland Islands at either the morning or evening meeting. To be confirmed.
- May Meeting: AGM speaker, to be confirmed
- June Meetings: Photographs.

**Did you know?** If you can't find a newspaper you want on Papers Past, have you thought of asking if the newspaper has been microfilmed or if a paper copy exists? Check the National Newspaper Collection at the National Library site <https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/national-newspaper-collection> The National Newspaper Collection contains newspapers from New Zealand, Australia, and the Pacific. It is the country's most comprehensive collection of historical New Zealand newspapers. The National Newspaper Collection forms part of the Alexander Turnbull Library collections.

## **From around the websites and magazines:**

**UK Gov GRO:** Although they have put the price of certificates and PDFs up the GRO have announced that the PDFs for births and deaths are going to be permanently available. They also have a notice to say that there is a delay in processing due to the huge number of applications received before the price went up. Given the current exchange rate the PDFs are relatively cheap regardless of the price rise.

**Findmypast:** Has added Yorkshire baptisms, marriages banns and burials. New newspapers include the East Kent Gazette and the Buckinghamshire examiner. 23 million USA Marriages have been added.

**Who Do You Think You Are?** March issue has topics such as Fresh ways to grow your research, Are you descended from royalty? how to find apprentice records, using a reverse image search and how to find an ancestor on a war memorial amongst others.

**Ancestry:** I have only just come across them, but Ancestry now has some membership records for civil engineers and mechanical engineers in the UK, Student lists for the University of London. Royal Navy medical journals 1817-1857. Some census returns for France, UK WWII alien internees and updated many data sets.

**Archives New Zealand:** Has digitised Maori Land Court minute books at the Wellington office and these will soon be available at Auckland, Christchurch and Dunedin.

**Papers Past:** Lyttleton Times 1915-1920, Manawatu Standard 1924-1945, Nelson Evening Mail, Press and Waikato Times have also been added to.

**ScotlandsPeople:** Have amended the search criteria for the Old Parish Registers so that parents' names can be included.

**Have you?** Visited the Family Search Research Wiki [https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main\\_Page](https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Main_Page)

# What do you want from your branch?

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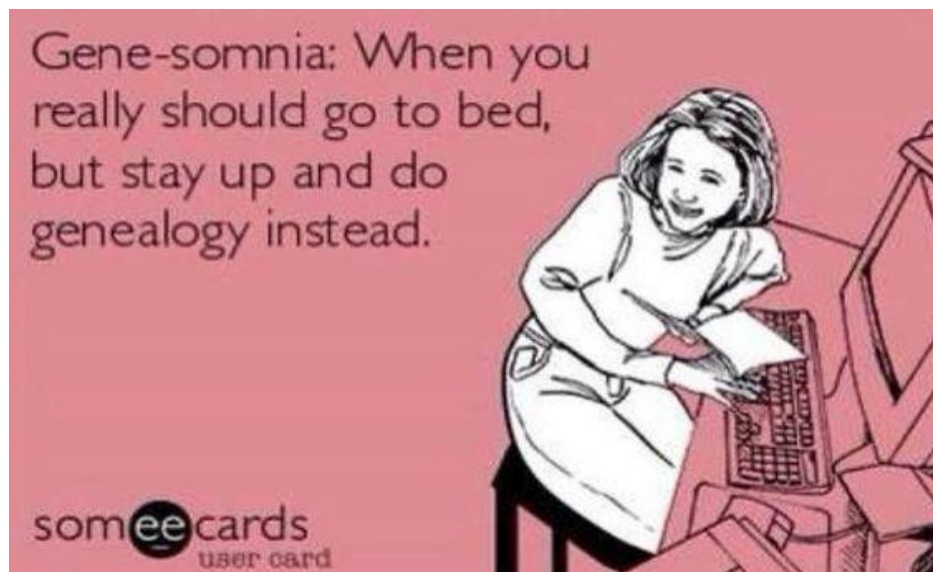
**Trading Table:** Bring along your excess produce, jams, genealogy bits and bobs, no longer needed books etc and support the branch.

**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:**



**If there are any errors, omissions or any comments about this newsletter please contact Jane Brooker [janebaknz@outlook.com](mailto:janebaknz@outlook.com)**

Contributions, articles, topics, event dates etc. for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to [janebaknz@outlook.com](mailto:janebaknz@outlook.com) no later than **26 March 2019.**

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