



From 'Our House' to Yours

Papakura Branch: New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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FOR YOUR DIARY

26 May Sunday	27 May Monday Committee Meeting 7pm	28 May Tuesday House open for research 10am - Noon	29 May Wednesday No evening research until August	30 May Thursday	31 May Friday	1 June Saturday House open for research 1-4pm
2 June Sunday	3 June Monday	4 June Tuesday Meeting 10am - Noon Meeting 7-9pm	5 June Wednesday No evening research until August	6 June Thursday	7 June Friday	8 June Saturday House open for research 1-4pm
9 June Sunday DNA Group 1.30pm	10 June Monday	11 June Tuesday House open for research 10am - Noon	12 June Wednesday No evening research until August	13 June Thursday	14 June Friday	15 June Saturday House open for research 1-4pm
16 June Sunday	17 June Monday	18 June Tuesday House open for research 10am - Noon	19 June Wednesday No evening research until August	20 June Thursday	21 June Friday	22 June Saturday House open for research 1-4pm
23 June Sunday	24 June Monday Committee Meeting 7pm	25 June Tuesday House open for research 10am - Noon	26 June Wednesday No evening research until August	27 June Thursday	28 June Friday Papakura Library help with research 11am-1pm	29 June Saturday House open for research 1-4pm
30 June Sunday	1 July Monday	2 July Tuesday	3 July Wednesday	4 July Thursday	5 July Friday	6 July Saturday

WHAT'S ON:

- Tuesday 4 June:** **Monthly Meeting 10 am – Great Find/Heirloom – Bring along a precious heirloom**
- 7.00pm – What precious item would you save first if you had to urgently leave your home**
- Sunday 9 June:** **1.30pm – DNA Group – Chris Bayley**
- Monday 24 June:** **7.00pm – Committee Meeting**
- Friday 28 June:** **Joint session at Sir Edmund Hillary Library 11-1pm** 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.
- Tuesday 2 July:** **7.00pm – TBC planned speaker – Repair and restore damaged photos**
- Tuesday 23 July:** **10.00am – 2.00pm – The Totara Hospice Event – “Living Every Moment”**
Our branch has accepted an invitation to operate a genealogy information table at this event. We would love to have some extra volunteers to help man the table so please give it some thought and let us know closer to the time. Please email papakura@genealogy.org.nz if you would like to offer some time to assist with this event

Convenors Report:



Greetings everyone,

Hoping everyone has been enjoying the mild and lovely Autumn that we have been experiencing.

If the newsletter looks a little different, it's because it has two NEW editors!! Gloria and I have put our hands to publishing this and the next issue of the Newsletter. Watch this space 😊

Saturday 18th May, Fredda and myself attended the Auckland Regional Meeting at the Panmure Family Research Centre. Was very exciting to meet everyone there and we had a full room of attendance.

The next Auckland Regional meeting, it is our turn to host this meeting! The meeting date is: **Saturday 19th October**. More details will emerge as we get closer to this date. Fredda and myself have offered to host this meeting with branch members assistance. Please feel free to come along and join us.

Just recently our committee members had a field trip into the big 'smoke' and met with Mark and Silas at Ricoh in downtown central Auckland. We were very impressed with the solution that has been sourced to meet our scanning and digitisation project requirements. We are expecting to purchase the scanner within the next month and we will then begin the next phase of our scanning project.

Personally, I have not had any time to work on my own genealogy, but have had contact from a very distant relative who is looking to publish a new book on the Prouse family. I am endeavouring to assist her with some family information.

Kindest Regards

From the desk and thoughts of

Carmen Parris-Oswald

Committee Report:

Hello everyone,

First we would like to welcome our newest committee member, Marilyn Gleadall 😊 We are excited to have another committee member on board and in our team!

Internet update – We are expecting that the fibre installation will be completed during the last week of May. The branch is hoping we will be connected to the internet in early June.

Chris Bayley on behalf of the committee.

Hello from our new committee member – Marilyn

Hello to all,

My name is Marilyn Gleadall [Nee Green] and I have opted myself onto your hard working committee. I was welcomed with open arms, as many hands make light work.

My husband, Keith, and I came to New Zealand in 1974 with our two daughters aged 3 and almost 2, the journey was an exciting challenge to a new life. We were all born in Birmingham, England. We have been researching our ancestors for a few years now, but we need more enthusiasm to carry on, hence why I joined Papakura genealogy a few years ago and it's been very enlightening how people have moved on with their own research. Keith finally retires at the end of July, so it's on to more research with help from "him indoors".

I am looking forward to giving our committee some help behind the scenes.

Marilyn

It's who you know and teamwork!

Chris and Janes friend Robyn, is relocating to Nelson and offered some items for our Garage Sale if we were interested. That was a BIG yes from us! Chris M emailed the committee and Gloria offered her assistance and made contact with Robyn. The call went out for anyone with available cartons, Chris B was able to offer flattened cartons which Gloria delivered to Robyn. Within half an hour Gloria's little car was full to the brim with an amazing assortment of items, that were gratefully received and will be donated towards our next Garage Sale in November!

A huge thank you to the team and to Robyn and her family for their gifts.

A glimpse into the world of Fredda and her volunteer work

Every Piece of Paper Counts

I volunteer at Archives, unpacking and flattening wills and probates for filming. I often think how brief and boring my will is compared to some of these. Most are very particular when stating who gets what, and when, whereas my will

leaves everything to be shared equally among my children with particulars left in a letter of which they all have copies (they already know what they're getting because they've told me!) Will I be described as a widow or a retired school teacher? Most women had only three options – widow, spinster or married woman, whereas the men were described by their occupations whether they were retired or not.

The documents have to be stacked in a particular way, with the will, if there is one, on the top. Every one of these bits of paper can tell something of the deceased.

With a Will

Will
Codicil
Motion for Probate
Affidavits
Probate
Declaration (of value)
Receipts
Letters / other

Without a Will

Motion for Probate / administration
Affidavits
Administrative Bond
Letters of Administration
Declaration (of value)
Receipts
Letters / other

I read somewhere that “You are what others think you are”, so make sure to check affidavits, receipts and letters. It's easy to stop at the will, but does a codicil hint at a scandal, or just that a recipient of the will has died? What were the family dynamics when one child appears to receive more than another? Was he a pompous ass because his wife would only inherit if she didn't remarry? Why do some registrars feel they have to comment on everything a solicitor has written?

These are just some of the thoughts that wander through my head as I do an outwardly appearing boring and mundane job.

Legacy Sessions: Future dates will be advised on Jane's return from her holiday

Computer Group: The computer group will meet in July

DNA Group: Next DNA meeting Sunday 9th June - 1.30pm

Coming Up:

English Interest Group Research Day

9th June 2019 - Where: FRC, 159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland

Time: 10.00am-4.00pm

Door Charge: NZSG Members \$5.00 Non-members \$20.00

AGM Maori Interest Group

16th June 2019 – Where: FRC 159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland

NZSG Scottish Interest Group – Research Day and AGM

Sunday 23 June 2019 – Where: FRC, 159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland

Time: 10am – 4pm

Door Charge: \$5.00 – Bring your own lunch

Program: Morning for research

1pm Bring along your Antiques for valuing

3pm AGM – followed by Afternoon Tea

Auckland Regional Meeting – Papakura Branch to host

Saturday 19 October 2019 - Where: FRC 159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland

More details will be advised when available

Did you know?

Introducing two 'apprentice' Editors for this publication – Carmen and Gloria – we look forward to your feedback please feel free to contact us on papakura@genealogy.org.nz

From around the websites and magazines:

The Simple Dos and Don'ts for preserving old family photos

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/genealogy-help-and-how-to/preserve-old-family-photos/>

Cindy's List – Have you visited this site lately? Always a little gem of info!

<https://www.cyndislist.com/>

A quick reminder for the best and free Genealogy websites

<http://www.whodoyouthinkyouaremagazine.com/getting-started/best-free-genealogy-websites>

Top 10 Reviews for best Genealogy searches for 2019

<https://www.toptenreviews.com/services/home/best-genealogy-websites/>

Looking ahead to Family History Month.

The Family History Expo will take place the weekend of **10/11 August**. Looking forward to hearing about the speakers in due course. Put it in your diary

Trading Table:

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

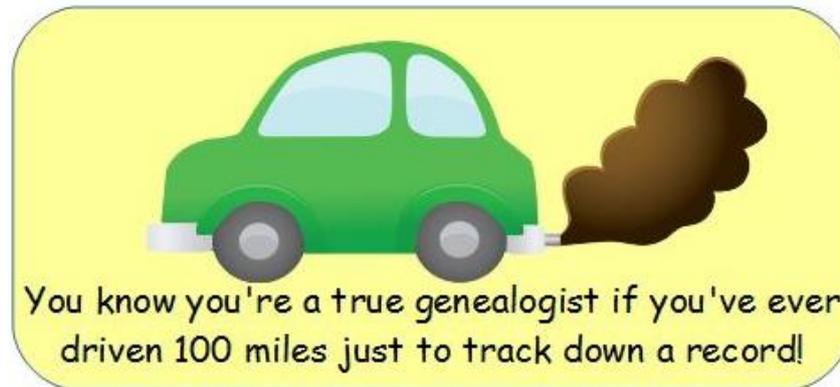
Ink Cartridges:

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 comments about this newsletter please contact Carmen Parris-Oswald or Gloria Buddle via email to papakura@genealogy.org.nz. Please insert “Newsletter” into the subject line.

Contributions, articles, topics, event dates etc. for the next edition are always welcome. Please send to papakura@genealogy.org.nz no later than **25 June 2019**. Please insert “Newsletter” into the subject line.

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