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## NEXT MEETING

7.30pm on Wednesday 21 October 2020

The guest speaker for October is:

**Barbara Terry**

whose topic is

**“Cremations and their records”**

Barbara is the Manager of the Linwood and Harewood Crematoriums

### MEETING ON 11 NOVEMBER

Our final meeting of the year on 11 November will be another of the popular Members Nights, on the topic of **Occupations**, so please sort out suitable photos **now** and email these to the Convenor Lance Kenyon by 1 November [lancerkenyon@gmail.com].

**Meetings:** 7.30pm on the second Wednesday of each month (Feb to Nov) at the Upper Riccarton Library, 71 Main South Road. Visitors are welcome.

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## FROM THE CONVENOR'S DESK

Kia Ora Koutou,

Well, I finally took the plunge folks (ok...my wife got it for my birthday) and have completed a DNA test. It was certainly a painless process for the test tube but I think the waiting was the hard bit, especially with the reminders, lol! I only received the results a few days ago so I am still reading through these. At least it has confirmed a lot of what I have gleaned from my research and the dozens of experts in the NZSG and friends.

Like the DNA test, it has been a long journey this year for our group, lack of contact with fellow genealogists and being unable to share our ideas and finds. I look forward to seeing you all next week and hope you have all remained safe.

Lance

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## FINDMYPAST UPDATE

Christchurch City Libraries members can only access FindMyPast for free on a computer within a library. Databases added or updated recently include:

- US Passenger and Crew Lists arriving in California, Texas and New York (15 million names added)
- Devon Burials (19,000 from 3 cemeteries)
- Surrey Methodist records

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## ANCESTRY.COM: MORE GOOD NEWS

**Free access** to Ancestry from home via the City Libraries website has once again been extended and is **now available until Wednesday 31 December**.

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## EVENTS OF INTEREST

1. Heritage Festival 24 October – 8 November  
For details see [www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/programme/42](http://www.ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/whats-on/programme/42)  
Events include the usual cemetery tours and the St Mary's Addington evening 7pm Tuesday 27 October and Jo Bailey's free 'Writing Life Stories' workshop at Turanga on Sunday 25th 10.15am-1.15pm
2. As part of the festival Canterbury Branch, NZSG is offering to the first 12 people to enrol (for \$15) a full day, 10-4, series of talks at their Parklands Rooms on Sat 31st. E-mail: [canterburynz@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:canterburynz@genealogy.org.nz)
3. City Libraries Photo Hunt  
Submit old (or newer) photos of Christchurch people and places at a library or online by 8 November and you might win a prize (which at least two members of our branch have done in the past)
4. Christchurch City Libraries 'Capture Your Story' course  
This course runs on six Mondays 10am to 12 noon on 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 November & 7 December. Cost \$15. It will teach you how to record an aspect of your family history as a short movie via iMovie and your own iPad or borrow one of the library's iPads. Phone 941 7923 to book your place.

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## PAPERS PAST UPDATE

<i>Hawera Star</i>	This is a new title with the years covered being 1924-1935
<i>Marlborough Daily Times</i>	This is a new title, daily from 1882, covering 1880-1888
<i>Te Puke Times</i>	Thirty years 1921-1950 so coverage is now 1913-1950
<i>Feilding Star</i>	Five years 1925-1929 added so coverage is now 1879-1929
<i>Manawatu Herald</i>	Nineteen years 1921-1939 added so coverage is now 1878-1939

## RICCARTON ON A ROLL [R.O.A.R.] EXPO



Our branch was invited by the Halswell-Hornby-Riccarton Community Board to participate in this event held at the new City Council Service Centre in Clarence Street on Tuesday 22 September from 11 to 2, then from 4 to 7. Committee member Bill Schoch (pictured above) set up a wonderful display of military memorabilia and family history books. Alan Tunnicliffe helped man our table along with Anne Davison and Kathy Hill. We had flyers and magazines to give away to any interested members of the public who stopped to talk. We are hopeful of getting one or two members as a result of this event.

It was a nice day, sunny and warm but due to very little prior publicity the number of visitors was not high. About a dozen other organisations had tables, including the Student Volunteer Army, the Tenants Protection Association and the City Libraries.

In the morning Richard Hore entertained us on the organ and at 6pm the Plainsmen Barbershop male singers gave an excellent concert. Whether a similar event is held in 2021 remains to be seen but at least there was no cost to our branch, apart from time.

**LINDSAY LUMSDEN**

In the absence of any other contributions from readers of this newsletter, I am yet again writing about another member of my family. Lindsay Lumsden was the first cousin of my mother and also of Alan Lumsden [see Part 12, March 2020] and Harold Raines [see Part 15, June 2020]. Lindsay Eric Lumsden was born in Dunedin on 8 May 1913, the youngest child and only son in the family of George Thomas Lumsden and was given his mother's maiden surname as his first name. He went to Otago Boys High School and in 1929 followed in his father's footsteps and became a warehouseman working for Sargood Son & Ewen.



Lindsay was married in 1939 and on his 29th birthday 8 May 1942 he began war service with the New Zealand Army at Hororata Military Camp in Canterbury. For the following fourteen months he was stationed in New Zealand at Burnham, Trentham and Dunedin until leaving for the Middle East with the 10th Reinforcements on 21 July 1943.

Lindsay's regimental number was 502988 and his rank was that of Gunner. He was firstly with the 3rd Field Regiment and later served in the 14th L.A.A. Regiment, both part of the New Zealand Artillery, fighting in the Italian war zone. More than two years later Lindsay sailed back home aboard the *Oranje*, which left Taranto on 16 July 1945. After arriving back in New Zealand on 10 August 1945 Lindsay was a patient in Dunedin Hospital for a period, before finally being discharged from the army ten months later, on 7 June 1946. His total war service was 4 years and 31 days, being 2 years and 10 days in New Zealand and 2 years and 21 days overseas.

Postwar Lindsay left Sargoods in Dunedin and worked firstly for Alliance Textiles in Oamaru and later for the Timaru Worsted and Woollen Company, where he was the warehouse manager.

He retired to Queenstown and later lived in Christchurch where he died on 13 February 1987, aged 73.