

South Waikato Genealogy

A Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Newsletter

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YOUR COMMITTEE

CONVENOR Judith Gardiner

SECRETARY Elsie Monahan

TREASURER Lorna Kay

COMMITTEE MEMBERS Denise Fargher

There is one position to fill.

JULY- *INFORMAL "Christmas Writing session". Come with writing pad, pen or laptop, photos and your memories of*

ONE SPECIAL CHRISTMAS.

At Elsie's **Thurs 13th 1.30 pm** and repeated in Putaruru on **Sunday 16th at 1.30 pm.** - normal research if you wish.

NO ONE HAS TO COME OUT AT NIGHT!!

The committee will be meeting at 10.30 am on the 13th

AUGUST NZSG 50th Luncheon Tuesday 15th
- At Matamata with Live Stream from the Auckland Luncheon.

AUGUST 15th

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF NZSG.

Open to ALL members (not just NZSG) and ex members.

Please ask anyone you know to contact a committee member.

This is NZSG celebration luncheon. **To make it really special we are combining with Matamata.** The programme will probably take from 12.00 – 3.00 It will include a "Live Streaming" that links us with the major event in Auckland

Further details later(see Matamata newsletter)

August 11-13 Auckland Family History Expo.

Find out about it -
aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/2017afhexpo

CONVENORS CORNER ; What's up !!

After attending conference and having a ball, our Convenor swanned off overseas. (Back now)

The Treasurer had also swanned off earlier.

Nice to be some people!!

MEMBERS ;Special welcome back to Margaret Sterling and welcome to new members - Gail Douglas and Dave Read.

JUDITHS SPECIAL

University offers free online family history course

The University of Strathclyde's free family history MOOC (massive online open course) is going live again on **3 July**. The course, 'Genealogy Researching Your Family Tree', is aimed at beginner to intermediate family historians. Students will learn basic techniques and how to communicate their family history. The course lasts roughly four hours a week over six weeks.

To register, go to futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy

UK Records of WW2 Personnel

www.forces-war-records.co.uk/Records

www.nationalarchives.gov.uk › Help with your research › Research guides

<https://www.forces-war-records.co.uk/ww2-records>

https://familysearch.org/wiki/en/British_Military_Records

if in Hastings.”

Thanks to Jennifer Flynn. (From Hutt N/letter

LOOKING AT NZSG website

www.genealogy.org.nz

You do NOT have to be a NZSG member to use. From the “drop downs” all the things without padlocks are for anyone.

To open the padlocks, you have to sign in as a member of NZSG.

Some discussion that came from going through the site. Why use **Family history Charts ?**

I have used these to help me keep track of other Branches of Family. Eg My Gr Grandparent GREEN

Their children (my Great AUNTS/UNCLES - (all 7) with 5 girls - able to record their details including married names. I then followed them and found their children - my first cousins once removed. Found their children - and low and behold I found a great genealogical treasure. A lady, **2nd cousin**, who is a top- rate genealogist! Wow

I have been fortunate that I have also discovered several other 2nd cousins on different lines that have also been most helpful .It is well worthwhile to follow the wider lines in your family to unearth further treasures. Enlist their aid and you will get lots of extra information.

How to get other Branch newsletters Go to **About us- Branches** , Select Branch and then scroll down & get newsletters. You also find info on when where Branch libraries are open and when meetings are. If in area you would be welcome to join in.

Area codes gives you the correct shortened versions of the Counties & Countries.

Hawkes Bay Knowledge Bank:

www.knowledgebank.org.nz

10am to 4.30pm Monday to Friday

901 Omaha Road Hastings

Ph: (06) 833-5333

“The Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank is a living record of Hawke's Bay and its people. It combines a robust, secure and widely compatible digital archive with a new generation of multimedia and social

tools. We want to enrich our stored material with the knowledge of the community through user comments, tagging and sharing of information.

Click here to find how you can contribute. Also includes Hawkes Bay Photo News 1950's & 1960's.

For anyone with Hawkes Bay connections this is well a look or worth a visit

Some sites to explore

www.familyrelatives.com/navigate/navigate_detail.php?id=16

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>

Gives you some good gene basics

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>

Chris Paton an international genealogist

GRO – Adapted from Mem- list

In Nov 2016 GRO put online Birth and Death indexes. These include births 1837-1915 (more than 100 years old) and deaths 1837- 1957. (NOT marriages –Use free bdm).

The deaths now show from 1837, the age at death which helps in identification.

These include inclusion of the mother's maiden name on the birth index from 1837. This means you can see whether it's your line, but also you can find siblings including those who were born and died in between censuses.

To view the GRO indexes you'll need to register at their site. FREE <https://www.gro.gov.uk/> Order Certificates Online and search the GRO historic birth and death indexes.

Searching is 5 yrs at a time. 1839 +-2 =1837 to 1841 then 1844 +- 2 etc You MUST put the gender.

A good guide is in this newsletter. <http://lostcousins.com/newsletters2/nov16news.htm>

Thought for the month:

"The history of the world is not complete until it includes yours."

LaRae Kerr, genealogist and author (Thanks Waikato Scottish Interest Group)