

# South Waikato Branch Newsletter

**May 2018**

## *Coming Up*

Wednesday 2 May 2018

TCOSS at 7.30 pm

AGM and Guest Speaker

Neil Sinclair

Former Mayor of South Waikato  
District

We need 10 for a quorum,

So please come along.

Sunday 10 June (to be confirmed)

1pm, Putaruru SeniorNet Rooms

The AGM is coming up and we need lots of you to pay your subs and attend, also, some of you to volunteer for the committee. We also need some new members with a few computer skills and the ability to share them or do jobs that I don't even know that I need to know.

Please think about ways that you could contribute to our Branch.

For starters:

- Pay your sub
- Come to meetings
- Bring a guest

## *Committee*

Convenor

Judith Gardiner 886-9356

Secretary

Elsie Monahan 886-5353

Treasurer

Lorna Kay 886-7335

Committee

Denise Fargher 886-9381

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## **We Need You**

A Branch Secretary. Elsie is resigning from this position, and we need someone to replace her. You will need some computer skills and organisation skills. Correspondence, minutes, forms and most important of all reminding the Convenor. Learning on the job is ok.

A Newsletter Editor. Elsie has also resigned from the newsletter job, and it would be greatly appreciated if someone could volunteer.

A Project Officer. It's a while since we've had a project officer, so it's a while since we've completed any projects. The school roll project and the cemetery project are our main tasks. I have started clarifying the

school projects, and entering the school admission roll for Cargill Open Plan School, but my eyes aren't the best, (had another eye bleed this week), so I'm making slow headway, and someone else could do it faster.

A Copy Typist. To enter data for the Project Officer. This will speed up the rate at which we can complete each project.

Convenor. Chair meetings. Attend Regional Committee meetings. Delegate small tasks.

Publicity. Conferring with the Library, radio station, newspaper, etc so our meetings are advertised to all.

Librarian. We have books, CDs, maps and ephemera that need looking after.

Committee members. The committee has room for members keen to see how the Branch runs and contribute ideas for meetings. We also enjoy some social time after the meetings.



## Conference

1-4 June 21018

Christchurch Boys' High School

More information on the NZSG website

## Go Visiting

At the Rotorua Library on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of every month the branch hold a Help Desk. The Rotorua Genealogy Branch is offering a service to the general public who need help tracing their families. (from the Rotorua Newsletter)

## “FUTURE LEARN”

This course is run by the Strathclyde University in Scotland. I found there is a wide range of topics and courses available and best of all, they are free.

One that may be of interest to some of our members is Genealogy and the tutor responsible for setting up this course is Tahitia McCabe assisted by Graham Holton. The course runs for 6 weeks and covers a range of topics and information about data sources including Ancestry, Find My Past, Scotland's People, Free BDM, Census and Church records.

“Future Learn”, is ideal for beginners wanting to locate family or ancestors, as well as the more experienced genealogists. Students spend about 4 hours a week studying the suggested topics and listening to a short video explaining the subject in more detail. Comments are encouraged and students can post information regarding problems or successes, they have encountered while researching family history. People with an interest in genealogy have enrolled from all over the world and you gain a good overview of the problems dealt with by those from other countries. There are also study groups you can choose to join if you want to further your options.

Just log on to [www.futurelearn.co.uk](http://www.futurelearn.co.uk) to have a look. If you decide to join register, choose your course and sign in. The web site is very easy to navigate.

Review by Frances Meroiti. (from Rotorua Newsletter)

## Research

### *Online Newsletters*

Genealogy in Time – [www.genealogyintime.com](http://www.genealogyintime.com) – usually sent once a week (Saturday) if there is enough new information.

FamNet – [www.famnet.org.nz/](http://www.famnet.org.nz/) - click on newsletters to register your email address if you wish to start receiving these. Older newsletters are available to view on this website also.

Newsletter is sent once a month.

(from Matamata Newsletter)

## Member Benefits

- CD Library. The Branch has several CDs that are available for “members only” to borrow and are available at each meeting or research afternoon. Contact Lorna.
- Library Books. The Branch library has many books on various topics that are available for members to borrow. There is also a collection in the Tokoroa Public Library for members.
- Ancestry.com Can be accessed at SeniorNet.

Subs are due NOW!!!

\$20 for a single member

\$30 for a couple

Please post to our Treasurer, Lorna Kay at

8 Dumfries Road, Tokoroa 3420

Or paid in at the ANZ bank (Tokoroa Group of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists)

Or by the Internet to account no:

010-461-0049683-00

And send an email to Lorna to help her keep her records straight.

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Judith