



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

## SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH

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## NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2019

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**Committee Members** - Denise Fargher & Elsie Monahan

## COMING BRANCH MEETINGS

FEBRUARY WILL START WITH THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING; Details below & notified in Dec Newsletter.

DATE : Thurs **21<sup>st</sup> Feb 2019**. Time 1.00 PM

Place Tulloch House, Hospital Grounds, Tokoroa.

This will be followed by the Monthly meeting which will be a “round the table” – “**What have you discovered or done recently for your family History**”

**9 Mar Cemetery Walk 10 am**

**21 MARCH** WE are planning to have an LDS speaker on Using Familysearch (Details to come)

**APRIL** still discussing

**15 MAY** is the **AGM** (aim to finish in 30 min!) and we hope to have a great local speaker

## SPECIAL NOTICE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

**This will take place immediately before the Feb meeting**

(**Quorum = 10 financial members** - hopefully less than 5 min) (Action; 1 Move, 2 Second, 3 **Judith** will explain why we MUST pass ,4 Vote) **PURPOSE: To pass the motion**

*“That South Waikato Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, having previously adopted as its own rules, the rules of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc., now adopts the subsequent partial amendment to those rules as registered on 26 September 2018”*

**Cemetery Group- meet at Elsie’s 10 am . 14 Feb . Finalise details and go to venue.**

**Committee meet at Elsie’s 11 am 28 March**

**Anyone interested welcome to come**

## **Duty Roster.**

*We appreciate all the help members can give to us. Sometimes just a small duty can relieve the load for committee members. Thanks FEBRUARY MEETING*

Afternoon tea to help Denise – Joy

Raffle sales – to help Lorna - Ann M

Library Help – to help Elsie/ Frances – Carol

Sign- in sheet To help Elsie – Tracy

## **CONVENOR’S REPORT**

Welcome to 2019. I hope you all had a great break, and are happy to start “normal” life for the year.

Our first meeting is on **21 February at TCOSS**. It is a Special General Meeting. Don’t worry we just have to vote on an amendment to one the NZSG rules. It wasn’t correctly worded at the national AGM. So it now has to be approved by each branch, as we are all part of the national body. The “normal” part of the meeting will be a **round-robin** about what you have done recently for your family history. It could be visiting a relative, a museum, reading a book or a big find on the internet. I’m looking forward to it.

Our current project is transcribing **School Admission Rolls**. This is data entry into an Excel spreadsheet, because NZSG would like it in that format. We need typists, and checkers, typists first. If you think you could help, contact me.

At this stage of the year we are planning the programme. Would anyone be interested in a **trip to Auckland (NZSG centre and National Archives)** or closer to home, Cambridge Museum or to the Thames Treasury? Please contact me or one of the committee members.

I’m sure Elsie has covered everything else in the Newsletter. So have a great day.

Judith

# BOOK of the Month

*I have borrowed 3 books through NZSG Library*

**1968-9 Tokoroa Enquire within**

**Mangakino in Perspective – 1945-65**

**From the Midnight Sun to the Long White Cloud- Finns in New Zealand.** – *There is a great chapter on the Tokoroa Finn experience*

*NZSG holds a great number of books on many areas. Well worthwhile using the facilities and borrowing by post (you pay for postage)*

## HINTS and BITS

<https://familyhistorydaily.com/free-genealogy-resources/free-genealogy-sites-for-australia-and-new-zealand/>

On the **FamilySearch** Home Page you can click on the Genealogies TAB and gain access to the **International Genealogical Index**. This database was frozen a number of years ago and moved around a lot.

**Use Family search guides – e.g.** How to use **wildcards** on the FamilySearch genealogy website - how-to video. Wildcards can be used in much of your on-line search, so very good to add to your box of tricks.

**FAMILY SEARCH have just updated their site**

“An exciting new search tool on the [FamilySearch.org](https://familysearch.org) home page called “Learn about your family” combines the power of [searching records](#)—the most used feature on the website and app—with searching the [FamilySearch Family Tree](#)—a worldwide community tree with over one billion profiles. With this new feature, you can learn about your family surname and more.”

### Two Yorkshire Family History Organisations have Merged

The Wharfedale Family History Group and Keighley Family History Society, both of which have been in existence since the early 1980s, are now known as the Airedale and Wharfedale Family History Society.

### Boolean Search Terms

Use these key Boolean “operators” to narrow your online search engine results and eliminate unwanted matches. Remember that capitalization doesn’t matter in almost all online searches.

**and:** Specifies that the term following it must appear in each search result: a search on *Selby and Massachusetts* returns only pages with the words Selby and Massachusetts.

**OR:** Searches for either of two terms, as in *Dupree OR Dupray OR Dupre OR Dupreen* genealogy (the OR operator must be capitalized in Google searches). The pipe symbol does the same thing:  
*Dupree | Dupray | Dupre | Dupreen* genealogy.

**near:** Finds web pages in which two words appear near each other: “john henry” near “Connecticut”. Neither Google nor Yahoo recognizes this operator.

**quotation marks (“”):** Use to specify that the search term must appear as an exact phrase in every search result. For example, a search on “Robert Selby” returns pages with the words Robert and Selby side by side in that order.

**minus sign (-):** Specifies that the term following it must not appear in search results. For example, search on *Reese -peanut* to find pages with the word Reese but not peanut (useful for eliminating candy results from your Reese surname search).

*From Family Tree Factbook by Diane Haddad*

**L.O.C.K.S.S. – Lots Of Copies Keeps Stuff**

**Safe.** - A programme run by Stanford University is the L.O.C.K.S.S. Program, see <https://www.lockss.org> details. Dick Eastman in one of his newsletters pointed out that many ways we have stored photos either are really old and unable to be used today- like floppy discs, or do not hold the digital data well, or maybe location sensitive – eg if you have foods/fires/earthquakes. Advise is LOCKSS. Copies to a variety of places.

**COMING UP**

**2019 Auckland Family History Expo**

Friday 9 August till Sunday 11 August.

This will be fantastic – If interested let Judith know – perhaps a group of us could book a motel ? Get in quick for a closer place ?

**Graeme MacKenzie**, Chairman of the **Association of Highland Clans & Societies (of Scotland) and Seanachaidh** (historian & genealogist) for Clans MacKenzie and MacMillan will speak at:

**NZSG Te Awamutu Branch meeting:**  
Community Room, Te Awamutu Library,  
Selwyn Lane

**\*\*Wednesday 6 March 2019 – 7pm.**

*Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland*

**NZSG Hamilton Branch meeting:**

**Thursday 7 March 2019 – 7.30pm**

*The Culture and Traditions of the Highland Clans*

**There is a \$10 door charge for each of these meetings**

**\*\* Elsie thinking of going – anyone interested ? Please contact her.**

**NZSG PROJECTS**

**The Society through its members is involved with many projects**

- **NZSG Projects**
  - **Cemeteries**
  - **Funeral Service Sheets**
  - **NZ Births**
  - **NZ Marriages**
  - **Schools**
  - **Shipping**
- All of these are created by the **efforts of members of Branches and friends.**
- **Our Branch** is working on the database for some **schools-** especially the older schools of the area. These will be added to a programme called “ **Kiwi Index**”. Once updated this allows member only to research to find more information about your people. I use it continuously and have been able to **track movements of families** just by finding the data and places the children attended a certain school. One can track the more mobile families- railway workers, teachers. Mill workers etc.
- **Please** , if you have skills for excel and a bit of time , contact Judith and join our effort. A little by many ,can all add up to the completion of this project.

See you on the 21<sup>st</sup>

With , we hope, something to share that you have done or found recently. These sessions help to remind us all of things to do and give great tips for the next step in the journey.

Cheers

Elsie