



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH

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Newsletter MAY 2019

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The Annual General Meeting of the South Waikato Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will be at the Tulloch House, Gate 1 Tokoroa Hospital Grounds **Thursday 15 May 1 pm**

The agenda for the annual general meeting is:

1. Receipt of the branch **annual report and statement of accounts**;
2. **Set the annual subscription** for the 2020-2021 year;
3. **Election of Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer and Committee members**
4. **General Business** (If notified prior)

Note: For election as Convenor, Secretary, Treasurer you need to be a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (not just the branch).

50% of the Committee are required to be to be members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. However branch only members are always welcome to participate in the work of the committee. Please consider joining in

Our Financial year ended 31 Mar 2019 so subs for 2019-20 are due. Contact Lorna Kay.

CONGRATULATIONS TO JUDITH Thanks for organising the full page in "the NZ Genealogist" about our Branch.

MAY 24 th 1854 - The first sitting of the House of Representatives is opened in Auckland by Robert WYNYARD.

PROGRAMME

15th May. THE AGM will be followed by a talk on genealogy and the law, by Jim Hassall – retired lawyer. If you have questions it would be appreciated if you can let us know.

June DNA – an Internal Branch discussion, led by an opening session by Elsie for those who are slowly getting into this. Members can then tell/show of some of their experiences and finds.

JULY – Your newly elected committee to decide !

August Family History Month- 1) we are planning to have a repeat of the 2 hour **individual library help** (People need to submit what they know before, so we can do look – ups etc) Welcome members offers to help (Contact Elsie.

2) We will put up a **display in the library.** Helpers welcome

3) Lorna Kay is organising a speaker for an **Open day, probably in the Fire Station.**

CONVENORS CORNER I'm not sure if I'm coming or going these days. So many Statutory Holidays, Easter and Anzac Day, work and not work.

Judith also busy trying to write the annual report. – so be kind to her !!

GAME OF CARDS –

Our April meeting (Just came up with the name !!!)

We dealt out cards with differing topics. Some internal Branch organisational ones, some on Branch resources and help and others some on aspects of NZSG (Colours used for categories). It meant that we briefly touched on most aspects of the Branch and were able to have a mini discussion. It opened the minds of both our newer members and has given room for all to think. The prizes were fun too. It was a great way for a small branch to review the Branch.

SOME INFORMATION FROM ABOVE

“Most enjoyed meeting” - ; Marilyn Lockyer – Family Search: Round table tell about an influential woman; Scottish open Day

PUBLICITY; Ideas given – to follow up.

PROGRAMME – DNA requested, like our “round the table”

OTHER BRANCH Newsletters E MAILS – send on by e mail.

FINANCES. Happy with status quo – but \$5.00 for out of area speakers

BRANCH NEWSLETTER: Pleased with this (Thank you) and there were ideas for contributions Looking forward to .Type of articles discussed. – short and not personal family history.

Website - <https://www.legacy.com/funeral-homes/waikato/tokoroa/south-waikato-funeral-services/fh-14442>

AGM Recommended that subs and time place meeting stay same – so motion to be drafted, which will just be a formality at AGM .

LIBRARY HELP as part of Family History Month – 2 more volunteered to assist. – We do a 2 hour individual help – with the person wanting help filling in a form prior to session, so we can prepare for the session ! Thanks-

NZSG – the cards had aspects such as – the kiwi Index, Certificates Collection. The magazine, benefits of NZSG - - we did not get through all cards, but it was an opportunity to discuss some.(will be following up with info in newsletters.

CONFERENCE While there is none this year, those that had been talked about ones that members have been to, the books of proceedings and the Fickling Centre weekend coming up (* see later)

Our local library resources_Town library and Elsie’s garage.

WOW

We did cover a lot. Thanks to the attendees. Some of these I will try to do in more depth in the newsletter during the year.

It was a good way of overviewing Branch activities for a small Branch. (happy for other Branches to copy idea or contact us!!)

Familysearch is always adding. FamilySearch added an amazing 42.5 million **new, free, indexed historical records** from the **1939 England and Wales National Register**. This collection is accessible through FamilySearch’s 5,000+ [family history centers](#).

Computer sites

It is always difficult to keep up with all that is available.

<http://www.dustydocs.com/> is a great site for linking through to wherever you want to research. I have just spent a pleasant couple of hours (that's all I admit to) on my Scottish ancestors and their links. You can go all over the world and into many counties and parishes. Do remember to continually revisit sites as there re updates all the time. One never knows what detail, or completely new find f that one will make. Good Luck !

MAY 8th 1915

The New Zealand Brigade makes two desperate charges across the " Daisy Patch' at Gallipoli. In one day there are 835 casualties.

We will remember them

NZSG HIGHLIGHT;

The magazine.

This comes out every 2 months. It is posted to members of the Society. Each issue is over 50 pages crammed with genealogy information, help and interesting articles. If you think that as a magazine it would sell for about \$8.59 and multiply by 6 - that's about 50.00 of your membership fee, without all the other goodies.

The magazine has items of "How to do" News from NZ Archives. New additions to the NZSG Library. Genealogy on the internet , and articles on topic of the month and lots more. I find I think I've read it – and go back many times to look again and there is always something o that has been missed or that I did not read in detail. This months one had a couple of great DNA articles

Origins of Tartan - From Clan

Cameron newsletter February 2019

The earliest record of a tartan comes from the discovery of mummies of Urumchi 2000 BC by Elizabeth Barker. They were wrapped in plaid (tartan) very similar to the Scottish Highlands.

Part of the Scottish Interest Group Newsletter – Kiwi Kith and Kin– April 2019

WAIKATO Scottish Interest Group

GROUP - Tuesday May 14th 10.00am - 2pm - AGM, Ephemera (Collectable items that were originally expected to have only short-term usefulness or popularity).

Computer tips: Ideas for recording your Ephemera in a Word table.

At Community Room, St Andrew's Library, Braid Road, Hamilton. Please bring your own lunch - tea and coffee provided.

AUCKLAND FAMILY HISTORY EXPO 2019

Friday 9 August to Sunday 11 August 2019 at the Fickling Convention Centre , 546 Mt Albert Rd, Three Kings.

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/family-history-expo.aspx>

Anyone interested please advise- maybe shared transport or motel ?

Committee

The outgoing committee has just held its last meeting. Thank you for your support. We hope we will be joined by a couple of you.

**SEE you at the AGM –
and talk by J Hassall**

With a small plate please

Cheers Elsie