



**NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF
GENEALOGISTS**

SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH

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NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2019

Meetings are 3rd Thursday of month. 1 pm
at Tulloch House (TCOSS) - back entrance.
Tokoroa Hospital grounds - Unless otherwise
advertised.

Convenor Judith Gardiner_021 801 507
Treasurer-Lorna Kay-886 7335; Secretary-
Elsie Monahan 886 5353 Committee
Members-Denise Fargher 8869381 & Sue
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SEPTEMBER 21 – OPEN DAY –

Fire Station, Bridge Street TOKOROA

Saturday 21 -Register at 9.45 am, end 4 pm

\$10 lunch provided.

\$5.00 multi-affle (many great prizes)

GENEALOGY BASICS —

Guest Speakers:

**CHRISTINE YOUNG – NZSG BOARD MEMBER – our
friend from Matamata.**

**SANDRA METCALFE - FROM TE AWAMUTU - A
lively, knowledgeable, interesting speaker.**

BRING A FRIEND - OR MORE. We hope members will be
there with any friends interested in their family history.

MEMBERS

The OPEN DAY IS OUR BIG DAY OF THE YEAR

We hope all members will assist with – providing a
good plate, maybe offering something for the raffles.

Helping

-setting up (9am) – and with clearing up (Now covered
thanks to the Stout family)

-**Manning the desk. – contact Elsie;**

-**Helping in the kitchen** - . Denise tells me she has
sufficient help.

We hope to attract the public and your help by telling
friends about it is requested. The flyer was distributed,
but if you need more info please ask.

OUR FAMILY HISTORY MONTH – REPORT

First a massive thanks to the staff of Tokoroa library.

Our Display in the library was effective and many
commented. Thanks for your work Sue.

Our “Help In the LIBRARY” was great. The library staff,
especially Cherie, were instrumental in helping to take
bookings. We had several members volunteering to
assist in taking the sessions, but some did not follow
through. To those that did take a person, many thanks
from the committee. I have had positive comments from
the people themselves, our members and library staff.
We hope to see some of them at our Open Day.
Personally I always learn a lot when doing the research
and talking to these people about their family history.

GIVE IT A GO NEXT YEAR

Convenor’s Report

I hope you have been enjoying Family History Month.
Elsie and I had a great time at the Family History Expo in
Three Kings, Auckland.

I’ve been “visiting” Waikato Hospital so this is short. I
have been reading “English History made Brief,
Irreverent and Pleasurable” by Lacey Baldwin Smith. I
liked the title and it has little illustrations every so often.
I’m enjoying it.

Keep Open Day free, so that you can come with a friend.
Saturday, 21 September at the Fire Station.

Keep well

Happy researching - Judith

Google Street view.

Sometimes this can come up with very unexpected results. The enclosed link may spur you to follow this up. <https://www.okwhatever.org/topics/things/dead-relative-google-street-view>.

From Putaruru Press 1940s

“7 bush men were hospitalized for “honey poisoning”. The offending honey was sent to Auckland for analysis.”

I have not got the results. Does anyone know what this was? I believe that it could be from the poisonous tutu bush.

AUCKLAND LIBRARY HERITAGE TALKS

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/>

Some of the interesting Heritage talks are available to hear through U Tube. I have not yet investigated further, but would love to hear some more about this service & some of the talks.

Have you written your story yet?

We are all so busy researching those before us and finding out all we can. What about your story. Talking to nieces & nephews recently, they want to know more about this nearly octogenarian aunt. I realize that I should be writing about myself, my siblings and my parents- this is part of the genealogical legacy that you can leave to pass on. It might just be the trigger for them to get started. Once they are “hooked into genealogy” and with their advanced computer & research skills.

WHAT WILL THEY UNEARTH?

Genealogy Sleuthing: How to Date Old Family Photos

Recently Dick Eastman had a series of articles on above topic. As usual, his article was very interesting. Some things to look for- Women’s clothing fashion, children’s attire, backgrounds (these are fashionable too). In New Zealand if you are lucky you can find information on the photographer. One I was able to date to one year because that was the only period that photographer was working in the area.

Trivia !! WORLD WAR 2 American ships that took their soldiers to Europe to fight brought back as many as 30,000 Axis POWs per month to America. Staggering !! 360,000 per year. My maths makes that over a million for the war. Another group of misplaced people caused by the war. Presumably a proportion did not return to their home country after the war.

NZ TRIVIA “MAD on NEW ZEALAND”

<https://madonnewzealand.com/>

Comes up with facts like Do You Know?

Did Whanganui used to be called Petre?

WHAKAPAPA RESEARCH. Many of the people who attended our help sessions at the library were interested in their Maori heritage. Some new a lot, some very little. At the EXPO in Auckland I picked up the following flyer which you can download. <https://natlib.govt.nz/guides/whakapapa> There appears to be a lot of helpful information. . The Maori Interest group was there too as was the Pacific Is Interest group.

EXPO

I have not yet had time to explore all the notes and flyers that I collected over the weekend. It was great seeing members – Jillian, Judith ex members Linda, Warren, Cheryl, and Sandra Mentjox (returning!) as well as lots of others that we have known over the years. The speakers were fantastic. My advice is to keep a free spot for EXPO next year and if you can, go to the lot and have a GOOD BROWSE. Intensive- yes, exhausting – yes, enjoyable- yes, head filled up YES!! BOOKING IN PENCIL FOR Aug 2020 YES!!!

COMMITTEE NEWS We wish Lorna all the best in her recovery from her operation and fall. Lorna is currently “out of action” We hope all will work out for Judith, who has a health “blip” Sue is on a travel away period at odd times landing back. I’m having physiotherapy after a fall. Reliable Denise just quietly carries on being our anchor! Thanks.

Members – you are being led by a bunch of old crocks.!

Can you please do all you can to help fill gaps Elsie

