



NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

# SOUTH WAIKATO BRANCH

TOKOROA, PUTARURU, TIRAU  
& SURROUNDING AREAS

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## NEWSLETTER

## AUGUST 2020

**Meetings are 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of month.** 1 pm at  
Tulloch House (TCOSS) - Tokoroa Hospital grounds -  
Unless otherwise advertised.

**Convenor** Judith Gardiner

-021 801 507 - TXT preferred.

**Treasurer** - Lorna Kay -886 7335;

**Secretary** - VACANT

### Committee Members

*Denise Fargher 886 9381;*

*Sue Turnbull 886 4243;*

*Elsie Monahan 886 5353*

*Raewyn Alderton 886 8334*

## BRANCH MEETING -

**20<sup>th</sup> August . 1 pm**

**AT TCOSS - HOSPITAL GROUNDS.**

Visiting Speakers from Tokoroa Library;

Genealogy Researching in NZ Libraries.

## SOUTH WAIKATO OPEN DAY

**12 SEPTEMBER - Full day**

Full day in Tokoroa Fire STATION

with Sandra Metcalfe a knowledgeable and  
entertaining speaker from Te Awamutu. .

**Please reserve date.**

9.30 register to begin prompt at 10 am

- through to 3.30pm ,

Free lunch provided.

\$15.00 with extra - multi raffles for \$ 5.00

Hopefully we will all love a great day of  
INSPIRATION, COMRADESHIP

No normal September monthly meeting.

**Members your support is needed.** Your own  
genealogical knowledge will expand greatly!!

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH 2020 AUGUST

## **3 SPECIAL ACTIVITIES**

**- all welcome !!**

**SEE THE DISPLAY IN TOKOROA  
LIBRARY**

Simple introductory for public & members. DNA  
and GENEALOGY

Talks in the library - Choose when suited.

Thurs; 6<sup>th</sup> Aug 10.30 am

Thurs : 13th Aug 5 pm

Thurs 27<sup>th</sup> Aug 4pm - with library  
Lovers

**Auckland Family History Expo 2020 - Tāmaki Huinga  
Tātai Kōrero**

**Saturday 8 August, 9am - 6pm and Sunday 9 August,  
9am - 5pm**

**Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Rd, Three  
Kings, Auckland**

Doors open to the public at 8.30am

Look upon line for details.

Over the weekend there will be a coffee van with  
snacks and there are a couple of cafes nearby,  
but you may wish to bring a packed lunch with  
you.

Found on Facebook

**HonourThem New Zealand**

· At HonourThem, we have a searchable list of cemeteries in New  
Zealand to assist our community, genealogists and historians.

## CONTACTING COMMITTEE

– try email the Branch at [southwaikato@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:southwaikato@genealogy.org.nz) ,. Or personally by e mail. Then we can deal with it as suits. Please contact the right person.

1. Judith is your Convenor. Chairs meeting Projects – School and Funeral sheets Looks after venues – amongst other things
2. Lorna Kay Is your treasurer All money matters.
3. Sue is our Tech lady and has the new members packs
4. Denise is your hostess with the mostest.
5. Raewyn Publicity, Talking to new members about their needs – and referring on.
6. Elsie - Newsletter & internally dispersing information. Sth Waikato Biographical collection.

We each as members are prepared to assist any member with their research within our capabilities. We would love others to volunteer their services to help others. Sometimes just a chat can clarify ideas, point you in a new direction, or remind one of something “overlooked”. The more collaboration we can generate in the Branch will increase our success rate!

## NZSG

Just found another benefit of being a member!!!

## DNA BOOT CAMPS



### **What is a Genealogy DNA Test?**

A genealogical DNA test could help you find genetic relatives and expand your research.

Access to the “DNA Bootcamps” produced by Hack Genealogy covering a variety of topics genetic genealogy expert Mary Eberle, JD of DNA Hunters” -. These are really interesting – just looked at notes so far. Like all sites it pays to continually go back and explore. – There may be things you missed- there may be new things – or you may be interested in something that you used to think “I don’t need”.-See NZSG site.

From Te Awamutu (Thanks )

## **New Zealand Shipping Company Records for Genealogy**

([nzsc.wordpress.com](http://nzsc.wordpress.com))

This website has a growing collection of NZ Shipping Company passenger and crew lists. There are currently 53 lists in total from different steamers – all with Maori names – which sailed between Britain, NZ and Australia from 1884 – 1968. If you have voyage ephemera from any NZSC vessel then please contact the site owner and help him build the collection (an article about the NZSC appears in the July

### Genealogy Tip:

Don't assume the family legend is true. Pick apart the information in the story and analyze each "fact" separately. Determine which aspects are provable, and look for documentation to back up the story before accepting it as fact.

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**The Timber Museum just out of Putaruru is now OPEN 7 DAYS**

**9am - 3pm**

Great place for finding information about South Waikato history – and the old mills

**Australian Death Notices** The most comprehensive index to death notices and obituaries in Australian newspapers

[www.ryersonindex.org](http://www.ryersonindex.org)

**REPLACE RUMMAGE SALE WITH “OPEN DAY”**

**Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.**

## Our JULY "OWL" MEETING - MAPS

*For other Branches our "Owl" meetings are taking turns in a circle. The holder of owl is only person to talk until circle completed. It allows each member an uninterrupted chance to speak. At the end we open up to general discussion on topic. It works well for our smallish Branch.*

July's topic was use of maps in genealogy. Some of the uses;-

A Person found living in "Pit Arch" in a UK census led to looking through following census, town maps in differing periods eventually finding a reference to it being " off Applegate St" – It was a small walkway leading to the old pit. Town plans and local records of encroaching urbanisation . or the building of railways, and later widening of streets has led to the demolishing of many houses and much realignment. Maps of varying ages are often needed.

Looking at how people travelled over time is illuminating. In NZ not only coastal shipping but navigatable rivers took people and good more quickly than the bulloch or horse driven transport.

Borders between counties, countries are often changed over time, Sometimes in genealogy we wonder why Gr Grandpa was born in Wiltshire, but Gr Grandma in Dorset. Looking at a map they lived only 4 miles apart! Shire and county guides can be useful.

Look for changing names – Our Oxford of the 1800s is now Tirau. There are many example of this . Mt Egmont - Taranaki etc.

To really get into maps there are such a variety available - on line or books or just maps. Types of maps can vary widely – Farm; estate; City/ town; tithe; enclosure; Parish; old maps; modern maps, maps showing terrain; roads; railways; Trig points; lighthouse etc. All can be useful in knowing more about where they lived; How they moved; how they met etc

Libraries have a certain number, but if important suggest you get your own . Try Beehive Books, Booktopia, Pen & Sword; Gould; Amazon etc.

It can take ages to locate the right place. A Great Aunt lived in Manaia. No Not Taranaki; No not ---- etc.

Finally I found Manaia as a road out of Masterton. Evidently it used to be a small community, but all that is left now is the road name!

Another worthwhile tip is to copy the map – then draw circles. Like how far one could walk in a day – or ride o horse. County maps – Highlight all your villages. Both activities very useful for our Ag Labs.

Amazing how much knowledge is in a small group and the breadth of information – in a July meeting which is traditionally a month of low attendance !!

***Those who couldn't make it – you missed a good one***

## **NZSG - DNA BOOT CAMP**

– a "members only" resource"

WOW .This is worth most of your membership fee. There is so much information and if you are into DNA or wanting to learn more this is VERY HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

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## **Display in Tokoroa Library –**

***Thanks for help Sue***



***POP in and see for yourself- and take advantage of our activities over the month***

***HAVE YOU HIGHLIGHTED !@ SEPTEMBER ON CALENDAR ? ARE you prepared to help? There are jobs to do like helping to set up. Pack up, in the kitchen. Loading & unloading cars etc.bn Some of your committee are having health issues and need to lighten the load.. Cheers Elsie***

