

# Newsletter of the Family History Group, West Auckland Historical Society and Waitakere Branch, NZ Society of Genealogists

## Convenors Message

### Greetings to all.

I hope all have survived in reasonable comfort, life in "Lockdown." With the country moving down to level one things are returning to some resemblance of normal and we can continue, with a little caution, our daily lives.  
Gary Snow

## Family History out West.

### Mill Cottage;

Mill Cottage is open to the public again and John and I have completed our first weekend on duty. The Family History Group meetings will recommence on Thursday the 16th of this month.

### Henderson Library;

Research West in Waitakere Central (Henderson) Library is back in business. John and I will be attending on the 2nd Tuesday from the 14th of July. I believe that Seonaid Lewis will be back with us in August.

### N.Z.S.G;

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists have reopened for normal operations on the 1st of this month, see their website for hours and details  
[www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz).

### Family Research Centre;

For those wishing to visit the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Family Research Centre, phone first for an appointment.  
Glen Eden ph 09 8187898.

### G.C.G;

The Auckland Family History Expo 2020 run by the Genealogy Computing Group in conjunction with Auckland Libraries is still proceeding in August – see next page.

### Archives New Zealand;

Archives in Auckland reopened on the 10th of June however the Archway website is down for maintenance from the 25th of June until the 13th of July.

## Family in Focus

July / August 2020

## Group Meetings

### Waitakere Central Library, Research West

10am to 11.30 am, every 2nd  
Tuesday of the Month,  
February to December.

### Mill Cottage

Every 3rd Thursday of the  
month at 7pm.

Every 2nd & 4th Saturday  
morning of the month at 11am,  
John Soppet and Gary Snow  
are rostered on duty at Mill  
Cottage. Close 3pm.

## Door Charges:

Henderson Central Library  
Gold coin donation.

Mill Cottage. \$2.00

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This month it's all about us – Who we are, What we do, When we do it.

*Who we are.*

## **NZSG Waitakere Branch and WAHS Family History Group (FHG)**

**NZSG Waitakere Branch** is a local interest group of the **New Zealand Society of Genealogists**. We have an elected committee and operate under the rules of NZSG sub groups.

Our current committee members are: Gary Snow (Convenor), John Soppet (Secretary), Judy Snow (Treasurer), Dawn Ellis & Peter Persson (members). Our next AGM will be on 20 August.

**WAHS Family History Group (FHG)** is the group of members of **West Auckland Historical Society** who focus on family history. Effectively the two entities operate as one because Gary, John and Dawn are WAHS committee members. We are active in WAHS day to day operations.

*What we do and when.*

Our activities in a normal month are:

### **2nd Tuesday of the month,**

10:00 to 12 midday.

Family history assistance, or, Brick wall Tuesday at Research West a division of Waitākere Central Library (Henderson), 3 Ratanui St, Henderson. Research West is on the second floor.

<https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/pages/library.aspx?library=64&libraryname=Research%20West>.

Gary, John and Dawn can be found there to help you with your research.

Computers are booked for our use and we have access to the library editions of Ancestry and Find My Past.

There are microfiche readers and a cabinet full of microfiche covering the IGI and NZ BDM, and more.

### **2nd & 4th Saturday of the month,**

11:00am to 3:00pm.

Gary and John are the hosts for public visitors to Mill Cottage, 17 Sel Peacock Drive, Henderson. While there we can assist you with your research.

We have computers and good internet access.

We would appreciate you telling us you are coming. You are welcome to bring your lunch. We would love to give you a conducted tour of the cottage.

Mill Cottage is open to the public at the same times on every Saturday when the hosts are other members of the society. Occasionally Gary or John fill in as hosts and can provide limited assistance for family history by arrangement.

### **3rd Thursday of the month,**

7:00 – 8:30pm at Mill Cottage

This is the public meeting of the NZSG Waitakere Branch. It is an informal event where we discuss family history, give advice and occasionally have a presentation centred on family history.

Supper is provided. Door charge \$2.

### **4th Wednesday of the month,**

7:00 – 8:30pm at Waitakere Gardens

Retirement Village, Sel Peacock Drive.

WAHS public general meeting. Here is a presentation of local history given by an invited speaker. Many very interesting subjects have been covered.

Supper is provided. Door charge \$3.

## **Auckland Family History Expo 2020**

**Friday 7 - Sunday 9 August 2020**

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

*Proudly presented by Auckland Libraries and the Genealogical Computing Group of NZ Society of Genealogists - a weekend-long event covering a wide range of topics related to researching genealogy and family history.*

Exciting international guest speakers to be announced.

Nearly 50 exhibitors covering all aspects of genealogy

Ask an expert sessions. Computer tutorials. Raffles

For more info contact John Soppet - I'm on the organising committee