

# Looking forward to the past



**Celebrating**



**of the  
New Zealand Society of Genealogists**

## Introduction

In 2017, the New Zealand Society of Genealogists is celebrating its Golden Jubilee, so it is fitting that the celebrations include a landmark family history conference entitled 'Looking forward to the past'.

## The Theme of the Conference

*Looking forward to the past* is based on an old Maori saying 'I Nga Ra o Mua': The days before us.

In Maori thinking, we walk into the future backwards – with our eyes fixed on our history, and the lessons we learn from it. They have another saying: 'ka mura, ka muri', which means, that as we forge new paths, we need to learn from those who have gone before us.

## Venue

Alexandra Park in Auckland is a great location for our conference, parking is free. We will be using two floors and the Top of the Park Restaurant. Access to the floors is by stairs, lift and escalator.

## Conference Catering

Morning and Afternoon Teas are included in the Full Registration and the Daily Rate. As the venue runs an excellent coffee shop 'Alex Bar and Eatery' at very reasonable prices, attendees will buy their lunches or bring their own. This caters for the wide variety of dietary needs of our members. Lunches will be eaten in the Lyell Creek Lounge.

The objective is to provide a relatively low-cost conference featuring quality speakers and commercial exhibitors in order to attract the best possible attendance by our members.

The Conference commences on Friday 2 June with 'Friday Night at the Races'. Enjoy dinner and learn about Harness Racing, have a fun night and betting is purely optional.

## Registration Form

Name:.....

Address: .....

Phone: ..... NZSG No: .....

Email:.....

Name for badge.....  
(if different from above)

**Full Registration**      \$230.00      .....

*After 7 April*      \$300.00      .....

### Dinners

Fri Night      qty ..... @      \$50.00      .....

Sat Night      qty ..... @      \$70.00      .....

Sun Night      qty ..... @      \$50.00      .....

Partner's name for Dinner

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Proceedings Book qty .... @      \$25.00      .....

to be collected at Conference

Total remittance      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Make cheques payable to  
**New Zealand Society of Genealogists**  
Detach form and post with your cheque to:  
**NZSG Conference 2017**  
**PO Box 14036, Panmure 1741**



*Please email the organisers with any dietary requirements*

## How to Register for the NZSG 2017 Conference

- \* Register online at the NZSG website  
[www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)

or

- \* At Reception in the Family Research Centre at  
159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland

The FRC is open:  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,  
Friday, Saturday,  
10.00am-4.00pm  
and  
Wednesday 4.00-8.00pm.

or

- \* Use the form in this leaflet and post it with a  
cheque to the NZSG (address overleaf).

More information about the Conference is on the  
website [www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)

### Exhibition

There will be a designated area for Exhibitors and Trade Displays in the Lyell Creek Lounge on the first floor of the venue.

It should be noted that the suite will also be the primary 'breakout' area where morning and afternoon teas will be served, and everyone can sit and eat their lunch, thus everyone will be using the area throughout the weekend.

### Accommodation

For those visiting Auckland there are good motels in the vicinity in Green Lane West, Great South Road and Manukau Road.

See details on the NZSG website: [www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)

### Participation

'Looking forward to the past' will include 31 presentations comprising plenary sessions and concurrent papers based around core family history themes and advances in the hobby including DNA for family history.

There will be a contingent of leading international speakers from England, Ireland, United States and New Zealand. It is expected that those attending the conference will be family historians both amateur and professional from New Zealand, Australia and other countries. It is anticipated that some 350+ people will attend.

### Presenters

Our keynote speaker, Ian Waller from the UK, together with three speakers from the USA, will share a full weekend of knowledge and ideas. The US presenters are Diahan Southard, Dick Eastman, and Judy Russell.

From Ireland we welcome Fintan Mullan.

A great lineup of New Zealand presenters will offer papers on a variety of speciality topics. Speakers include: Seán Brosnahan, Fiona Brooker, Christine Edney, Jordi Garcia and Graeme Wilson, George Harvey, Neville Thomas, Lisa Truttman.

See the NZSG website [www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz) for details of both the programme and the presentations.

### Sponsors

The NZSG acknowledges the sponsorship of:  
FamilySearch, Garry Bell, Loyal Orange Institution of New Zealand Inc., Ted Gilberd Literary Trust.

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