Welcome to the December Issue of KIT!

**Essays**
Look out for the winning essay in the December issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist*.

**Kiwi Index V.1**
The Kiwi Index is finally here and you can order your very own copy online NOW!

While you are there, check out all the other products available. There are some great Christmas Gift ideas!

Looking for the perfect gift? Try NZSG Gift Vouchers. These can be used for subscriptions, cd's, books etc. Get one online today.

Happy shopping!

**News from September Council Meeting**

**Family History Fair**: Great news! The next NZ Family History Fair has been confirmed for Friday and Saturday 2 - 3 August 2013 and the venue will again be Claudelands in Hamilton. Please note: there will not be a Fair in 2012. It was decided that the focus of 2012 will be the Taupo Conference and our 45th Anniversary.

**2011 Fair Handouts**: PDF handouts from many of the seminars are freely available from the NZSG library site. Go to [http://222.154.228.180:8080/ais/AccessItLibrary](http://222.154.228.180:8080/ais/AccessItLibrary) Click on Visual Search. Using the scroll bar on the left hand side of the screen, scroll down to the NZSG logo. Click on the Family History Fair logo and enjoy!

**NZ Early Settlers Locator CD**: There are still some CDs left for sale. This was a one-off production and once the last of the CDs is sold they will become collector’s items (wishful thinking maybe, but you get the general idea. If you want one then don’t leave it too long). Your copy of the CD can be ordered through the Family History Fair website [www.nzfamilyhistoryfair.org.nz](http://www.nzfamilyhistoryfair.org.nz)

**Update on Appointed officers**: Council are pleased to announce the fulfilment of the following positions:

1. Trademe Sales Officer – Wendy Howard.
2. Part Time Paid Projects Coordinator – Carole Devereux

**Council are still looking for the following:**

1. **Editor**
This has been advertised in *The New Zealand Genealogist*. Some previous experience in the publication field is required and in taking copy through to distribution of the magazine.
2. Fund Raising Officer
This is a voluntary position for someone who enjoys filling in forms and finding out which organisation has funds available and when their deadlines are.

3. Regional Education Co-Ordinator –
An education co-ordinator for each region is sought to liaise between branches, members and the education committee to find out the needs of the region and to assist with setting up programmes to meet those needs.

News from November Council Meeting
Council would like to thank the Kapiti Branch for hosting the meeting in Paraparaumu. Their organisation was flawless.

Documents Online
A Documents Online retrieval service will be available for NZSG members, via our Research Service from 10th January 2012. Yes you read it correctly, documents such as wills and probates from the UK National Archives, can be downloaded and emailed to you at no cost. This is the first stage in a plan to have remote access for members. More details will be available on the NZSG website

Projects
If you are keen to assist the NZSG with indexing, please contact Carole Devereux at nzsg.projects@genealogy.org.nz

Land Record Collection
This forms part of the newly created Land Research Service that was launched in September. If you would like to contribute to this collection, please send your contribution to the NZSG office in Panmure (this will operate in a similar fashion as the Certificates Collection).

Honorary Solicitor
Please note that the purpose of the Honorary Solicitor is to provide Council with legal advice. Please do not contact the Honorary Solicitor in your individual capacity as he is there to assist Council only.

Coming Soon:
NZSG Non-members Research Service
This is a new service offered to non-members of the Society. More details of how to use and access this service will be placed in the next edition of KIT.

Certificate of Recognition
This is a brand new certificate which recognises services to the Society by non-members. The Society is grateful for the services provided by non-members and this way we are able to show our appreciation formally. This certificate application form will be available online soon.

January Council Meeting
The next council meeting is to take place Friday 20 January 2011 to Sunday 22 January 2012 in Auckland. The outcomes of the meeting will be recorded in the February edition of KIT.

AGM Reminder:
The 44th Annual General Meeting are to be held on Saturday 21st January 2012 Community Hall, 7-13 Pilkington Road, Panmure, Auckland.

Registrations open at 1.00pm ~ Meeting will commence at 1.30pm

PLEASE NOTE: The Family Research Centre will be closed from 12.30pm on Saturday 21st January to allow members and volunteers to attend the AGM.

NZSG Badges
Just a reminder that anyone who would like their own name badge, can ORDER their own badge ONLINE now. Simply visit the website and click on the Shop tab and follow the steps. Badges will be sold for $15.00 including postage and GST. Alternatively, please post your order (along with your $15.00) to the NZSG office, and we will place it on your behalf.

These badges are excellent for displaying your name and membership number at branch meetings and events associated with New Zealand Society of Genealogy, for example, the Family History Fair, AGM, and Conferences.

Postal Code
This is just a friendly reminder that the correct postal address for correspondence to the NZSG Office is PO Box 14036, Panmure, Auckland 1741. Please advise your Branch members accordingly.
**Book Month – March 2012**

If any branches would like help organising an event in their region, please contact Christine Hurst, Library Supervisor. Christine is in the process of organising an author visit for the FRC and is happy to assist with similar events in other regions, but needs the support of Branches. If you think your branch would like an author visit (to talk about writing your family history, or similar) please contact Christine before the end of November on library@genealogy.org.nz

**Remote Film Reader**

The new Remote Film Reader service was launched in Christchurch on 9th November. It will be rolled out in other regions soon. The Library Supervisor, Christine Hurst, is looking for individuals in branches who would be willing to be ‘champions’ for their area. If you are interested in being the go-to person/expert for your region, please contact Christine on library@genealogy.org.nz.

**Fiche & film reader for sale:**

Canon Microfilm Scanner 500
- Fiche & film reader comes with a film carriage & No. 3 lens.
- Also included is a Canon Fileprint 400 Printer.
- Both in good working order.
- Value is approx $500 and all reasonable offers will be considered.
- Can be picked up from the FRC in Panmure, Auckland. Shipping can be arranged at buyer’s expense.
- If you are interested please email your best offer to library@genealogy.org.nz.
- Bids close 29 February 2012.

**2012 Conference**

The 2012 Conference will take place in Taupo at the Wairakei Resort with a theme of **Volcanic Taupo – Steaming Ahead**. The dates are 1 June 2012 – 4 June 2012 and we hope to see you all there!

Please also note that the 45th Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 2 June 2012 in Taupo at the Wairakei Resort.

**Call for Nominations:**

The Call for Nominations Notice is included in the November/December 2011 issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist*.

The nomination forms are now available on the NZSG website and it is also available on request from the Office Manager.

Voting papers will be included in the March/April 2012 issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist*.

The deadline for Call for Nominations to be received by the Returning Officer is 1 February 2012.

**Arohena Pioneers of Courage**

This book was created in celebration of: Arohena School & District 75th Jubilee.

This is a limited edition book with only 660 copies made.

The price is $65.00 plus $7.50 for postage.

Please contact Maria Blackwell for more information at damblackwell@xtra.co.nz

**Facebook**

Did you know that NZSG is on Facebook? Become our friend and like our page: [http://www.facebook.com/NZSocGen](http://www.facebook.com/NZSocGen)
Welcome to a new section ‘the Library Wish List’. Each issue we will feature items that we would like to add to the library collection.

How can you help? Do you have a copy you’d like to donate to the library? Or perhaps you’d like to donate the full amount to buy the item? Or maybe you’d like to donate something towards the cost of the item?

Contact the Library Supervisor, Christine Hurst, on library@genealogy.org.nz or post a donation to PO Box 14036, Panmure, Auckland 1741.

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Please also make sure that you advise the webmaster of any changes to your contact details to avoid miscommunication between groups and members.

Wishing you a happy holiday season!

Constitution Review Committee
Please be advised that the new draft Constitution is now available on the website. Members have until Friday 3rd February 2012 to send comments about these draft Rules to CRC.

The time for submissions has now past but we are pleased to accept your comments on this draft and we will take them into consideration.

Further details including the rationale behind the draft and the proposed timeline are available on the website.

Getting in Touch with Council
If you have any concerns or issues you want to raise with Council, it is essential that you write to or email Council. Letters should be addressed to NZSG Council, PO Box 14036 Panmure Auckland 1741 and emails addressed to NZSG Council and sent to office.manager@genealogy.org.nz at the FRC. Your communication will then be discussed at the next Council Meeting and you will receive a reply as soon as practicable after that.

Kind regards
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