

PORIRUA BRANCH



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NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2014



Convenor's Comment

Hello everyone.

We have experienced a steady stream of new members to the branch as a result of publicity put in place at the beginning of the calendar year and it's wonderful to welcome new faces and meet new friends. Your committee has worked hard to spread the word in the community about our meetings, and its efforts are certainly bearing fruit. Special thanks should go to Peter for his efforts to establish our own branch website – we are very excited to have this up and running.

Guest speakers this year have included:

- Dr Brad Patterson on New Zealand's Colonial Scots under a microscope
- Ann Ball on breaking down brick walls in English research
- Glenn Reddiex on postcards from WW1
- Michael Clements on Colonial Jews and the establishment of Wellington
- Ruth Ward on 'My ancestor has seven surnames'
- Mary Skipworth on using maps in your genealogy research
- Anita West on introduction to Irish family research
- Jenny Robyn Jones on her book 'No Simple Passage – the journey of the immigrant ship 'London' to New Zealand 1842'.

And we mustn't forget our own 'in-house' panel of experts who answered pre-submitted questions about members research and brick walls and another successful research night at Porirua Library.

Finally, I again offer congratulations to our branch members Peter and Gill who were elected to NZSG Council.

Best wishes to you all for a merry Christmas and plenty of research over the summer months. I look forward to seeing each of you in the New Year.

Helen

Branch Meeting Programme

11 February **Ups and Downs of summer searching**

11 March **guest speaker**
Bill Jackson - All over IT Caring for your data and computer system

5 minute talk

8 April **guest speaker**
Paul Alpe - NZSG Kiwi Index

5 minute talk



Welcome, New Member

We welcome Jo McCready as a new member since the issue of our last newsletter.



Research Matters

ScotlandsPeople

The Scottish Valuation Rolls for 1875 are now available on the ScotlandsPeople website. For the first time, the index is free to search and can be browsed free of charge until 31 December 2014.

Great News for findmypast Subscribers

Every Friday from now on, findmypast will be bringing you thousands of new records to explore over the weekend on their dedicated findmypastFriday page. They are promising to bring you new, and often exclusive, record sets every single week.

findmypast has also announced the addition of millions of new Victoria Passenger Lists 1839-1923. You can now track your ancestors travelling to and from ports around The Garden State Victoria with a fascinating set of inward and outward passenger lists. Did your ancestors arrive after an exciting voyage across the ocean?

If you enjoy browsing blogs there are a few NZ genealogy blogs worth having a look at:

<http://genealogyjourn.wordpress.com/>

<http://bygonedaysphotography.blogspot.co.nz/>

<http://canterburyphotography.blogspot.co.nz/>

<http://timespanner.blogspot.co.nz/>

<http://wing-ops.blogspot.co.nz/>

http://mypastwhispers.blogspot.co.nz

Self Publishing - easier & cheaper than ever before (Part 3)

- Suzanne Sutton Cummings (Hutt Valley Branch)

If you are publishing material for your immediate family or your good buddy Fred, you can put whatever you like in it. However if it is for the wider community or general distribution you need to be aware of a few rules and regulations.

There is a lot of work and expense involved in putting together a book for general distribution. I recommend putting together a draft copy for yourself first and then deciding what is to go in the final copy. It is a good habit to properly reference your sources such as books and websites in a bibliography as you progress through your research. It saves time later.

The Alexander Turnbull Library expect \$20 each for most of their high resolution images. Other repositories have similar images which may be purchased for less. Low resolution copies from the internet can look just as good in your personal copy. All these images must be properly referenced and acknowledged if you are aiming for a wider distribution.

I have had to sign agreements and run draft copies past various repositories for approval in exchange for images. Even those repositories that give info and images for free still expect a donation.

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- Good idea to put © Joe Bloggs, 2014 for those who are ignorant of the law.

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- For some reason, most repositories still claim rights on images in their custody.

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Once again we thank Suzanne for allowing us to reproduce this series of articles – Editor

News from NZSG

The District Keys for NZ Births and Deaths on microfiche are now available on the NZSG Website. Go to www.genealogy.org.nz and login as a member. Hover over "Members Area" on main menu. Click Records Collections on the dropdown menu, then District Keys on the submenu. If you are not sure how to use a District Key, please ask a member at the next branch meeting.

The latest version of the Kiwi Index will be available early next year on a USB stick and will contain 9.5 million records. If you are not a member of the Society, now might be a good time to join and take advantage of accessing those records.

Single membership of the Society is \$85 per year, with the addition of a one off \$15 joining fee. The current findmypast discount available to Society members alone nearly recoups that sum. There are of course many other benefits to defray the annual cost - two in particular that spring to mind:

- copies of certificates deposited by other members in the Certificates Collection, for the cost of just the postage
- free downloads from The National Archives Discovery.

I heard of a member further north who cancelled her NZSG membership and was startled to find an article with previously unknown family information in the latest NZSG magazine that she picked up in the Heritage Room to browse. So keep up your membership of the Society by paying the subscription, and keep looking that gem you need to unlock further research may turn up.

Councillor Peter

Discovery – UK National Archives site on the NZSG member's page

At our Porirua branch meeting 12 November there was reference to the many on-line treasures available via UK National Archives that can be downloaded for free from the member's area on the NZSG website (or available at a cost direct from the Discovery site for non-NZSG members).

These include wills, WWI medal rolls for British servicemen, WW2 RAF combat reports including RNZAF men serving in the UK (the New Zealand squadron 75 is included, as well as individuals across all RAF squadrons), the Royal Marines, merchant and Royal Navy records, historical maps, and much more.

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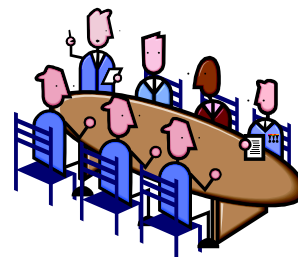
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Branch Noticeboard

Members' Interests List

The branch members' interests list, maintained by Lorraine & Cliff Matthews, can be viewed at meetings. If you have not listed your own interests, please do so by contacting Lorraine or Cliff on (04) 234 7241.

Transport

If anyone is having difficulty getting to branch meetings and would like a ride, please contact one of the committee who will endeavour to find a member in your area to transport you to and from the meeting.

Branch Resources

Please remember to return promptly any branch resources (ie CDs, DVDs, books, etc) that you have borrowed so that other members may borrow them.