



COMING EVENTS

13 February 2019

*Not Just Mud and Blood:
The Experiences of New
Zealanders in The First
World War*

Graham Langton

Short talk: Using BMD UK

Heather Mountjoy

13 March 2019

*Putting Flesh on the Bones:
How to find out more about
the relatives we uncover.*

Dianne Fraser

Short talk: Latin in Wills;
Wills in Family Search

Jan Powell

14 April 2019

*Fabulous Finds and Terrific
Treasures*

By Our Members

Short talk: Using Google
Translate

Martin Houlihan

Convenor's Comment

Hello everyone!



Welcome to Porirua Branch for 2019. I hope you had an enjoyable and relaxing break with lots of research opportunities and perhaps some great finds. I had one interesting discovery in a book about voyages on immigrant ships to NZ. It included a story about a young couple, John Sloss and Mrs Sloss who argued so much during the voyage they had to

be physically separated for a period. Since this is one of my family names, and they came from a similar part of Scotland, I had to find out more! A bit of research showed that John and Esther remained together after arriving in Nelson and had at least four children. However, none of their descendants led to

my family so I now need to check earlier generations in Scotland. By the way, John McLean's book *Voyages of the Pioneers to New Zealand 1839-85* is available in Porirua Library and provides fascinating insights into those early journeys.



Our first two speakers this year have topics which also focus on the physical, social and cultural contexts of our ancestors lives.

In February Graeme Langton will talk about the experiences of New Zealanders during WWI and, in March, Dianne Fraser will assist us with ways to find out more about the lives of relatives we have uncovered.

In addition, on 4th and 5th March Graeme Mackenzie, Scottish historian and genealogist, is coming to Kilbirnie and Kapiti Branches respectively to speak on various aspects of researching Highland clans and families. (More details below)

I look forward to catching up with you at Branch meetings. While there, if you see someone who looks a bit alone, please make an effort to chat with them. You never know what you may have in common. Also, do pass on any feedback about our meetings, speakers/topics or other aspects of Branch organisation to me or one of the committee.

A little reminder:

Extraordinary General Meeting

As notified in our December newsletter, Porirua Branch will hold a very brief EGM at the beginning of our February Branch meeting to adopt the NZ Society of Genealogists' Rules which were amended in 2018.

Mary

Mary Beckett

Convenor

NZSG Porirua Branch

If the highlight of
your last vacation
was a cemetery
visit...

You might be a
Genealogist

Twisted Twigs
on Gravel
Branches



Branch News and Other Events

BOOK REVIEW

English Hell to Aussie Heaven

By Ronnie Sabin and Rod Maxwell

Ronnie and his two brothers Joey and Eddie were left to their own devices in the early days of WW2 when their father disappeared into the army and their mother spent 12 hour days as a bus conductress trying to feed her young family. Consequently they terrorised the neighbourhood of Rochester Dwellings in Newcastle-upon-Tyne, creating havoc, stealing and generally making a nuisance of themselves. Eventually they were all rounded up, declared Wards of the State and in 1946 were sent by ship to Australia along with hundreds of other children.

Fairbridge Farm School near Molong NSW (30kms from Orange) was to be their home till they were around 17 years of age and here Ronnie and the others learnt all facets of animal husbandry and farming in general. This set Ronnie up with all the skills to earn his own living as soon as he “graduated” from Fairbridge and his life takes him around Australia and eventually New Zealand where he owns his own businesses and is a respected member of society, something that would not have happened if he had remained in England. He never saw his father again and was only reunited with his mother 33 years later.

Much has been written about conditions in similar schools; about physical and mental abuse and near slave labour but Ronnie defends his school and rebuts those claims in this easy to read short volume ghost written by Rod Maxwell, self-described as a part time general reporter for a small provincial newspaper.

This book is amongst the resources available from the table at our monthly meetings and I recommend it as a social history of Australia and New Zealand in the 1960s, 70s and 80s.

Reviewed by Pat Liddell

14 APRIL MEETING

Fabulous Finds and Terrific Treasures

By Our Members

Come prepared to share, bring examples, objects of interest and similar to share with Branch members.



**Scotland Presents
Leading Historian and Genealogist
Graeme Mackenzie**

March 4th & 5th 2019

Graeme Mackenzie is Chairman of the Association of Highland Clans & Societies (of Scotland) and *Seanachaidh* (historian & genealogist) for Clans MacKenzie and MacMillan. He's a trained historian, with a Masters Degree from the University of Cambridge, and has been a professional genealogist specialising in the Highland clans and families of Scotland for the last 25 years.

You will not want to miss out on these four seminars

NZSG Kilbirnie Branch
ASB Sports Centre
72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington
Monday 4th March 2019

1:00 – 2:00pm
The Highlands of Scotland, its Clans and their Traditions

2:30 – 3:30pm
Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors: An Introduction to Family History in Scotland

A Wishbone Café is open all day in the venue

Free parking – no time limit outside and under cover

For more information go to:
www.nzsgkilbirnie.org.nz or www.kapitigen.org

NZSG Kapiti Branch
Waikanae Baptist Church Hall
286 Te Moana Rd, Waikanae
Tuesday 5th March 2019

9:45 – 10:30am
Morning Tea

10:30am
Clans, Septs and Surnames in the Highlands of Scotland

12noon – 1:00pm
Lunch (Bring your own)

1:00 – 2:30pm
Researching Your Highland Ancestors: Understanding Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd

2:30pm
Afternoon tea will be available

Admission for each venue: \$10.00 per person (cash only at the door)



All sessions are Open to the Public





Reading Room Guidelines

Welcome to the Archives New Zealand Reading Rooms.

Archival records are unique, precious taonga. It

is our duty to care for these records so that they can be accessed by future generations.

Archives staff at the Help Desk and Issues Desk are here to assist you.

No records are to be removed from the Reading Room under any circumstances.

Please have your reader card with you each time items are issued to you.

Terms and conditions of use:

Permitted:

- Pencils
- Computers
- Paper
- Transparent bags
- Cameras
- Mobile phones (on silent)

Not permitted:

- Pens
- Food or drink of any kind
- Bags/suitcases
- Computer covers/cases
- Coats
- Umbrellas

The handling and use of archives must follow the procedures outlines on the next pages. Any intentional damage to or theft of archives can result in criminal prosecution.

In the Reading Room

Behaviour

This is a quiet study space. Please speak quietly and turn your phone onto silent mode. If you need to take a call please leave the Reading Room to do so.

Archives staff will treat you with respect and courtesy and it is expected that you will show the same behaviour to staff and other researchers.

Archives New Zealand takes no responsibility for personal items that are stolen or damaged while left in the Reading Room or in the lockers.

Failure to comply with any of the above conditions may result in your being asked to leave the Reading Room.

Archives Reading Room Guidelines cont....

Procedures

Please sign the entry book at the start and end of your visit.

Most records can be ordered through Archway online or via the public computers in the Reading Room.

Records are held out for researchers to view for five working days.

The printed sheet and container accompanying each record must remain with it at all times.

Records are issued and returned at the Issues Desk. The printed sheet and container must be returned with them.

Handling the records

In order to preserve records for future use please follow these guidelines when handling the records.

Placement

Ensure records are placed securely on the table. Do not let records hang off the side of tables.

Pillows must be used to support the spines of large bound volumes.

Please use weights to keep rolled, curled or large archives in place. These are available from a shelf near the Help Desk.

Do not lean on, bend, or try to flatten records.

Handling

Ensure your hands are clean and dry (without handcream, sanitiser etc) before using records.

Please keep handling of records to a minimum. Do not lick your fingers to turn pages or use your finger to follow the text.

Gloves must always be worn when handling photographs, negatives and artworks, and maps and plans when directed by Archives staff.

Do not write on or mark records.

Do not carry loose, unsupported or unprotected papers around the room.

Records must be kept in their original order. Never rearrange or take apart archives - ask an archivist to help you.

Copying and publishing

Copying

You are welcome to use your own camera/device to photograph Open Access records. The flash must be turned off when taking photographs.

You can use the areas provided for taking photographs of larger items such as maps or plans.

Do not stand on furniture, or place archives on the floor.

You need to get permission to use tripods, photographic lights, and personal scanners in the Reading Room. Ask us if you need these options.

Archives New Zealand offers a paid copying service. Please ask us for more information.

Publishing images of records

If you wish to publish images of records, you must request permission to do so by contacting us.

If the record has already been published online by Archives New Zealand, it can be republished under [Creative Commons \(BY\) Attribution License](#). This includes commercial use and you do not need to apply for permission to publish.



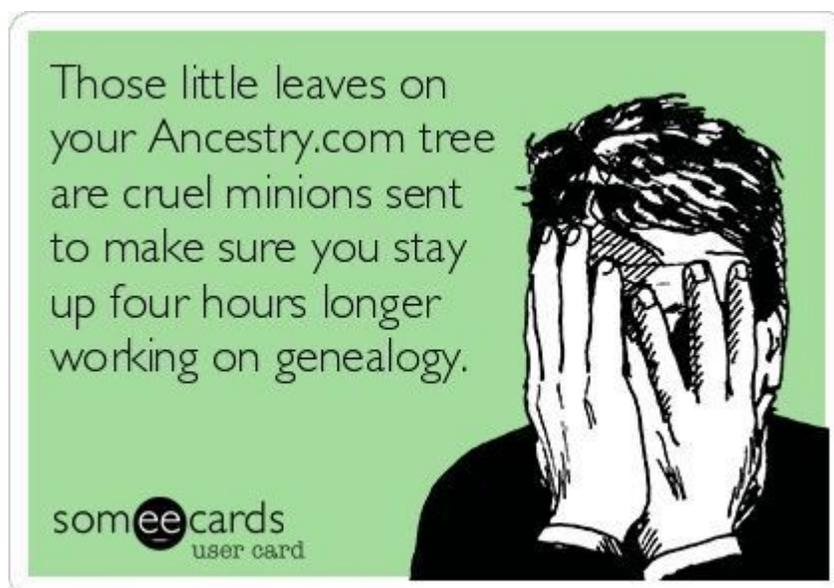
SUMMER HOURS

The National Library of New Zealand, Te Puna Mātauranga o Aotearoa, Molesworth Street, Wellington, will be trialling summer hours from 1 December 2018 to 2 March 2019.

From Saturday 1 December the Reading Rooms on the first floor will be closed on Saturdays during this period.

The building will remain open 9am - 1pm on Saturdays to allow visitors and tourists to see the exhibitions and other public programmes, and experience the magic of the award winning He Tohu exhibition.

Home café, the net.work space and the retail store will also remain open on Saturdays from 9am - 1pm. Monday to Friday services will remain the same and are not affected by the summer hours. If you would like to give them feedback about their summer hours you can email them at information@natlib.govt.nz.



What's On in other Branches**Kilbirnie**

Thursday 7 February 2019 *Discovering a Paper Son from Digital Fingerprints* Richard Foy, Chief Archivist – Archives NZ

Time/Venue: 9-12pm Matairangi Room, ASB Sports Centre, Kilbirnie

Kapiti

Tuesday 26 February 2019 *Jenny Martin - Family Search affiliate libraries*

Time/Venue: 7pm Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu.

Wellington TBA

Wednesday 27 February 2019

Time/Venue: 6.30pm, Loaves and Fishes, Anglican Cathedral, Thorndon, Wellington City

Hutt Valley

Thursday 14 (PM meeting) and 21 February: (AM meeting): *Doug Miller; Genealogy on the Cheap.*

Thursday 14 March: (PM) and Thursday 21 March (AM) : *Gail Rumble; Burials on Matiu/Somes Island 1872-1919.*

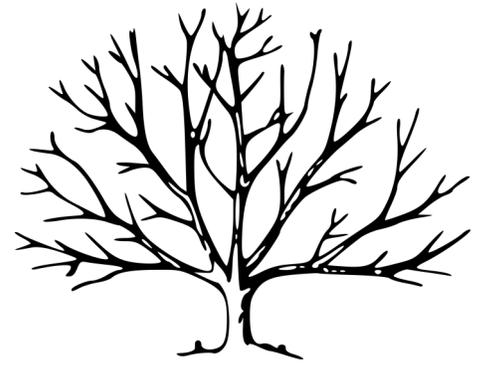
Venue: Petone Public Library

Legacy Users Group: 23 February 2019

Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

Meeting: 2 pm to 4 pm

Cost: \$2 - please pay at the door

***Branch Noticeboard*****Branch Resources**

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

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.

Newsletter contributions Welcome!

If you have an interesting story or a handy hint or anything that you'd like to share with Branch members, please let the Newsletter Editor know, contributions are always welcome!

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