



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Hibiscus Coast Branch

July 2015



From your Convenor

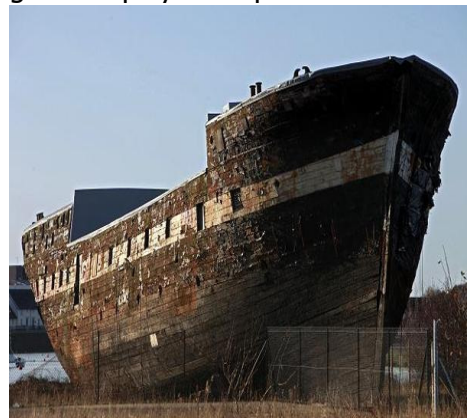
I have been thinking about those who came by sailing ship and marvelling at all the attributes they must have had. Could I have done what they did?

When I popped into the Maritime Museum for a few minutes while I waited for the ferry I got as far as the immigrants section and stood rocking slightly and looking at all the bunks. I tried to imagine 100 days and several children in these conditions. There were the pots for their food and perhaps a lantern for light. Could I have done as most of my great grandparents did to start a new life? Perhaps those who came from London were used to the crowded conditions and all the sounds and smells. I know the smells would have turned my stomach. Maybe those from the country and crowded cottages were more used to those conditions. Now added to all that there would have been sea-sickness and storms. How would I have managed that as well?

I will go back to the Museum where I think they have done a great display and spend some more time there where they also have a cabin from the time of the "ten pound Poms."

For anyone who has not been there for sometime you can take evidence of your address in Auckland (now we are part of Auckland super-city) to get in free.

Also from the "Age of Sail" I recently saw the clipper ship "City of Adelaide" in Port Adelaide where they are restoring it. Unfortunately we could not go on a tour of it as they were water blasting it that day. It was built 1864 and is the sister ship of the "Cutty Sark" which I saw in Greenwich. Tours of these boats would probably give a picture of the life of a merchant seaman.



According to family stories my only seaman jumped ship in NZ so no records of which boat or what type it was.

Yours Wendy Inskip

Next Branch Meeting
21 July 2015 from 2 – 4 pm
St Chads, Centreway Rd, Orewa

Our Speaker for July will be Dr Michael Taylor, who will be speaking about an ancestor – Henry Keeping 1827-1924, a Victorian fossil collector and his family.

August we have Mike Higgins and Linda & Larry Bennett to give us an update on all the new things happening with FamilySearch. (**18 Aug** – St Chads Church 2-4pm)

Worth taking a look at ...

Auckland Branch of NZSG

July meeting – Tuesday 28th July. At Whare Wananga, Level 2, Central Library, Lorne Street. Free entry. Starts at 10.30 am.

Writing Course

Whangaparaoa Library, Saturday 18th July at 11am to 1pm
Writing Your Story with Wendy Inskeep
Inquires to Wendy Inskeep 4248961
(August workshop topic is yet to be announced)



<http://registers.nli.ie>

Catholic Parish Registers in Northern Ireland – online and worth a look.

Labour Weekend, 23-26 October 2015 Wellington

Sacred Heart Cathedral parish and School, together with St. Mary's College and those connected to the former Marist Brothers School for a combined Jubilee.

As former pupils of this Parish are scattered throughout New Zealand and elsewhere, it would please bring this notice to the attention of your members, your assistance would be appreciated.

GERALDENE O'REILLY irish.genealogy@xtra.co.nz

Kumara Times Project

Did any of your ancestors land on the West Coast of the South Island? Did they live and work in the goldfields? There is a short-term fundraising endeavour to raise \$10,500 as 50% of the total cost of digitising this last remaining, almost unexplored, goldfields record. Papers Past will digitise the 13,722 pages of the Kumara Times at \$1.60 per page. David Verrall has sent us a pamphlet outlining how our members can support this project. Any and all funds gratefully accepted - Kumara Times Project ANZ 06 0849 0075116 01 if you require a receipt email David on davidverrall@clear.net.nz

WW1 Project. Flesh on the Bones.

The team are well on the way with recording their "men" and have uncovered some very interesting stories on the way.

We have been joined by a representative from the RSA, Frank Rands, who has been invaluable with help on the military side as he is in the Navy. He has provided details of all the transport ships and also military abbreviations. He has gone through Navy records but has found no navy men amongst our fellows.

It has been very humbling to see the delight and appreciation relayed to us from the living descendants of the soldiers. They have been so helpful with family information and photographs,

and, understandably, emotional when seeing the final result. They have been so grateful that someone has taken the time to tell their ancestor's stories.

The website has now been developed but it is not yet live. We need to get more profiles fully completed before we activate it for viewing. Like all genealogy, there always seems to be another detail turn up just when you thought you had it completed!

We are grateful to club members and the Wainui Historical Society for the records they have collected and developed over the years as these have provided quite a bit of family background and is right at our fingertips up at the library.

Our thanks to the following team of researchers who are doing an amazing job of ferreting out information on our soldiers:

Wendy Fitzpatrick, Wendy Inskeep,(all of the Puhoi men, amazing) Jan Jacobi, Robyn Ayton, Audrey Barney, Mary De Boer, Rob Aspen, Pam Rea, Barbara Tucker.

We also thank the people who have completed their research:

Alan Jenner, Anne Murphy, Paula Dennison, Martin Williams, Gillian Nutsford and Levina Cuthbert.

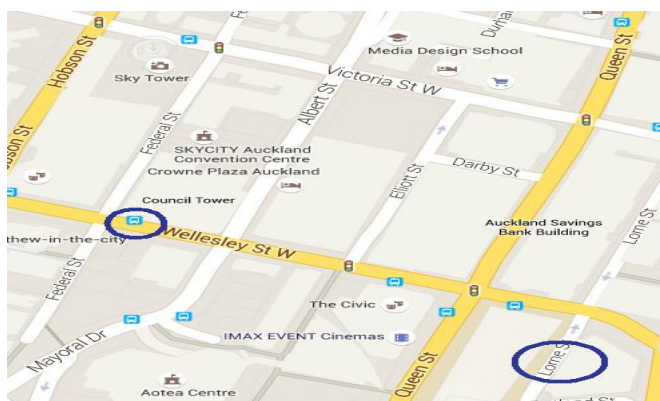
Diane & Roger Shearer



Black Out Cover for the Fiche/Film reader at the Whangaparaoa Library.

We have moved the reader to the centre of the table to allow better viewing of the reader screen. In the right corner of the first image you can see two wooden braces with a piece of black cloth folded on top of it. Place the two wooden braces on the table as in the middle image and lastly drape the cloth over the top of the reader and the braces to allow optimal viewing when the library is too brightly lit. Not the most elegant solution, but it will work till we can figure out how to solve this problem. After use, please return the braces and cloth back in their resting place for the next user. (There are no air vents on the back, top or sides of the reader so the machine will not overheat when being used like this – air vents are on the bottom left below the actual screen need to be kept clear)

FAMILY HISTORY MONTH - AUGUST



Suggested transport to the Auckland Library includes – Using your Gold Card to travel free on the Hibiscus Coast – City buses. Purchasing a Day Pass \$16.00 (you need an Athop card additional \$5 one off cost) Buses from Gulf Harbour and Waiwera to the city all arrive at Wellesley Street walk down the hill and across to the library which is in

Lorne Street. (see map) Saturday / Sunday buses leave 10 past the hour from Army Bay. Little Manly (odd hours) & Big Manly (even hours) routes alternate. Orewa (Opposite Centerway dairy) 15 minutes to the hour. Bus passes can be purchased from Centerway Dairy (Orewa) or Rishworth Dairy 5/15 Karepiro Drive. Or done on line with your hopcard. Cash trip to the city will be \$10.50 each way.

At the Auckland Public Library

The Auckland Family History Expo is a weekend-long event covering a wide range of topics related to genealogy and researching your family history.

Keep an eye out for Auckland War Memorial Museum's interactive Mobile Roadshow Unit, which will be parked outside Central City Library in Lorne Street all day on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. As always, library staff will be available in the Central Auckland Research Centre to provide research assistance and access to resources.

Friday

Family History Expo opening

Whare Wananga Level 2, 4pm - 8pm

Attendance will cost \$10 to cover hospitality. **Booking is essential** given that limited seats are available. To reserve your place, email the [Central Auckland Research Centre](#) or phone 09 307 7771.

- 4pm-5pm: Welcome and opening, followed by panel discussion
Featuring Michelle Patient (Guild of One-Name Studies), Ben Mercer (Ancestry), Seonaid Lewis (Auckland Libraries), Helen Smith (Genealogical Society of Queensland), Gay Williams (New Zealand Society of Genealogists).
- 5pm: Light refreshments
- 6pm: All is not lost - keynote address by David Lomas (Missing Pieces, Lost & Found)
For many New Zealand families there is a missing piece. All is not lost, presented by journalist David Lomas, will look at how missing people are found by David and his fellow researchers on the TV3 programme Lost & Found and its predecessor Missing Pieces.



Saturday

Whare Wananga, Level 2

- **10.15am: Commemorating the 1918 Flu Pandemic** Discovering insights from the online collections. Introduction by Sandra Coney (Auckland Council), presentation by Ben Mercer (Ancestry.com), Topics will include Births, Deaths & Marriages; NZSG Cemeteries Collection; the special place of Waikumete Cemetery; and preparing for the centenary in 2018.
- **11.15am: AncestryDNA and your family tree** Combining history with science, making connections online with Ben Mercer (Ancestry.com.au). Topics will include the AncestryDNA toolkit, building your family tree, breakdown of ethnicity, and making connections online.
- **12.15pm: Heraldic treasures at the Auckland War Memorial Museum library** Join manuscript librarian Martin Collett and learn about heraldry and the treasures within the Auckland Museum Library.
- **1.15pm: FamilySearch** Learn how to use this wonderful free website to assist you with your family history. Presented by Jan Gow, Hooked on Genealogy.
- **2.15pm: They went to Australia and now can't be found** Presented by Helen Smith, Genealogical Society of Queensland.
- **3.15pm: The rest of the iceberg:** researching beyond the internet Presented by Barbara Wyley, NZSG.

Akozone computer suite, Level 1

- **11am: Family history eResources at Auckland Libraries** Learn to use Auckland Libraries' online resources with Marie Hickey, Auckland Libraries.
- **12pm: FamilySearch NZ/AU** Tips and tricks on using FamilySearch to find New Zealand and Australian records, presented by Jan Gow, Hooked on Genealogy.
- **1pm: Ancestry NZ/AU** Tips and tricks on using Ancestry to find New Zealand and Australian records presented by Christine Clement, Ancestry.
- **2pm: Findmypast NZ/AU** Tips and tricks on using Findmypast to find New Zealand and Australian records presented by Fiona Brooker, Findmypast.

Sunday

Whare Wananga, Level 2

- **10.15am: Present, Past and Future - with Findmypast** Discover how Findmypast can help you trace your family history with Fiona Brooker, Findmypast.
- **11.15am: Māori Land Court Minute Books** Whakapapa is found throughout the Minute Books – come and learn how to use them. Presented by Raniera Kingi, Auckland Libraries.
- **12.15pm: NZ Society of Genealogists** An outline of who we are, and what we can offer to all family history historians. Presented by Gay Williams, NZSG President.
- **1.15pm: Special settlement schemes** Includes schemes such as Albertland, Puhoi, and the Bay of Islands settlements. Presented by Mark Stoddart, Archives NZ.
- **2.15pm: Scotland's People** The very best thing your ancestors could have done for you is be born, married or died in Scotland. Presented by Jan Gow, Hooked on Genealogy.
- **3.15pm: Digging for treasure** Using online newspapers to research your family's history, presented by Michelle Patient, Guild of One-Name Studies.

Te Marama Room, Level 1

- **10.30am: How to do a One-Name Study** Presented by Michelle Patient, Guild of One-Name Studies.
- **11am: Timelines for brickwall research** Presented by Helen Smith, Genealogical Society of Queensland.
- **11.30am: Read all about it** Use newspapers and magazines to enhance your family and social history research. Presented by Marie Hickey, Auckland Libraries.
- **12pm: Q & A** what would you like to know about researching your family history? Ask your local NZSG reps.
- **12.30pm: Researching your English family history** Presented by Viv Parker, NZSG.
- **1pm: Researching your Scottish family history** Presented by Marie Hickey, Auckland Libraries.
- **1.30pm: Starting your German family history** Presented by Graham Clark, NZSG European Interest Group.
- **2pm: Whakapapa research with Auckland Libraries** Are you thinking about starting your whakapapa journey? Come along to this session and make a start today. Presented by Raniera Kingi, Auckland Libraries.
- **2.30pm: Evernote for Genealogists** Evernote is an easy-to-use flexible tool which not only stores notes (text, sound, images and handwriting) but makes them easy to find. Presented by Michelle Patient, Guild of One-Name Studies.
- **3pm: Headlines or smallprint.** Add some flesh to the bones of your family history with these search tips. Presented by Fiona Brooker, Findmypast.
- **3.30pm: Ancestry search tricks.** Presented by Christine Clement, Ancestry.

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- **11am: Ancestry UK** Tips and tricks on using Ancestry to find records to assist with research in the UK and Ireland. Presented by Christine Clement, Ancestry.
- **12pm: Auckland Libraries Family History eResources** Learn to use Auckland Libraries' unique online resources with Seonaid Lewis, Auckland Libraries.
- **1pm: Findmypast UK** Tips and tricks on using Findmypast to find records to assist with research in the UK and Ireland. Presented by Fiona Brooker, Findmypast.
- **2pm: FamilySearch UK** Tips and tricks on using FamilySearch to find records to assist with research in the UK and Ireland. Presented by Jan Gow, Hooked on Genealogy.



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NZ Society of Genealogists

The Thrill of Tracing your Family History

Assistance from members of our local

Family History Group

Wednesday 12 August 11am Orewa Library

Enquiries to Levina Cuthbert 09 420 5281

All welcome

Whangaparaoa Library Roster for July & August

July			August		
Day	Date	Volunteer	Day	Date	Volunteer
Wednesday	1	Shirley Hunt/Myra Frew	Saturday	1	Wendy Inskeep/Ros Cunningham
Thursday	2	Alan Jenner	Monday	3	Frank Shelmerdine/Greg Murphy
Saturday	4	Wendy Inskeep/Ros Cunningham	Wednesday	5	Shirley Hunt/Myra Frew
Monday	6	Frank Shelmerdine/Greg Murphy	Thursday	6	Alan Jenner
Wednesday	8	Audrey Barney/Bob Aspden	Saturday	8	
Thursday	9	Peter Hill/Peter Scammell	Monday	10	Sally Corbell/Ann Viscoe
Saturday	11		Wednesday	12	Audrey Barney/Bob Aspden
Monday	13	Sally Corbell/Ann Viscoe	Thursday	13	Peter Hill/Peter Scammell
Wednesday	15	Wendy Fitzpatrick/Wendy Jenner	Saturday	15	Wendy Inskeep/Bryn Roberts
Thursday	16	Roger Shearer/Diane Shearer	Monday	17	Vera Bartlett/Kaye Blanchard
Saturday	18	Wendy Inskeep/Bryn Roberts	Wednesday	19	Wendy Fitzpatrick/Wendy Jenner
Monday	20	Vera Bartlett/Kaye Blanchard	Thursday	20	Roger Shearer/Diane Shearer
Wednesday	22	Maggie Chan/Robyn Ayton	Saturday	22	Dorothy Taylor/Margaret Pool
Thursday	23	Paula Dennison	Monday	24	Alison Wesley/David Nell
Saturday	25	Dorothy Taylor/Margaret Pool	Wednesday	26	Maggie Chan/Robyn Ayton
Monday	27	Alison Wesley/David Nell	Thursday	27	Paula Dennison
Wednesday	29	Gillian Alison/Levina Cuthbert	Saturday	29	Audrey Barney
Thursday	30	Kaye Blanchard	Monday	31	Margaret Pool

Last Word from the Editor ...

August is fast approaching and with the Family History Fair not happening, Auckland Library have stepped into the void to ensure there is something for everyone. Please take time to check out the offerings and support the workshops. Friday night looks like it will be worth the \$10 cover charge and the requirement to book in advance. David Lomas has captured NZ interest with his show and it will be interesting to find out how they put the show together and how they research each case.

Maggie C

Our Branch page

http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Hibiscus_Coast_69.aspx

Our web site

<https://sites.google.com/site/hibiscuscoastgenealogygroup/home>

Branch Information & Responsibilities

Meetings: 3rd Tuesday of each month - Feb to Nov
2.00 pm at St Chad's Church, Orewa

Branch Convenor:	Wendy Inskip	wendy@inskeep.co.nz
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Cottage Meetings

Wednesday 5 August 12.30 pm – 2.30pm

Family Tree Maker support group meeting

Pohutukawa Room - Whangaparaoa Library.

Contact Levina on rutherglen.farm@clear.net.nz

Thursday 6 August 10am – 12 noon

Next meeting of the **HBC Legacy User Group**

including computer/genealogy related topics.

Contact Alan on ajenner@ihug.co.nz

Wednesday 8 July & 12 August 9.30 – 12 pm

Next meeting of Shirley's Cottage Group

Contact Shirley on sdhunt@xtra.co.nz

LDS FILM ORDERING – 27 July & 24 August

Whangaparaoa Library. Help will be available for those wishing to learn how to order a film for viewing at the Library. *This assistance is always available the Monday after our Branch Meetings.*