



Hibiscus Coast Branch of NZSG established 28 November 1989

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Convenors message

This morning, I was checking some research I had done quite some time ago on my 2x great grandfather, William Tosland, who died in 1844 in Kent. He died of hematemesis which sounded quite horrible so skipped over that and got to wondering about his funeral. His son-in-law registered the death and as an undertaker organised the funeral as well. I had visions of the plumed prancing black horses but knew as a 'brewer' that would not be so and decided to look up more on funerals. With Google's help I found a thesis submitted by Teerapa Pirhakul, '*The Funeral in England in the Long Eighteenth Century*'. Not quite the right time period, but never-the less I was soon engrossed in it.



I have in the past found a thesis most useful for gaining more background information when I was researching Coromandel township in the early goldmining days at the time my great grandfather was painting churches and other buildings there.

Another thesis I have used was on an area up north where my grandparents lived, and it was all about Europeans gaining land from the Maori people there and obviously written from a Maori perspective. It did mention my family. It was good to get a different perspective to the one my family had.



These are a great source of information as the writer has put a great deal of time into researching their topic and then having others examine it. The funeral one I have just read was written for a degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

A warning! I was at the Auckland University Library some years back and parked under some of the beautiful, huge leafy trees with no parking meters in sight! Only to find a ticket when I came out as the signs and meters had been hidden by the lovely trees.

My funeral 'wonderings' are not yet over as this undertaker died not so many years after this funeral and in the next census of 1851 his wife was listed as an undertaker. Question 'Were women allowed to be undertakers?

Wendy Inskip (4698)



Next Meeting:
15th April
St Chads Church
2- 4pm Tuesday
Cnr Florence Street

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Aprils Speaker

Who: Dr Tony Claasen

Topic:

"Unsung Heroes – NZ WWI Airmen et al"

Much More Than A Military Historian

Adam Claasen is a senior lecturer in history at Massey University's Albany campus. He is a Smithsonian Institution Fellowship grantee, a Fulbright Scholarship (Georgetown University) awardee and a Massey University research team medallist.



Last Month's Speaker

The March meeting speaker was Tony Walker, and his topic was "It started with a grave stone, Yorkshire to Australia". Tony and his wife were in England, and visited St Thomas' Church, Thurstonland, Yorkshire in May 2017. He found the gravestone of Jonas and Deborah 3x Gt grandparents and their son, Charles Theophilus Walker. The inscription said that he died at sea on the way to New Orleans age 39.

Tony followed this journey that Charles made with 4 children on the *Bark Blake* in 1849 leaving from Liverpool. As his wife had died the year before of Tb and the children were now orphaned, what happened to them?

They came back to UK and Tony found the daughter Ellen Newton in the 1851 Census working as a servant aged 16 for a Wood family.

After she became pregnant, she married the 3rd son David who was 31. They emigrated to Melbourne in 1853 and had a further 10 children. There they opened a brewery and a tavern and did very well.

Tony said his journey meant he travelled to the locations of interest, he needed patience, hard work and a bit of luck, keeping an open mind and having FUN. *By Eileen Revell*



Welcome to our new members



Give them a smile and a warm welcome when you see them
**Andrea Wouters, Amanda (Mandy) Wolstenholme and
 Phillippa Pitcher**

Near By Branch Meetings Of NZSG

North Shore

When: 1st Monday 1pm

Also: 3rd Wed 7.30pm

Feb – Nov 2025

Senior Citizens Hall

5 Mayfield Centre

Glenfield

Wellsford

When: 1st Thursday

10.30 am

Feb – Dec 2025

Wellsford Library

Port Albert Rd

Wellsford

Waitakere

When: 3rd Thursday

7.00pm

Feb – Nov 2025

Mill Cottage

17 Sel Peacock Drive

Henderson

Auckland

When: 4th Tuesday

10.30 am

Feb – Nov 2024

Whare Wananga, Level 2

Auckland Central Library,

Lorne Street, Auckland

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Reminders

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Hibiscus Coast Branch of New Zealand Society of Genealogists Annual General Meeting will be held on May 20th, 2025 - at St Chad's Church on the corner of Centreway Rd and Florence Street in Orewa. Commencing at 1.30pm.

Any correspondence needs to be received by April 17th, 2025 and you can forward correspondence by post to HBC Genealogy c/- 117 Centreway Road, Orewa, Auckland 0931 or by email to HibiscusCoast@genealogy.org.nz

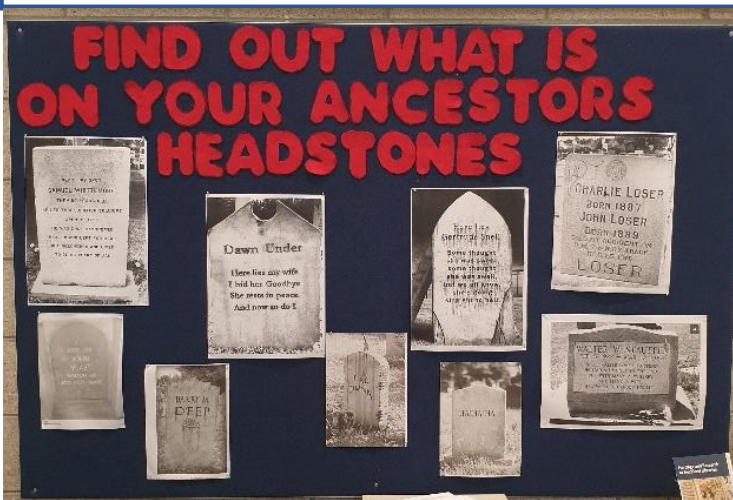
Nominations for the HBC Genealogy Committee for 2025/2026 can be forwarded to the same post and email addresses.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Please ensure your voting rights for our AGM are in place by sending your annual subscription to the Branch so you are a active member before the AGM. Prices for subscriptions are on the last page of this newsletter.

LIBRARY HOURS:

We have Easter Weekend and also ANZAC Day all falling in April. This does impact the Whangaparaoa Library as the library will be closed **on Friday 18, Sunday 20, Monday 21** (Easter) and also **on Friday 25** (ANZAC)



Carol has been busy with another interesting display at the local Library.

Thank you Carol

23andMe current situation.

PRESS RELEASE On March 23, 2025

23andMe took an important step forward by entering a voluntary Chapter 11 restructuring and sale process.

Through this process, we will seek to find a partner who shares our commitment to customer data privacy and allows our mission of helping people access, understand and benefit from the human genome to live on. Importantly, this step allows us to continue operating our business while we chart the path forward.

What This Means For You

- **Your data remains protected.** The Chapter 11 filing does not change how we store, manage, or protect customer data. Our users' privacy and data are important considerations in any transaction, and we remain committed to our users' privacy and to being transparent with our customers about how their data is managed. Any buyer of 23andMe will be required to comply with applicable law with respect to the treatment of customer data.
- **Your access is unchanged.** You continue to have full access to your account, genetic reports, and any stored data.
- **23andMe is still open for business.** Orders and subscriptions will continue as normal, and any purchases or genetic testing kits sent in for processing will be handled without disruption.
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23andMe was born from the idea that empowering people to harness and learn from their own DNA could change the future of healthcare. Since 2006, we have made dramatic strides, helping more than 15 million customers worldwide to better understand themselves and the impact of their genetics while contributing to vital research efforts. We are proud of all that we have accomplished together and look forward to continuing to serve customers like you through our health and ancestry services.

We appreciate your trust and support during this transition and remain dedicated to serving you and our mission.

What does the current situation at 23 and Me mean for those with DNA subscriptions?

I think it is important to recognise that 23 and Me have voluntarily entered Chapter 11 Bankruptcy. Chapter 11 is essentially a system that allows a company to be supervised while trading its way back into full solvency. It is notable that they have voluntarily entered Chapter 11. This has not been initiated by creditors.

Chapter 11 protects a company and provides the opportunity for a company to reorganise while continuing to trade. Chapter 11 is only approved if there is a genuine belief by the court that creditors will be paid and the company is essentially a viable entity after necessary restructuring.

This is a very different from the British understanding of bankruptcy where a company no longer has the capacity to trade and closes.

Many major US companies have entered and traded their way back to full solvency. e.g. Continental Airlines and General Motors

Obviously, each person must make a personal decision about their continued membership of 23 and Me and their own DNA file BUT scaremongering by those unfamiliar with Chapter 11 protection regulations is less than helpful while the company restructures.

For those that wish to take the time to understand Chapter 11 proceedings before making a decision might find the following "light " reading useful.

<https://www.uscourts.gov/court-programs/bankruptcy/bankruptcy-basics/chapter-11-bankruptcy-basics>

Wendy Paton (Treasurer)

Branch & Library Calendar for April		
Date	Day	Volunteers
2	Wednesday	Eileen Revell/Grant Hodgson
3	Thursday	Alan Jenner
5	Saturday	Wendy I / Ros Cunningham
7	Monday	Maggie Chan/ Philippa Kidd
8	Tuesday	Thistles Group
9	Wednesday	Alison Wesley / John Curtis
10	Thursday	Legacy group Alan Jenner
10	Thursday	Brenda & Mick Munford /Peter Hill,
12	Saturday	Liz Burden/Tony SC
14	Monday	Sandi Halling /Liz Burden
15	Tuesday	Branch Meeting
16	Wednesday	Wendy Inskeep
17	Thursday	Jan Goodwin/Judy Clark/Estelle Cooper
19	Saturday	Wendy Fitzpatrick/Jan Rawley
21	Monday	Easter Monday (Library Closed)
22	Tuesday	Writers Group
23	Wednesday	Sandi Halling/Jan Rawley
24	Thursday	Vicky Adin
26	Saturday	Chris Ingram
28	Monday	Phillippa Kidd/Glenda Hinton
30	Wednesday	Grant Hodgson

Library Duty Volunteers WANTED

Sign up and enjoy the thrill of 2025 from the comfort of your own library perch. No experience needed (as birds of a feather we will flock together with you)

Call Jan today!! jan.goodwin63@gmail.com

Whangaparaoa Library

Hours of attendance for the **Family History Research Centre** are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10am – 12pm

Specialist Groups meetings held at the library in APRIL

Thistles
(Scottish Group)
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct
2nd Tuesday
10am – 12pm
panderevell@xtra.co.nz

Shamrocks
(Irish) Group)
Mar, May, Jul, Sept Nov
2nd Tuesday
10am – 12pm
maggiezzmail@gmail.com

Legacy Group
Feb – Nov
2nd Thursday
10am-12pm
akjenner@xtra.co.nz

Writers Group
Feb – Nov
4th Tuesday
10am-12pm
m.d.corder@xtra.co.nz

Beginners Classes In Family History

Run by Garry Phillips.
For more information contact
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genealogy.training.nz@gmail.com

If you are interested in any of our
Specialist Group meetings,
Please contact the group leader to get
more information.

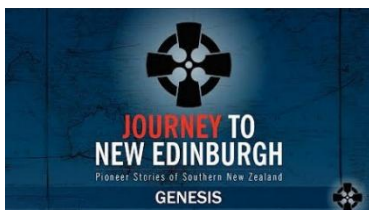
April Meeting of the Thistles

Many thanks for a great meeting, Eileen

Thistles Tues 8th Meeting, "The Highland Clearances" The meeting started with a very informative video about the Highland Clearances that resonated with all of those present. It gave a comprehensive picture of the history and impacts of this aspect of Scottish history and emigration. A wide-ranging discussion followed with many sharing family and research stories.

And thank you to Christine for sharing the wonderful 'Journey to New Edinburgh' YouTube series by Toitū Otago Settlers Museum:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GOfmIZrx1I&list=PLeriCkBW8zMggxdPz1XIkILIAIugr3JD> &index=1



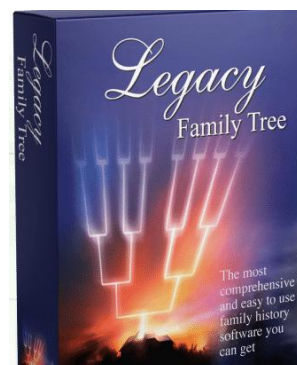
Anyone interested in researching their Scottish ancestors is welcome to come along and join this group of enthusiastic researchers. Everyone from Beginners to the more Experienced will find something to help in their research.



Legacy Support Group

Legacy Family Tree is a genealogy software package for Windows that assists family historians in tracking, organizing, printing, and sharing family history. The software is distributed as freeware, with no restrictions, only requiring registration on the company's web site to download the software.

Join the friendly team led by Alan monthly to explore how to get the most out of Legacy on the 2nd Thursday of every month.



Shamrocks will be meeting in May – If you are interested in Irish Family Research, the Shamrocks is the place to be.

Our topic will be using FindMyPast for Irish Research.

NZ History:

10 April 1968 – Tropical Cyclone Giselle merged with a storm from Antarctica over Wellington. By the end of the day 51 people had perished when the inter-island ferry Wahine sank in Wellington Harbour after hitting rocks. Eventually the final toll would reach 53. Cyclone Giselle killed a farmer in Northland and caused damage during the 24 hours it travelled down the North Island to Wellington Public roads, homes, businesses and boats felt it's wrath.



Credit [Alexander Turnbull Library](#)
Reference: *Dominion Post* Collection, EP-Accidents-Sea rescue-Wahine-Folder 2 of 4-03

Of Interest ...

FAMILY TREE MAKER

As genealogists we are always looking for ways to control the masses of research we create. Our branch is starting a Family Tree Maker Group from May, the venue is at Orewa Sands (25 Annaliese Place, Orewa) on Wednesday 14th May between 1-3pm. This beautiful venue has an onsite café so lunch before the meeting could be the start of a special monthly outing. Contact Wendy P for more information. Email: treasurer@hbcgenealogy.org.nz



Do You Have An ANZAC Ancestor?



Finding your ANZAC Ancestor has never been easier. Last year we were at the RSA in Stanmore Bay helping visitors to the market day find their ANZAC Ancestors, this year we will be at the Whangaparaoa Library with more resources. **THURSDAY 24TH APRIL**

We had a number of people ask if we could help them find their Kiwi ancestors and they were surprised at how much information is available.

Names being researched by Hibiscus Coast Club members

Herring	Bodney and Isling, Norfolk, UK	Pre 1800	Came to NZ 1870s and 1880s
Stone	High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, UK	Pre 1800	Came to NZ Via South Africa and Australia. Arrived 1890's
Chapman	Isle of Wight, UK	Pre 1800	Came to NZ in the mid to late 1880's
Pascoe	Cornwall, UK	Pre 1800	Came to NZ in the mid to late 1880's
Lovie	Pitsligo, Fraserburgh, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire, Scotland	Pre 1900	Emigrated 1860/61 on the ships ' <i>Northern Bride</i> ' and ' <i>Morning Light</i> '. Lived Point Chevalier, Panmure, Te Awamutu, Newton, Eden Terrace
Simpson	Artikelly, Aghanloo, Londonderry Ireland & Glasgow, Scotland	Pre 1900	Emigrated 1865/1866 on the ships ' <i>Ulcoats</i> ' and ' <i>Silver Eagle</i> '. Family were bricklayers, masons. Lived Parnell, Thames, Te Awamutu, Newton.
Stubbs	Wincham and Lostock Gralam, Cheshire, England	Pre 1900	Emigrated 1883 on the ship SS ' <i>Westmeath</i> '. Lived Devonport, Grafton, Freemans Bay, and Epsom
Tregonning	Gwennap & St Austell, Cornwall, UK	Pre 1900	Copper, tin, clay and gold miners. Emigrated to South Australia in 1858 on the ship ' <i>General Hewitt</i> '. Lived Deep Lead, Victoria. To NZ in 1864 on the ship ' <i>Claud Hamilton</i> '. Lived Auckland and Thames.

We offer this list for readers to see if a name looks familiar.

If it does - contact Dick (email address is below) and he will contact the member whose research it is, and then he will facilitate contact between you both. Each newsletter has a list of names our members are interested in. We also have NZSG lists from past years that may also provide you with a contact person who is searching the same genealogy lines.

Member Interest Co-ordinator Dick Moqrldge can be contacted on randcmoqrldge@xtra.co.nz

A group of branch members travelled to South Auckland to visit the Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. It was a blustery day, but the view across to the west coast was stunning. The tour lasted about 40 minutes focusing on the family unit as their focus. Then it was off to the Auckland Museum for lunch and a wander. Everyone enjoyed their day and found it most interesting at both venues.



Book Reviews by Elizabeth B

Two books with the ANZAC theme, found on the New Zealand Military shelf of our library area at Whangaparāoa Library.

Onward Portraits of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force

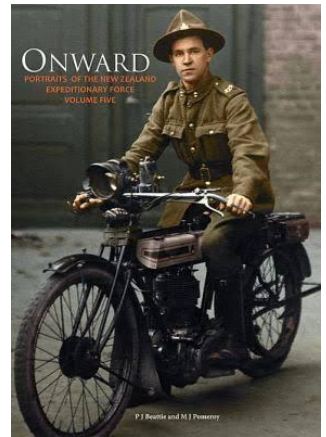
by P J Beattie and M J Pomeroy.

Five Volumes. Published 2020 By Fair Dinkum Publications Auckland.

ISBN 978-0-473-51463-1

Softcover Reference only. 940.412 New Zealand.

Quite sad to see so many young faces, but it does not seem to be just those that died in WW1. It mentions that Volume 6 is being worked on. Great to see photographs of possible ancestors. Each volume is in alphabetical order for quick searching. Comprising just portraits, with no individual history. It does mention where they collected these portraits from. Remember that some enlisted with false ages and may have borrowed another family person's name as I have discovered in two of my trees.



In light of the monthly meeting topic for April I noticed this second book.

'A Passion For Flight'

New Zealand Aviation Before The Great War, By Errol W. Martyn.

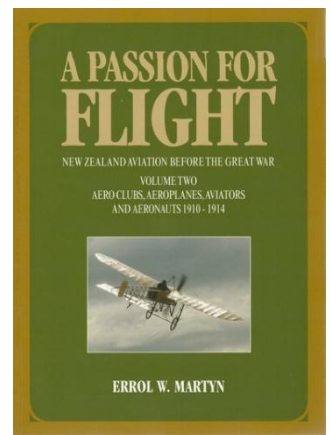
Volume Two Aero Clubs, Aeroplanes, Aviators and Aeronauts 1910-1914.

NZ Gene 993.031

Published 2013 by Volplane Press

ISBN 978-0-473-24529-0

Photographs, diagrams included Softcover. Well indexed by People, Places and Aircraft (including named aircraft and balloons), Ships, Aircraft Engines. The back Notes have the sources from each chapter. Interesting read for the Winter months ahead.



Points to Ponder ...

- When Wendy Inskeep was in Wellington recently, she noticed that the new Archives building next to the Library looked finished so she was not surprised to learn that they will be moving in during July and August. The old one will be closed and the new building open through the Library in September.
- Find my past- has a special half price subscription and 1939 Register free until 9 May.
- After the sad news last month there would not be an Expo in Auckland this year there is now good news that the NZSG and Computing group are planning something for August. They will no doubt love to have volunteers and help. We are sure you would not need to be a NZSG member to volunteer to assist.
- Many of you will remember Garth who came to speak to us about Fencibles and other early soldiers in NZ. There have evidently been many more names added to their database. So have a chat to Eileen if you want to know more about this.

Last Word from the Editor



I've had the best month in a long time, but it's been tinged with an odd down spot. Research is always on my mind and I love helping people to resolve brick walls or to start their own research. However I am often frustrated that my health won't allow me to travel to Asia to discover more about my own heritage.

During March I had the chance to have a nice surprise. A text message from a lady I had organised a family reunion with in 2014 - informing me, I had a cousin arriving in Auckland shortly from China. After getting over the shock that Chen Rui An was planning to come and stay with me for a few weeks, I was excited I don't speak Cantonese and he didn't speak English – Google was going to be working overtime for both of us.

I cleaned the house (like you do) bedrooms, bathrooms and even the pantry got the once over. Only to discover that when Rui An arrived at the airport in China that he couldn't fly out because his visa was invalid. (he sent me a copy to view and it looked a bit suspect for sure) So sadly he was scammed when using an online site that looked official. He is now looking to get another visa to come out for a visit. Chen Rui An's grandfather is the brother of my grandfather. As if he could read my mind. Chen Rui An sent me a list of name for his family. (but again, I can't tell if they are male or females, so I am keen to discover more when he eventually arrives one day.)

The Editor - Maggie

BRANCH INFORMATION

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(www.hbcgenealogy.org.nz)

Branch Page at NZSG

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(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/154239878334982>)

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Fill in a membership form online <https://www.hbcgenealogy.org.nz/online-membership-form/>