

## Newsletter



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Meetings are held in the Parish Lounge at St John's Anglican Church, Arawata Street (parking off George Street), Te Awamutu, at 7.30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month – February to December. Visitors are most welcome.



**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010 - our guest speaker will be Cathy Coleborne, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Waikato. Cathy spoke to the club five years ago on "*Different ways in which historians can trace and 'see' families and family history*".

Last time was at the beginning of her research and now she is at the end process, so will share her experiences.

**Future Meetings:** Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May – it is AGM time (notice of meeting on back page). Please consider putting your name forward for the committee, it is your branch. No committee means no branch. In particular we are looking for a secretary to relieve the pressure on Sandra.

Members are invited to share something of their family history by bringing an old photo, family heirloom or an article of clothing.

**Morning Group:** A reminder that these are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, Time 9.30 - 12 30 at 228 Longs Rd. (2nd house on left from Puhue Rd end.) Bring a problem and let's see if we can help sort it!! Contact Jan McBeth.



**Reminder! Reminder! Reminder! Reminder! Reminder! Reminder!**

### **New Zealand's Family History Fair 2010**

The programme is now available

Registrations are now open (discounted price before 31/3/10)

Volunteer application form available

Details at [www.nzfamilyhistoryfair.org.nz](http://www.nzfamilyhistoryfair.org.nz)

Email [nzfamilyhistoryfair@gmail.com](mailto:nzfamilyhistoryfair@gmail.com)

A reminder also, to NZSG members to cast your vote in the upcoming Special AGM by returning the proxy form. There has been a considerable amount of misinformation regarding what the council has done or not done, so sort out the wheat from the chaff and hopefully we can all get on with what we belong to the society for and that is to preserve our past for the future.

**Convenor's Corner:** It was pleasing to see 19 members attend our last meeting to hear Bill & Glenys Chadderton share their 15 month experience digitising shipping records at the National Archives in Wellington. Even though the project was quite mechanical in nature, there were some interesting aspects when 'you looked outside the square'. In other words don't have tunnel vision and look at documents attached or related to the main list and you could be surprised with what you find.

Once the information has been checked and uploaded it will be searchable on line by ship, by name and indeed other search fields.



## Up-Coming Events!

### **RESEARCH DAY and ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS**

At the NZSG Family Research Centre, 159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2010

Time: 10.00am – 4.00pm

Door Charge: \$3.00 per session for NZSG members and for others \$15.00 per session. (Sessions are 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.)



## *New Zealand Society of Genealogists*

**Thames Biennial Research Expo 2010**

Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2010

\$10.00 per person

- For further details of these two events refer to Te Awamutu Branch's **March** newsletter

### **Request for information**

Hi there

As part of a paper I am doing through SIT in Southland we are needing to trace back our family. I am wondering if you could be of any help. The lady's name I have is Woana Pororua who we think was born in Pokuru. She was either part of Nga Hutoi marae or Tepai o Hauraki marae in Paeroa.

Any help would be so much appreciated  
Thanks


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# Relationship Chart

(Modified from Genealogy.com)

## Instructions for Using a Relationship Chart

1. Look at the top row of the chart and find the first person's relationship to the common ancestor.
2. Look at the far left column of the chart and find the second person's relationship to the common ancestor.
3. Determine your relationship where the row and column containing those two relationships meet. For example if you are the Great-Grandchild of your ancestor and the other person is the Grandchild then you are First Cousins Once Removed

 <b>Relationship Chart</b>					
Common Ancestor	Child	Grandchild	G-Grandchild	GG-Grandchild	GGG-Grandchild
Child	Sister or Brother	Nephew or Niece	Grand nephew or Niece	G-Grand Nephew or Niece	GG-Grand Nephew or Niece
Grandchild	Nephew or Niece	First Cousin	First Cousin Once Removed	First Cousin Twice Removed	First Cousin Three Times Removed
G-Grandchild	Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin	Second Cousin Once Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed
GG-Grandchild	G-Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin Twice Removed	Second Cousin Once Removed	Third Cousin	Third Cousin Once Removed
GGG-Grandchild	GG-Grand Nephew or Niece	First Cousin Three Times Removed	Second Cousin Twice Removed	Third Cousin Once Removed	Fourth Cousin

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If anyone would like an A4 version which goes through to GGGGG-Grandchild please email me at [robbyntaylor@wwweb.co.nz](mailto:robbyntaylor@wwweb.co.nz) and I will forward one to you. Please note that I will be away from 25<sup>th</sup> March to 2<sup>nd</sup> May

## Check This Out!

DigitalNZ are making two awards of up to \$10,000 for organisations who have New Zealand content they want to digitise and make easier to find, share and use.

<http://makeit.digitalnz.org/voting/ideas/latest>

They are asking people to vote for their preferred option.

An interesting collection and well worth a look and a vote.

# Bits and Pieces adapted from 'Lost Cousins' Newsletter

## **New Zealand BDM - members' tips**

Birth, marriage, and death indexes for New Zealand are free online. Deaths during the last 50 years *are* included in the indexes so long as the individual was born more than 80 years ago.

A very handy tip to find out the exact date of an event is to simply drop it into your basket, as if you were going to order the certificate - and amazingly the date will appear.

It's also worth noting that whilst earlier death entries give only the year of birth of the individual, from 1972 onwards they start to show the exact date of birth, and by 1975 almost all the entries have this extra detail. This is very handy if you're trying to track down someone who was born outside New Zealand, and whose birth therefore won't be in the indexes.

Another site that may help you track down your relatives in New Zealand is the [Archives Research Centre](#) which has indexes to thousands of Presbyterian baptisms and marriages although there isn't a global search facility at the moment.

## **Genes Reunited latest**

The news has come through that the takeover of Friends Reunited and [Genes Reunited](#) by brightsolid, the parent company of findmypast, is definitely going ahead after the Competition Commission cleared the deal.

## **Chelsea pensioners arrive at findmypast**

Covering a period of over 150 years, the WO97 series held at the National Archives include service records for 901,000 soldiers who served in the British Army and received a pension between 1760-1913. The first tranche to go online at [findmypast](#), includes 252,000 records for the period 1883-1900.

The files don't simply record where soldiers served and when they were promoted - they are also full of intimate personal details: including

- \* Date and place of birth, \* Age
- \* Name and address of next of kin
- \* Height, \* Chest size, \* Complexion, \* Hair colour, \* Eye colour, \* Distinguishing features
- \* Rank and regiment
- \* Occupation before joining the army
- \* Kit list
- \* Medical history
- \* Conduct and character observations
- \* Countries where, and dates when, the soldier served
- \* Date the soldier signed up and date of discharge
- \* Service history including promotions, campaigns and countries
- \* Details of marriage, children's names, baptisms and dates of birth

The records not only include servicemen born in the UK, but also throughout the world, with many soldiers born in India and even the Caribbean. These records are also invaluable to Irish, Scottish and Commonwealth researchers, as many men that joined the British Army from these countries

[Searching is free](#) - and because the search results include the name, place of birth, and year of birth it is easy to find the right record. On average records are 7 pages long



**Te Awamutu Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists**

**AGM 2010**

**Tuesday 4th May**

**7.30pm**

**St John's parish lounge**

**George Street, Te Awamutu**

**Agenda**

**Welcome:**

**Apologies:**

**Minutes:** Minutes of Meeting held on 5 May 2009  
Matters arising from minutes  
AGM Correspondence  
Matters arising from correspondence

**Convenor's Report:** John Graham

**Library's Report:** Margaret Main

**Morning Group Report:** Jan McBeth

**Project report:** Glenyss Hall

**Financial Statement & budget:** Sandra Metcalfe

**Annual Subscriptions:**

Notice of motion: That subscriptions for the financial year 1 April 2010 – 31 March 2011 remain unchanged: Single members = \$30, Couples = \$40. If prompt payment is made up to and including the June meeting there will be a \$5 discount i.e. Single =\$25 and couples =\$35

**Life membership:**

**Election of Officers:**

Convenor:  
Secretary:  
Treasurer:  
Committee Members:

**Auditor:** Mr Roger Johnston.

**General Business:**

**Following the meeting members are invited to share something of their family history by bringing an old photo, family heirloom or an article of clothing.**

**All welcome**

**Nomination forms will be available at the next meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> April 2010**