



Hibiscus Coast Branch of NZSG established 28 November 1989

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Convenors message

What a great way to start the year with Marie’s talk ‘Treasures in Ancestry’. where she introduced us to databases we may not have tried or reminded us of those we may have forgotten about. If you want to try some databases that she talked about then don’t forget Ancestry is free at the library and if you visit when we have a volunteer there, you can ask for help. There are times when two heads are better than one.



As it has been too hot to get out into the garden, I have spent time trying to finish writing up about some of my 2x & 3x great grandmothers. What a task when one has a surname spelt more than 8 different ways and they have the same few Christian names used over and over. No wonder my Nana got the lot, Eliza Mary Ann, and was called Daisy as she hated them! Still with patience and perseverance I hope to get there.

I am offering to help get others writing their Family Histories, not because I am a great writer (you need to go to Debbie’s writing group to improve on that) but because I believe strongly that all the research we do should be left in a printed form for those who follow. Sometimes we just need a prod to get started or encouragement to continue. Whatever you do, it will be appreciated one day! My grandchildren over the years have rung asking a question about their family for a school project. One year one grandson had to write about a famous person, so he chose a great aunt he thought was special and I am sure the teacher enjoyed the change from all the known famous people to get someone they had never heard of.

Have a great year.

Wendy Inskeep (4698)

Welcome to our new members

Give them a smile and a warm welcome when you see them
Malcolm Todd, Christine Tregonning and Kay Logan



Next Month's Speaker

Next Meeting:
18th March
St Chads Church
2- 4pm Tuesday
Cnr Florence Street

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Who: Tony Watson
Topic: "It started with a grave stone, Yorkshire to Australia"

In 2017, Tony visited a small village in the Pennines just south of Huddersfield. From the inscription on a grave in the churchyard a story began to unfold which proved extraordinary and sent Tony on quite a journey of discovery. Come and hear Tony relate some of his discoveries and related stories. It took him on a trip to Melbourne in Australia, and on a repeat trip to Yorkshire in 2024. It also involves New Orleans, in Louisiana.



Tony Walker has lived in New Zealand for nearly 50 years but is very proud of the fact that his passport describes him as a Yorkshireman.

Last Month's Speaker

Marie Hicky's presentation was on **"Ancestry's Buried Treasures."** You need to dig further than hints etc Search Card Catalogue and the numerous sites available to search for that missing something treasure. If you don't save something now that you find, it may not be there when you go back.



The list was extremely extensive covering NZ, Australia, England, Wales, Scotland, and Ireland. There are some extremely interesting items from NZ Gazette to the England/Wales De Ruvigny's roll of Honour 1914-1919, UK Railway Employment records, Scotland, Perth, Kinross Electoral register up to 1961 and Ireland Dog Licence Registers.

This list was a bit overwhelming but Buried Treasures here I come if I only have time. Certainly an eye opener as to what is on Ancestry that is to be explored.

By Eileen Revell

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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Temple/Museum Trip

Thursday March 13th

Join interested members of the HBC Branch for a look at the Temple in Manukau during their open day.

We have booked spaces for 24 of our branch members to tour as a group at 11.30 am. Cost of transport for the day is \$25. BYO lunch or eat at the café at the Auckland Museum afterwards. Then enjoy a wander through the exhibitions. We will head back to the coast at 2.00pm.

The intended schedule is:

9.00 am Depart Orewa Surf Club

10.30 am Arrive (we need to be there an hour earlier)

11.25 am & 11.35 am Tour facility

12.00 pm Lunch at Auckland Museum

12.30 – 2.00 pm Visit Auckland Museum

2.30 pm Arrive Orewa Surf Club

Bookings are essential

If you are interested in participating on this trip, please contact Maggie Chan **before Friday 7th March.**



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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.

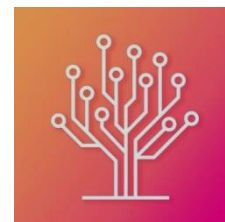
Reminders

April 1st 2025 - your Branch Annual Subscriptions are Due. Pay them now or mark it on your calendar. Don't be caught napping.

Online

ROOTSTECH 2025

RootsTech 2025 will take place March 6–8, 2025 in Salt Lake City, Utah and online at RootsTech.org.



Online

The event will be available online at RootsTech.org, with select content available in multiple languages. Online attendance is free and the content can be viewed all year long [Register Here](#) *Rootstech is free for those who register online*

All presentations will be identified by GMT time, so NZ time needs to be calculated.

March 7th starting at 12.30am GMT. (<https://www.worldtimebuddy.com/gmt-to-new-zealand-auckland>)

- Making the Most of Your FamilySearch Affiliate Library - Julia A. Anderson
- Australia's Geographical Divisions and Historical Places Part I - Jenny Joyce
- Funeral Traditions in the Victorian Era - Cathy Wallace
- Australia's Geographical Divisions and Historical Places Part II - Jenny Joyce
- Australian Military Records: from the Boer War to World War II - Shauna Hicks
- Mining the Census, Are You Finding Every Clue? Part 1 - Robyn N. Smith
- Newspapers: Family in the News - Byron Holdiman
- Jewish Genealogy 101 - Adina Newman
- Intersecting Lines: Pedigree Collapse Helps Identify an Ancestor's Parents - Alice Childs
- Introduction to Asian Research Power Hour - Kelly Renee Summers, Amy Carpenter, Ryan Rockwood
- Examining the Irish Census - Daniel Loftus
- Ancient DNA meets genealogy: How 23andMe's Historical Matches feature connects you to the past - Éadaoin Harney
- Unlocking German Ancestry: Expert Strategies for Finding and Interpreting German Records - Katherine Schober, Andrea Bentschneider, James Beidler
- Endogamy? Now what? - Kelli Bergheimer
- A Matter of Standards: DNA and the Genealogical Proof Standard - Judy G. Russell
- Getting Started Part 2: Record types and when to use them - Jana K Greenhalgh, Kyra Bryant
- From Memories to Legacy: 5 Steps to Write Your Life Story with Purpose - Joanna Klein

I have not loaded the whole schedule for the day, (at this point it will only be by 9.30am in the morning as it runs until after 5pm GMT). 256 presenters online Fri, Sat, Sun. You will be able to pick and choose the speakers you want to schedule on your own list once registering and for the next year you will be able to view the online presentations. *SIGN UP AND ENJOY!!*

Branch & Library Calendar for March		
Date	Day	Volunteers
1	Saturday	Ros Cunningham
3	Monday	Maggie Chan/ Philippa Kidd
5	Wednesday	Eileen Revell / Grant Hodgsons
6	Thursday	Lindsey Lawton
8	Saturday	Tony S-C / Liz Burden
10	Monday	Dick Mogridge
11	Tuesday	Shamrock Group
12	Wednesday	Alison Wesley / Wendy I
13	Thursday	Peter Hill
13	Thursday	Legacy group Alan Jenner
15	Saturday	Wendy F /Jan Rawley
17	Monday	John Curtis/ Alister Herring
18	Tuesday	Branch Meeting
19	Wednesday	Gayle Robinson / Wendy I
20	Thursday	Vicky Adin / Judy Clark
22	Saturday	Wendy I / Chris Ingram
24	Monday	Phillippa Kidd / Glenda Hinton
25	Tuesday	Writers Group
26	Wednesday	Sandi Halling /Jan Rawley
27	Thursday	Gayle Robinson / Jan Goodwin
29	Saturday	Wendy F / Chris Ingram
31	Monday	Jan Goodwin

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.

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
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Beginners Classes In Family History
 Run by Garry Phillips.
 For more information contact Garry for the next class
genealogy.training.nz@gmail.com

Library Duty Volunteers

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

The Shamrocks 2025 March Meeting.



Join the Shamrock (Irish Interest Group) on Tuesday 11th of March starting at 10am in the Pohutukawa Room at Whangaparaoa Library. They will be starting their bi-monthly meetings for 2025.

- Where are you up to?
- Have you found any new relatives in Ireland
- Do you want to find more?

You are welcome to join this friendly group who are interested in their Irish family history.



Names being researched by Hibiscus Coast Club members

Adin/Edlin,	Derbyshire, Leicestershire; NZ	Pre 1900	Ship: <i>Hellvellyn</i> 1864, Ship: <i>Robert Small</i> 1860
Banks	Manchester	Pre 1800	
Billing	Ire., NZ, Scotland		Ida Ziegler - immigrated on ship.
Chalmers	Cupar, Scotland	1800	
Cooke	Nottingham, England	1700-1850	
Curtis	Dorset, England	Pre 1900	Came from Australia to NZ
Dashwood	Isle of Wight, UK	Pre 1900	
Delves	Shropshire & Gloucestershire	Pre 1900	
Docherty	Co Antrim, Ire.	Pre 1900	Publican
Dreaver	Orkney Islands	Pre 1900	Andrew Dreaver m. Margaret Leal 1864; arr. Otago approx 1860
Dysart	Quebec, Canada	Pre 1900	
Finnigan	Omagh, Ire.	Pre 1900	Ship: <i>Anne</i> . Have history after arrival. Short on info before leaving Ire. in 1845
Gallagher	Scotland	Pre 1900	
Glynn	Gort, Galway, Ire.	Pre 1900	Mary Ann Glynn to NZ on Ship: <i>Cathcart</i> in 1874
Griffith	Waimea, Nelson/Nottingham, England	1842-2000	Ship: <i>Thomas Harrison</i>

Anyone interested in contacting fellow researchers, please drop a line to Dick Mogridge and he will organise contact between interested parties.

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Of Interest ...

Last week Maggie Chan and Gary Phillips were invited to attend a **FamilySearch Archives and Records Custodians Roundtable** with a number of local civil, government and international representatives who deal with repositories and archives around NZ and overseas.

A robust discussion provided insight into why many institutions do not share their holdings with the public (including Genealogist and Family Historian researchers). Privacy concerns are the major holding point. The need to encourage younger people to engage in family history was discussed and avenues broached that might increase youth participation were raised. The FamilySearch team offered technical assistance for those wishing to digitally record archival materials held in NZ. Fijian member of Parliament Madam Qereqeretabua told how Fiji was about to start digitizing historical records and attended so as to discover 'what not to do' when undertaking this project.

Representatives included Registrar of NZ BDM, Auckland Libraries, Archives NZ, NZSG, FamilySearch and international representatives from Hong Kong, Philippines, Fiji, Australia and the USA.

Writing with Wendy

Where: Genealogy Area
Whangaparaoa Library

When: Tuesday 4 March
10.00 – 12.00

What: A Family history
"Let's get writing"



wendyinskeep@hotmail.com

The Longest Family Tree

Tracing your genealogy has become a worldwide phenomenon. But before we get excited about what we can do, there were some people recording family history before we were even thought of.

The longest family tree in the world belongs to the Chinese philosopher Confucius (551-479 BC) The tree spans more than 80 generations and has more than 2 million members. A new edition of the Confucius genealogy was printed in Sept 2009 and includes 1.3 million living descendants scattered around the world today.

In Europe, the pedigree of Niall Noigiallach is a contender for longest through Conn of the Hundred Battles (123AD) from Ireland he is descended from Breogan and ultimately from Adam, through the sons of Noah.

Last Word from the Editor



Roots Tech is about to start and I am so excited. March gives that extra boost to Family History that keeps me smiling. Over the years I have learnt about how to research my German ancestors, I've learnt about Irish resources that opened new doors for me and sometimes I have just learnt about general skills from a Roots Tech presenter that has allowed me to help others. It's absolutely free and I can watch everything from the comfort of my own couch.

I like that the presenters are from all over the world and there is a wide variety of subjects to watch. I don't do big crowds and even the FH Expo in Auckland is too many people for me, so I am grateful to enjoy the presentations.

Who are my go to seminars this year? Well, Bruce Busbee who is the founder and president of Rootsmagic, Inc. Bruce is the author of the Rootsmagic software. He has 35 years experience in writing genealogy software (what can I learn from him?) Or another is Amy-Rose Haynes a genetic genealogist. Amy-Rose specialises in unknown parental DNA searches. But the one I am hanging out for is Eric Leach on Researching your Chinese Roots. I have used the schedule to book this presentation for Friday.

With 256 presentations there is something for everyone. Make sure you sign up for Roots Tech 2025.

The Editor - Maggie

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