

# CANTERBURY BRANCH NZSG NEWSLETTER

**Meetings** - Parkview Community Lounge Hall, 75 Queenspark Drive, Parklands  
Monthly – 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday evening at 7:30pm & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday morning at 9:45am  
*Visitors welcome – Gold coin donation*



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Our meeting venue - Parkview Community Lounge Hall, 75 Queenspark Drive, Parklands

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February - 7:30pm - Evening Meeting – Parkview Community Lounge - Hall (Library open 7:00-7:30pm – cuppa after)

## “What Extra does a Membership to NZSG Offer Me?”

Bruce Holm

Bruce Holm will explain the advantages of belonging to NZSG. The resources that are available to you as a member that can be accessed from your home – eg: overseas newspapers, Kiwi index, ability to order overseas certificates, etc.

Bruce is a member of our Branch and is Vice-Chair and on the Executive of the NZSG Board. He will be able to answer your questions and update us on what is happening at a National level.

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## Preceded by **Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM)**

This is notice that an EGM will be held at the start of this monthly meeting to adopt the partial amendment to the NZSG rules voted on last year which need to be adopted by Canterbury Branch. This is a very short item and requires a quorum. (See Page 2)

The motion is: “That Canterbury Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, having previously adopted as its own rules the rules of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc., now adopts the subsequent partial amendment to those rules as registered on 26 September 2018.”

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February at 9:45am - Morning Meeting - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall - (Arriving earlier for a cuppa)

Note earlier start time for our morning meetings. The meeting will start at 9:45am with morning tea while we have notices & members input, followed by the speaker from 10 -11am. You are most welcome to go down to the Donnington Room to continue chatting following the meeting.

## “Tracing the History of Your House”

Christine Whybrew

Christine Whybrew will explain how she traced the history of a house in Halswell Road for her friend, the resources she used and how she was able to put it all together to make a history of the property.

Dr Christine Whybrew has a PhD in Art History from Otago University and is Area Manager (Canterbury/West Coast) at Heritage New Zealand - Pouhere Taonga

### **February - NZSG Canterbury Branch & Other Events**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> **Chinese New Year – Year of the Pig** - <https://chinesenewyear.net/>

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> **Waitangi Day** – [www.Akaroa.com](http://www.Akaroa.com) - <https://ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/newsline/show/3319> - <https://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/event/ngai-tahu-treaty-festival/> (See Page 3).

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> **Tracing your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland** - Dr Graeme McKenzie, a Scottish Historian will give a talk on Scottish ancestry. 7.30pm - Parkview Community Lounge - Hall. Door charge: \$8.00 (See Page 3 & emailed flyers.)

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> **Australian Interest Group** - Tri-monthly informal group asking and answering questions, sharing information, resources and knowledge. 10:30am - Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room

### **March - NZSG Canterbury Branch Events - March is NZSG CEMETERY MONTH**

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> **Irish Interest Group** - Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing information, resources & knowledge. 10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room.

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> **Evening Meeting** – Jane Teal from Anglican Archives will talk about Confirmation registers, Banns books, and Sunday School rolls 7:30pm - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> **Morning Meeting** – Kathy Bisman will talk about what you can learn from a Cemetery - where they are, what types, who is there and what family connections can be made. 9:45am – Parkview Community Lounge – Hall

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> **Computer Interest Group** – Bi-monthly informal group asking and answering questions, sharing websites, discussing computers and genealogy programs. We will also look at some FamilySearch Affiliate Library records. 10:00am until around 12 noon. We will stop half way through for a cuppa break. 10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> **Continental Europe Interests – individual research session** – led by Kathy Bisman ([kathmark5354@gmail.com](mailto:kathmark5354@gmail.com)) and other experienced genealogists. This will be from 12:30-2:30pm. Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room Canterbury Branch Library will also be open from 1pm – 3pm.

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> **A Cemetery Visit** – Lorraine Wilmshurst will take members for a walk through Mount Magdala Cemetery at Halswell.

For user groups, why not stay for lunch & use Branch Library resources for research after a meeting! If your surname is between A & H please offer to help with meeting tasks & looking after raffle & sales table at meetings this month.

**Please note** – attachments with extra information, mentioned in this newsletter, have been emailed with the emailed newsletter copy. They provide some extra detail only, so are not printed and sent with postal newsletters. They can be requested if wanted. [Editor]

**FROM THE COMMITTEE****Branch News:**

One month into the New Year and things are starting to get back to normal. I hope you all enjoyed the break and are looking forward to another year of branch activities.

We start the year off with an EGM (Extraordinary General Meeting) at the beginning of the 14<sup>th</sup> February meeting. This is a formality to officially accept some minor changes to the NZSG Rules which our branch operates by and will only take a few minutes. We do need to have a quorum, so your attendance would be appreciated if you can make it.

Later in February, on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>, we have a presentation by Graeme Mackenzie from *Highland Roots* who is visiting NZ & is going to speak on "Tracing your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland". More details on this are elsewhere in the newsletter. (Page 3 + flyer)

We also have some extra library opening hours over the next couple of months so take the opportunity to make use of the branch resources if these times suit you better. The usual hours are still available.

Lorraine has been working hard on the program for the year and I'm sure there will be something there for everyone and we will of course take up any other opportunities that pop up from time to time.

I have mentioned before that we are always on the look-out for members to write up a meeting review for the newsletter. If you are willing to do this occasionally, please talk to one of the committee members. It doesn't have to be a long piece nor too detailed so please don't be put off! If you have any other contributions for the newsletter let Fiona or David know about those too, they are always on the lookout for content.

When Jan Gow visited in November, she very kindly arranged for a "One Year *MyHeritage* Complete Plan" as a raffle prize which was on sale on the evening of the *FamilySearch* talk. We will be continuing to sell this at meetings over the next few months and it will be drawn at the AGM in May. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.00. So, if you haven't already bought a ticket bring some cash with you to meetings. This prize is valued at \$350 + and details of what is included will be available at meetings.

We would like to thank Lynne McLennan very much for managing the Family History Magazine round robin system over a number of years. She has now passed on the baton to Maureen Kelso.

Looking forward to meeting up with you soon and good luck with your research. May 2019 prove to be a good year for new discoveries.

As always, any comments, suggestions or gripes please get in touch. [serrals@xtra.co.nz](mailto:serrals@xtra.co.nz) Phone 349 3806 - Sandra Serra

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**TREASURER NEEDED****WE NEED**

Maureen Kelso, who has been our treasurer since 2011, has decided not to put her name forward again at the AGM in May. This leaves a vacancy for the position which we are looking for a volunteer to fill.

With the financial year end looming on 31<sup>st</sup> March, ideally, we would like someone to volunteer to take on the position and join the committee now. This would give them an opportunity to go through the processes alongside Maureen making the transition easier.

This position does require membership of the NZSG.

If you would like to consider taking on this role, please get in touch with either me or Maureen to find out what is required.

Sandra – Phone 349-3806 [serrals@xtra.co.nz](mailto:serrals@xtra.co.nz) Maureen – Phone 329-5251 [m.kelso@xtra.co.nz](mailto:m.kelso@xtra.co.nz)

**WANTED FOR 2019****Meeting review writers for both evening and morning meetings.**

As you know we have a review in each newsletter of the previous month's meetings and these are generally written by committee members.

**Can you help with taking on this task occasionally?**

The committee would really appreciate some help with this so if you would like to find out more, or can offer your help, please get in touch with me. Sandra – Phone 349-3806

**WE NEED****CANTERBURY BRANCH LIBRARY**

**AT PARKVIEW COMMUNITY LOUNGE - 75 QUEENSPARK DRIVE, PARKLANDS**

**Open: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month from 12noon – 3:00pm & 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Month from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.**  
**Use your branch library - a great opportunity to have one on one help for your research.**

During February and March we will have the library open on some extra days.

**Our Library open hours for the next two months:-**

February 2019 - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> (12-3pm), Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> (1-3pm), Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> (12-3pm), Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> (1-3pm)

March 2019 - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> (12-3pm), Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> (1-3pm), Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> (1-3pm), Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> (12-3pm), Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> (1-3pm)

**Search our library catalogue online, so when you come to the library, you will already know what is there.**

<https://canterburygenealogy.wordpress.com/branch-library/>

Do contact me if you require any assistance, Jan Slater phone 354 6494, [jan.slater46@gmail.com](mailto:jan.slater46@gmail.com)

**Calendar for Next Year:**

Enclosed with your emailed newsletter is an updated calendar for meetings & events for this year.

**WHERE TO NEXT WITH YOUR DNA RESULTS?**

There is an informal group to explore the next steps in using your DNA test results including the use of GEDMatch, navigating the test results and participating in various Project groups. The format is collaborative and will use email round-robin or meetings to share information and ideas. Please contact Bruce Holm to join the group & share ideas and information. Bruce [bruce.holm@gmail.com](mailto:bruce.holm@gmail.com)

**Did you know that NZSG members have access to DNA webinars in the Member's Only area of the NZSG website?**

Access to the DNA Bootcamps produced by Hack Genealogy covering a variety of topics by genetic genealogy expert Mary Eberle, JD of DNA Hunters. NZ Society of Genealogists Inc. have purchased a license so that our members can enjoy the Boot Camps free of charge.



## “Tracing your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland”

Graeme Mackenzie – Highland Roots

Sunday February 24<sup>th</sup> 2019

7.30pm Parkview Community Lounge Hall

Door charge: \$8.00

Graeme examines the sources for genealogical research in Scotland and shows how they are used, with particular reference to families of Highland descent and issues regarding the use of Gaelic names.

Graeme Mackenzie is a trained historian & leading Scottish Highland genealogist with a Masters Degree from the University of Cambridge. He has been a professional genealogist specialising in the Highland clans & families of Scotland for the last 25 years. Graeme will be selling his 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of “*Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd*” at our meeting for \$35 (cash only). For more info about this book, please go to <https://www.highlandroots.net/genealogy-in-the-gaidhealtachd.html> <http://www.highlandroots.org/Graeme.htm> (See emailed flyers.)



**Projects: School, Local & Organisations History Book Indexing.** We had a successful 2018 year - some completed books being “Addington Primary School”, “Christchurch Boys High School War Memorial Magazine 1939-1945” & the completion of the 8 volumes of – “On the Move: Christchurch Transport Through the Years” authored by the Tramway Historical Society.

We have several books that have a large number of pages & are looking for 3 or 4 members who would be happy to undertake the indexing - the books are “Christ’s College 125 Years”, “Here, on the Hill, Century of Cashmere’s Primary School & Community”, “Marist Brothers in Christchurch 1888-1988”, “School by the River - Avonside Girls’ High School”, “Opawa - The Outpost On The Banks of The Heathcote” & “Nurse Maude - The First Hundred Years”. We would like to see these completed by mid-winter so they can be checked by the end of winter.

We are always on the lookout for School, Local histories & School yearbooks – if you are not sure if we have the book, check the Library Catalogue on the Branch website.

Please contact Kathy Bisman - I will be at the Day Meeting & on Library Duty that afternoon or email [kathmark5354@gmail.com](mailto:kathmark5354@gmail.com)

**IN MEMORIAM - Margaret WEIR**, long time member of the NZSG and a founding member and chairperson of the Armorial and Genealogical Institute of NZ, later the NZ Family History Society, died on 14<sup>th</sup> January after a long period of ill health. Born Margaret Ann CAYGILL on 5 November 1940 at Christchurch, Margaret married Stephen Charles WEIR and was mother to Beverly MONSON and Alan WEIR. Her interest in genealogy started in 1968, when she was a founding member of the NZSG Canterbury group, later branch. However in 1969 a new group was formed in Christchurch, and Margaret was elected the first chair at the first AGM in 1969. This group had a focus on genealogy and heraldry, and later changed its name in 1981 to the NZFHS. After serving as President for a number of years, Margaret was appointed a patron of the society in 1996. Margaret remained as member of Canterbury Branch for many years, though not continuously.

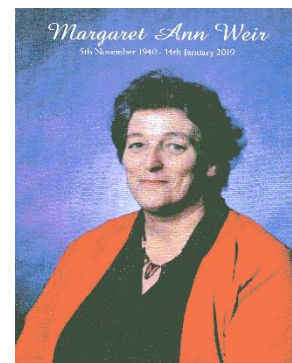
Margaret attended the world conference on records at Salt Lake City in 1980, and attended every Australasian Congress on Genealogy, from 1977 in Melbourne, 1980, 1983, 1986, 1990, 1994, 1997, 2002, 2006 through to 2009 in Auckland, truly a remarkable record.

In 1983 at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congress, *Under the Southern Cross*, Margaret Weir & myself presented a joint lecture on Genealogical Resources in Canterbury, Westland & the Chatham islands, which was well received.

Her enthusiasm and knowledge of genealogical records and resources was infectious and she drew people into the society. In her professional career, Margaret was a mathematics teacher at Cashmere High School from its start in 1956 until her retirement.

A dedicated transcriber of Canterbury cemeteries and later licensing records in the *ArchivesNZ*, Margaret was a keen family historian and researcher, compiling many records of her own and her husband's family.

Thanks to Philip Creed



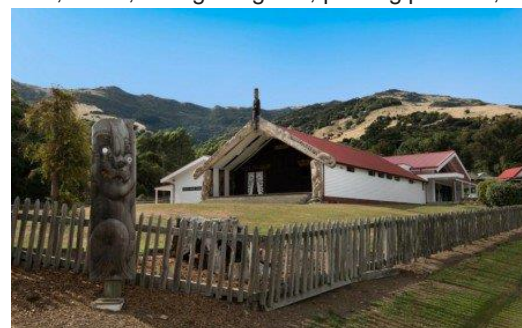
## Waitangi Day 2019 Commemorations at Onuku and Okains Bay

Information has already been sent out to members for whom we have email addresses as Waitangi Day was before newsletter sent.

A great family fun day out in both Okains Bay & Onuku Marae. At Okains Bay events include a traditional Māori welcome onto the Marae, a magnificent carved waka being paddled up the river, colonial displays, exhibits, crafts, vintage engines, printing presses, children’s games, a traditional hangi lunch, music & a garden bar & so much more.

Each year the Ngāi Tahu Treaty Festival alternates between the three locations where Ngāi Tahu signed the Treaty: Te Rau Aroha Marae at Awarua (Bluff); Ōtākou Marae, near Dunedin; and Ōnuku Marae on Banks Peninsula. This year hosted by Onuku Marae. →

For Ōnuku commemorations distinguished guests will join Governor-General Dame Patsy Reddy & Christchurch Mayor Lianne Dalziel at Ōnuku Marae near Akaroa for this year’s Waitangi Day celebrations. They will be welcomed onto the marae – the site of the signing of the Tiriti o Waitangi (Treaty of Waitangi) – with a pōwhiri (traditional welcome) at 8am on Wednesday. Ngāi Tahu Chairperson Lisa Tumahai, Ngāi Tahu representative Sir Tipene O’Regan & Dame Patsy will address the gathering. A special citizenship ceremony led by the Mayor will be held at 11:00am, with 51 people from 12 countries pledging allegiance to their new home.



### Links:-

<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/how-to-celebrate-waitangi-day/> [www.Akaroa.com](http://www.Akaroa.com)  
<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/blogs/post/waitangi-day-in-christchurch-and-canterbury-wednesday-6-february-2019/>  
<https://www.stuff.co.nz/the-press/christchurch-life/76607960/null> <https://theseventhgeneration.org/contact/>  
<https://akaroa.com/waitangi-day-commemorations> <https://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/event/ngai-tahu-treaty-festival/>  
<https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/ti-kouka-whenua/onuku-marae/> <https://ccc.govt.nz/news-and-events/newsline/show/3319>  
[https://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/our\\_stories/celebrating-waitangi-day-at-onuku/](https://ngaitahu.iwi.nz/our_stories/celebrating-waitangi-day-at-onuku/) - 2016 <https://www.onuku.nz/>

Thanks to Philip Creed & David Lees



**SNIPPETS** - Some bits & pieces of interest and some to help you with your research:

- **Missing Diary Found** - My missing 2018 diary with the original Okains Bay museum talk notes was found on our "to Wellington" plane by a Christchurch person and kept until he could arrange its return. Brilliant - how lucky can one get. In January I flew to Wellington to see grandchildren. On the plane I perched my very filled 2018 diary at the very top of the tray/seat pocket and thought nothing of it – reading the airline magazine instead. Only later did I realize my loss. Meeting notes, many system usernames and passwords (mostly backed up, but not all in one other place) and lots of miscellaneous notes. On returning to Christchurch the following week Margaret fielded a phone call from a local stranger who had been ringing fruitlessly all week. He had picked up a diary from his plane seat pocket and decided to deliver it back to the owner rather than it go through "lost property". Coincidentally, his sister went to Villa Maria College with Margaret!! One email to the airline cancelling their "search" plus I am now looking behind me to see (when) the BAD luck will catch up with me.  
*Jim Copland*
- **'Friends of Ferrymead Society' need your help** - This information may be of use to some of your members. I hadn't realised the Isaac Heritage Village had progressed so far, although not currently open to the public. It is a great shame that Lady Isaac did not put her energies into Ferrymead Heritage Park, after all it has been around for 50 odd years and desperately needs help. I can say this because when I saw the dilapidated state of the park when I took my grandkids there last year I was quite shocked at how tatty it was, so put together a *Heritage Garden Interest Group* of my U3A group (Halswell) and we have adopted the cob cottage garden and the church garden. We have a small group that continue to manage these two gardens. It hasn't been easy with no budget and combating the rabbits which infest the park. The management have no money and are working really hard to keep the park afloat by flogging the park off as a venue and always trying to find new and innovative ways to attract people to the park. I have also joined the *Friends of Ferrymead Society*. They look after Curragh House, Stewart House and the Haberdashery. Many of them dress in period costume for social functions which we have on a regular basis. The members are quite passionate about keeping history alive and are always looking for new members. For further information please email [friendsofferrymead@xtra.co.nz](mailto:friendsofferrymead@xtra.co.nz) or phone 383-9912. *Thanks to Diane Campbell*
- **NZ History – Dates in NZ History** for January & February - <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/calendar/1> & <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/calendar/2>
- **Since writing you last...** - The *Since writing you last project* began as a desire to participate in World War One centenary commemorations. As the Invercargill City Libraries & Archives already held the war letters of John Hall, we felt this was the perfect opportunity to highlight his first-hand account of that moment in history. We soon discovered that the Southland Museum and Art Gallery held the letters of the McIntyre brothers and by July 2014 a copy of Charlie McIntyre's first letter was in the hands of a transcription volunteer. A project to transcribe, digitise and make available on the web the war letters of these three Southland men was underway. While there are many moments of sorrow and reflection throughout these letters, there are also many moments of amusement and enjoyment to be drawn from them. It is our hope that by making these men and their stories easily available on the web, their letters will be recognised as the amazing resource they are. Not only do their letters give you a glimpse of what they endured, but also of who they were and what they held dear. <http://www.sincewritingyoulast.co.nz/> *Thanks to Philip Creed*
- **Burns' Night on January 25<sup>th</sup>** – Burn's Night, is a holiday celebrated in Scotland in honor of the poet Robert Burns. While this is officially a Scottish holiday, many people all over the world celebrate it. Whiskey & food are the main components of this supper. Some of the food which is served includes Cullen Skink, Haggis, neeps & tatties. Desserts often include oatmeal shortbread, whiskey caramels & marinated raspberries. It is 260 years since Rabbie Burns was born on 25<sup>th</sup> January 1759. *Thanks to Jim C.*

**MEMBERS' RESEARCH INTERESTS & QUERIES AND REQUESTS FOR LOCAL INFORMATION**

Members are invited to submit a recent find, surnames or topics of interest, or to ask a question, for inclusion in this newsletter. This is a section for members to use – with members' names, interests & localities - this could link people who are researching same names or in similar areas.

- **Research on Czechs in New Zealand** - Dear all, I'm an historian from the Czech Republic doing research about the history of the Czech community in New Zealand. I'm coming to carry on my research to Auckland and Wellington in March. May I kindly ask for your assistance and advice on where to find immigration records related to Czech immigrants throughout the 20<sup>th</sup> century?

I'm specifically interested in three periods:

- after 1938 when many Jewish Czech families left for NZ because of the Nazis
- after 1948 when few hundreds of Czechs escaped from Communist Czechoslovakia and settled in NZ as part of the International Refugee Organization's re-settlement programs
- after 1968 when NZ government accepted few hundred of Czechs following the Soviet invasion of the country.

I'm also gathering interesting life stories of Czech families. If you have any photographs, diaries, immigration documents and other sources, somehow related to the Czech community in NZ, please let me know. Thank you so much!

*From Kathy Bisman Kind regards from Prague, Dr Martin Nekola, Ph.D. <marnekola@gmail.com>*

- **Canterbury Genealogists helping Canterbury Genealogists** – we receive enquiries from members who would appreciate some one on one help with genealogy, helping to organise and file records and setting up and how to get started using computer genealogy programs and computers. We were recently able to help someone with *Family Tree Maker* through the branch and have just received a request for some help with manually organizing research and using *Legacy*. Please contact Fiona if you can help.
- **Māori Interest Group – Whakapapa** - I know there is a national Māori Interest Group attached to the NZSG. Is there currently an informal Māori interest Group locally? I know of two people who are researching Māori stuff, although they are fairly new to genealogy. *Lyn Bailey*
- **Female Convicts Research Centre Autumn 2019 Seminar 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019: Call for papers - Topic: The Anson and the Probation System** - From 1844 until the end of transportation in 1853, female convicts were required to serve six months' probation upon arrival in Van Diemen's Land. This probation period was designed to teach convicts desirable skills, including reading, writing, ciphering (numeration), needlework and domestic service. It was also designed to separate newly arrived convicts from the more hardened criminals in the female factories. When the probation period was completed, a convict became a probation pass-holder. The *HMS Anson* arrived in Hobart as a male convict transport in 1844 and was subsequently refitted as a probation station for female convicts. It was then towed to New Town Bay and shortly after to Prince of Wales Bay, Risdon, near Hobart, where it was moored. Between 1844 and 1850, this hulk housed female convicts serving their six month probation period. Dr and Mrs Bowden were appointed to manage the *Anson Probation Station*. Women from the *Woodbridge* and the *Angelina* were among the first to be housed on the *Anson*. The *Anson* held from 250 to 520 women at any one time. The *Anson* was dismantled in 1850 and the women were transferred to the Cascade Female Factory. If you are interested in presenting a 15-minute paper on this topic, please contact Robyn Everist at [submissions@femaleconvicts.org.au](mailto:submissions@femaleconvicts.org.au) by 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019. Registrations for the seminar will open early February 2019. Venue will be the Hobart Town Hall. *Regards, Dianne Snowden From Alister & Denise Mckenzie aj.de@xtra.co.nz*
- **Past Death Notices** - After playing with the Christchurch Library website do you know how to find a death notice in a paper say 10 years ago?  
*Cheers Alister & Denise Mckenzie aj.de@xtra.co.nz*

**MEETING REPORTS****Thursday Evening Meeting – “What I Did on Wednesdays” - with Kathy Hill**

Kathy Hill, an NZSG member and member of Riccarton branch gave us an entertaining talk about the interesting things she found when volunteering in the filming of Wills and Probates at ArchivesNZ. This included some of the topics she published in *The NZ Genealogist* magazine.

- Kathy & Judith were part of a troop of volunteers helping with the digitising project of probates run by people of the Church of Latter Day Saints, working with ArchivesNZ, FamilySearch & Ancestry, managed by Sue McKenzie of ArchivesNZ (& a Canterbury Branch member) - 460,000 sheets of paper have been digitised
- boxes of wills up to 100 per box, were filed by number but may not be in order. These can include probate and will, letters of administration, notice of motion, affidavits, photos and certificates
- flatten out pages between sheets, with weights & leave a couple of weeks before filming
  - "have you flattened anyone interesting lately?"
- had been dealing with Rangiora, West Coast, Ashburton records
- Kathy wrote some snippets, with names changed, which were published as articles in *The NZ Genealogist*
- huge variation - leaving everything or nothing to family, controlling or not, appalling or amusing, sad and funny, dealing with these all the time so had to lighten the subject matter and enjoy some black humour and camaraderie.
- quantity of information variable - Rhodes of Otahuna - 1 box of documents; Norman Kirk and Mabel Howard only one page each
- interesting names and occupations

Thanks to Fiona Lees for notes.

**Thursday Morning Meeting – “Okains Bay Museum” - with Ian Day, Manager of the Okains Bay Museum**

The late Murray Thacker, from one of the early Bay pioneer families, started collecting Māori and whaling artefacts in the area, as a young boy. In 1977 a local museum was opened with a trust being formed. The museum was housed in the old cheese factory with further historic buildings re-assembled on site. A wharenui was built from materials and decorative panels contributed from around New Zealand.



The main museum building was rebuilt in 1991 after being torched. There are now more than 20,000 items. The curation and display is continuing, aided by a group of volunteers.



Further volunteers are most welcome. Te Papa

staff have described the museum as containing “one of the best Māori artefact collections in NZ”. In addition to Murray’s huge collection, various families in the Bay, on the Peninsula and throughout NZ have contributed to the displays, gifted or on loan.



Ian described the oldest relic displayed. An atua kiato (god stick), a carved manuka peg intended to be inserted into the ground, about 40cm long, and thought to be 600 years old. It was found in Bruce Creek, Akaroa.

Ian Day took over management of the museum two years ago. His previous museum roles were in the North Island.

On Waitangi Day, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, the museum will start the celebrations with a waka out on the bay at 7.30am, an early start coinciding with high tide.

The Museum is open daily 10am – 5pm except Christmas Day and Good Friday. Phone 03 304 8611

<http://www.okainsbaymuseum.co.nz>. On facebook. Enquiries [info@okainsbaymuseum.co.nz](mailto:info@okainsbaymuseum.co.nz)

(The god stick c.AD1400. No mention of carbon dating unfortunately. Note, the slab cottage is part of the museum complex. The barrel making is a displayed photograph. Local historic but I did not confirm where on Peninsula.)

Thanks to Jim Copland for report and photos.

**Additional Meeting - Mike Higgins & Jan Gow – 28 November 2018 - Mike Higgins on FamilySearch**

Mike Higgins is Area Family History Manager for Pacific and New Zealand for FamilySearch and is based in NZ. Some of his responsibilities include supporting around 200 family history centres, training volunteers and nurturing long term strategic relationships with government officials and archive leaders while offering preservation services for significant genealogical records sets. However, he mostly enjoys pleasant tours like this where he gets to engage with others who love this work.



Mike gave us an update & review of the website & talked about what is FamilySearch? FamilySearch helps connect people with their ancestors. Collecting information started in 1894, 1<sup>st</sup> indexing project in 1922, microfilming from 1938, and permanent storage since 1965, which should last 200 years. They give back to the community where they can. For example, they gave back digitised records when a church building in Philippines was destroyed by earthquake in October 2013; and when court records in Georgia, USA, were burnt.

FamilySearch.org website, need to register and sign on. There are billions of names, not all indexed. Mike covered a number of examples of searching. Searching in records, catalogues, family tree (connected = one tree), wiki, genealogies (individual trees). One tree isn't yours & can be edited by others - you may not agree to edits made, but can collaborate & benefit from other research. Each editor has a PID (personal identifier) which you can click on, to email or message through profile to have a conversation. You can upload GEDcoms eg. from Ancestry into genealogies & then update one at a time into One Tree - can add memories, photos, voice recording. FamilySearch steers you to where an image is eg. Ancestry or FindMyPast, where you need to pay (or have a subscription) to Ancestry or FindMyPast for image.



*FamilySearch Affiliate Library* status (which Canterbury Branch now has) allows access to billions of records & see millions of records you are unable to view elsewhere. However, some collection owners only allow access to LDS members or at Family History Centres. You can receive assistance with online chat. There are different views of trees - landscape, portrait, fan with different numbers of generations - makes it easier to see the gaps.

To find the key NZ collections: go to map of world => to NZ => to Probate records, => 10 million images, South Island and Wellington done, still working on Auckland. There are also passenger lists, but many vessels are not indexed.

**Pictures are precious - they are talking - keep me, protect me, share me and I will live forever.**

**With FamilySearch - families live forever**

Thanks to Fiona Lees for notes.

### Jan Gow's talk was titled - 'WWW No - Not the World Wide Web



Places are important in our research and we need to take advantage of what is available. Jan looked at the many and varied types of information to look for about places and the surrounding area and the ways to store it "in your cake tin". And how to make the best use of the cake tin ingredients to create, bake and store your data.

Jan Gow is a well-known professional genealogist who started researching her family history by visiting the Family History Library in Salt Lake City having won the fare to the USA. She came away *Hooked on Genealogy*, which is the name of her genealogy tours she has run over the past 26 years.



Jan has been Treasurer and President of the NZSG, started 2 NZSG branches and has been teaching in community education classes since 1985. She has spoken at local, national and international conferences and on cruise ships. She was awarded the AFFHO Award for Meritorious Service to Family History in 2006, made a Fellow of the Society of Genealogists in London in 2012 and received the QSM for her services to genealogy in NZ the same year.

Jan was talking about "WWW No - Not the World Wide Web" - the 3 'W's - the **Who** the **When** and the **Where**. How are we making use of places information and organising this so it is all working for us. Most likely we are under-using this information. We need a system and a timeline and have our place information connected to our people.

Jan made an analogy of putting cake mixture in a 'cake tin' so it doesn't spread everywhere without structure and shape. Jan uses 'TreePad' for her 'Cake Tin' to organise her places information.

Can download *TreePad* from website [www.treepad.com](http://www.treepad.com). Can download *TreePad Plus* - free for 3 weeks, then US\$40. Other options (rather than using *TreePad*), are using spreadsheet, Word, Evernote, AllMyNotes, Organiser, One Note, or others.

Jan uses a coding system with colours for her information:-

- green = PDG = pretty damn good
- red = NBG = no bloody good
- purple - GOK = God only knows

Jan has folders on *TreePad* with subfolders - she has a template to share

- eg. Country => county => parish

*TreePad* is fully searchable, can have mobile version on USB so always with you. Can have information on parishes within 10 miles, plot of parishes, gazeteers, description, religions, courts, criminals, schools, size, cemeteries; is there a manor house, which may have its own archives, occupations, old and modern maps.

Search widely for information and store it so you can find and use.

- wikipedia, electoral district, was there a railway, URLs, photos of town, churches
- OG Index - online Genealogical Index = town => list of records
- *FamilySearch* wiki - historic town atlas, building history

Be aware of significant dates

- eg. 6<sup>th</sup> April was date when contracts expired eg. Ag lab contracts so travelled to 'hiring fairs' to find a new job
- 'sit' or 'flit' so would affect census
- Scotland, hiring fairs in May

*ParishLocator* software is free and very good

- lists parishes within eg. 8 mile radius, eg. 59 parishes, also plot so can easily see
- help find other parishes nearby for census, marriage etc
- maps, need to account for rivers and mountains
- in London, 3 mile radius = 100 Anglican parishes

*FamilySearch* Maps - [www.familysearch.org/mapp](http://www.familysearch.org/mapp)

- when records began for parish - Info / Jurisdictions / Options
- 1500 geographic descriptions eg. Registration Districts, 100s = amount of land to feed 100 people, so if lush growth => less land
- lots of good information - county, civil registration
- NIPR = National Index of Parish Registers (copy at Parkview) - know what is available, all information together in one book, by county, published by Society of Genealogists (UK)
- ABE books - identifies counties, industries to parish and what is available eg. 1539 to 1984
- churches filming - *familysearch* catalog lists where books stop



Keep track of every footprint your ancestors leave, as an event in your family tree program, putting ancestors at a place, at a time.

Can use *TreePad* to file all this info.

Ask questions about places - occupations, record types eg. mining, local / social history, industries, illnesses, expectations, migrations, religion, life expectancy, apprenticeships, freedom of city records, save into *TreePad* with date stamp.

Could carry out a 'One place study'.

*TreePad* - catalog research papers.

*Curious Fox* – [www.curiousfox.com](http://www.curiousfox.com) another useful site, based on places.

**Use a 'Cake Tin' (maybe *TreePad*) to organise your information about places. Needs preparation, participation, preservation. Have great fun. Looking after your places is a very good idea.**

*Thanks to Fiona Lees for notes.*

-As you keep track of every footprint your ancestors leave  
- Make sure you enter all the information you have about each event's places into your genealogy program recording the Who, When, Where

## Location Research / Study

I would like to point out that *Brother's Keeper* has appropriate means by which to make notes about a location of the places an event might have occurred.

*Legacy* version 9 on the other hand, I cannot find any facility where one might discuss a location. Specifically.

In *BK's* case, the locality is connected to a person, so unlike *TreePad*, a person's events can be mapped directly. The location can be found by the person of interest. Other than copy / paste text, there are no other enhancements available for the study, however.

*BK* has a splendid *Search* feature that again aids the big-picture study. A thought.

Barry PYCROFT

[www.pycroft.co.nz](http://www.pycroft.co.nz)

## TreePad and Cardfile

A few folk might remember *Cardfile* from the time of Windows 95, 97, 98, & XP. This was a neat high-speed but simple database of 3x5 cards. The file name was extension '\*.crd'. It required another program to convert the database to a Spreadsheet format.

Later versions Windows required a modern program and I found *AZZ Cardfile* fitted the need exactly. You see as the name suggests it is a cardfile database.

This program imports your old cardfile file of yesteryear and makes the 'cards' available today in Windows-10.

The new program [ *AZZ Cardfile* ] has the means to categorise subjects by the TAB mechanism found in so many genealogical programs. The search system can be by card name / title or by the content within a card, as before. However, the limitations stop there.

The Cards can be of any size, will accept Images as well as text. Classifications can have the added vision ability of attaching little coloured icons. See:- <http://www.azzcardfile.com/download.html> <http://www.azzcardfile.com/>

Importing & Exporting of data from & to tables & spreadsheets makes an interesting data manager.

As for Android, try:- [ *TreePad* ] in the Google play store. *CardFile* itself has been re-written for use on Android!! (Cost \$us2.59c

Ooh ooh. Don't forget Microsoft's "One Note" for those who have an MS-OFFICE suite. Barry PYCROFT

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## Computer Group Meeting – November 2018

**FamilySearch** – with our newly established digital access to *FamilySearch* as a *FamilySearch Affiliate Library* with all the additional records we can now see, we spent most of this session going through the notes of instruction, that were included as part of the NZSG Canterbury November Newsletter. This is an exciting step for us. Now our members can note down any records that they can't see the images for at home, and come to Parkview, search for the record number and see and download the image. An additional benefit is that our members can bring their own device (BYOD) so can access and download directly. Found some fabulous old records.

**Famicity** - Tell your story, write, by sharing stories and memories of your loved ones, and also the memories of your ancestors. *Famicity* is the first private social network that is centred around your family. *Famicity* allows you to share stories and learn about your loved ones as well as your ancestors. Everybody can contribute to your family history in a fun and interactive way. Building an integrated family tree and sharing your history through *Famicity's* simple-to-use format. The biggest tree on *Famicity* has over 78,857 profiles!

<https://www.famicity.com/en/welcome>

## NZSG Canterbury Branch – Christmas Lunch

A lovely friendly gathering with delicious food and chatter about toys & play, and times of past Christmases and holidays.

There was talk about

- wooden toys, tractor & trailer, truck, wooden double decker bus with address of their first house; making wooden toys
- tin red Studebaker car; Meccano set, cooking set
- balsa wood aeroplanes & boat with rubber bands
- metal toy cash register, pounds shillings and pence
- dolls, doll houses, doll in pram, yes/no dolls, walkie talkie dolls, sleeping doll was put in bath and fell to bits; dolls & teddies lined up in bed
- dolls with cloth bodies and porcelain heads; Bakelite dolls; double ended dolls
- white + gollywog, sad face + angry face, Cinderellas (fine dress and poor??)
- cut out dolls and dress up; home made dolls clothes out of offcuts of own clothes
- ship dolls, in sailor uniform, with name of ship for passage on doll's sailor hat
- Enid Gilchrist pattern book; teddies, lost & found - nametag attached, teddy with voice box, 1st teddy in 1937
- using things to hand and imagination for play
- kero & butter tins; climbing trees, tomboys, scooter, stilts using golden syrup tins; use Edmonds baking tin to catch cockabullies
- go to library and borrow books; go to beach on tram with bucket and spade (some too far from beach); dancing
- guns, wigwams, shanghai's, bows & arrows
- shortage of toys through times of hardship and during war; orange and bananas - short season and treasured as special presents
- books, wanting a book, Enid Blyton, (Famous Five & Secret Seven) and magazines and annuals and comics, books as school prizes
- everything made in England not in China and not plastic
- jigsaws - tradition to do some at Christmas with family
- traditions, making toys and passing on - wooden tractor and teddy bears



*Thanks to Fiona Lees for notes.*

**What we Did on Waitangi Day - Waitangi Day Special Tour**

We had a fabulous day on Waitangi Day. We booked on a small tour to look at significant places in Akaroa including where the Treaty was signed.

*"Akaroa is a place unique in its part of the story of the Tiriti O Waitangi / Treaty of Waitangi. Several nationally significant sites in close proximity tell a dramatic story. We heard the stories from a passionate storyteller whose family is directly interwoven in the story.*

*Tuhiraki is one of the South Island's most important traditional sites.*

*Takapuneke is the site of the Te Rauparaha massacre on the Brig Elizabeth which culminated with the formation & signing of the Treaty.*

*Onuku, a celebrated place of the signing of the Treaty of Waitangi.*

*The Britomart Monument, where the British first demonstrated sovereignty over the South Island and won the 'race for Akaroa' from the French. The Britomart Reserve, the significant site of the forced sale of Canterbury by Ngāi Tahu."*

<https://theseventhgeneration.org/package/waitangi-day-2019-special-tour/>

David & Fiona

**Computer Group Meeting – January 2019**

**FamilySearch** - looking again at accessing records, not available from your home, but now available at Parkview as we are a FamilySearch Affiliate Library.

**Legacy webinars** - as emailed out to members with Seasons Greetings on 28<sup>th</sup> December 2018, there are a number of free webinars on Legacy, enabling you to learn more about Legacy from your own home. You need to register for these.

Contact Fiona by email if you don't have this email or [link](#) and we will resend the email with all the information.

[Nzsg-cantgroup-newsletter@hotmail.co.nz](mailto:Nzsg-cantgroup-newsletter@hotmail.co.nz)

**Windows shortcuts** – we discussed these and how some will become favourites. These are only some – ask Mr Google as well.

Keyboard shortcuts are keys or combinations of keys that provide an alternative way to do something that you'd typically do with a mouse. Sometimes need to 'select' what you want to take action on. In Windows use Ctrl, Function and Windows keys in combination with other keys. For Apple Macintosh, often use 'Cmd / Apple' key for shortcuts.

**More than Ten Shortcuts for Windows**

Key Shortcuts	(Often need to 'select' what you want to take action on)
Ctrl A = Select All	Ctrl + C = Copy      Ctrl + X = Cut      Ctrl + V = Paste
Ctrl + S = Save	Ctrl P = Print
Ctrl + Z = Undo	Ctrl Y = to Redo
Ctrl + b = Bold	Ctrl U = Underline
Ctrl + I = Italic	
F11 toggle	Make window go to whole screen (press again or Exc key to restore)
Ctrl + F	Find (internet, PDF, most apps, not Outlook)
Windows + l	Lock PC – similar to Ctrl + Alt + Del
Ctrl + Alt + left arrow	Rotate screen – looks weird
Windows + .	Brings up emoji panel to select in email (to insert smiley faces)
Windows + M	Minimises all Windows to go to Desktop
Windows + Shift + M	Restores all Windows to where they were
Windows + left arrow	Resizes current window to align at left of screen
Windows + right arrow	Resizes current window to align at right of screen - great for working with two windows side by side and copying and pasting between
	<i>Internet Browser shortcuts</i>
Ctrl + t	Open new tab in browser
Ctrl + Shift + t	Opens tab you just closed
Ctrl + tab	Switches between tabs
Ctrl + w	Closes tab you are currently using
Ctrl + r (or F5)	Refreshes webpage
Website name + Ctrl + Enter	Automatically adds the www. and .com to the web address
Ctrl + +	Increase size on internet
Ctrl + -	Decrease size on internet
Ctrl + 0	Restore size on internet
5, 9, 0	Watching YouTube video, go to halfway (5), end (9) and beginning (0)
J	Skip forward 10 seconds
I	Skip back 10 seconds
Windows + Shift + S	Draw rectangle on screen and take screenshot of part of screen only. (Then use Ctrl + v to paste into document.)
Ctrl + Backspace	Deletes whole Word, not just character by character
Shift + Alt + d	Enters current date in Microsoft Word. 7/02/2019
Shift + Alt + t	Enters current time in Microsoft Word. 7/02/2019

From Sandra, Reference: The Press, Saturday, January 19, 2019, Page A17 (with additions)

<https://support.microsoft.com/en-nz/help/12445/windows-keyboard-shortcuts> - Windows

<https://macpaw.com/how-to/mac-keyboard-shortcuts> - Apple Macintosh

Fiona





**BISHOPDALE BRANCH**  
New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.



### **BISHOPDALE BRANCH CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEWSLETTER**

Bishopdale and Canterbury branches shared a stand again at the Hororata Highland Games held on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November – a very busy and fruitful day.

**NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February 7:30 p.m. at St Margaret's Hub, 94 Farrington Avenue.

**Topic:** *Marriage, Divorce and Bigamy on the Goldfields, presented by Julia Bradshaw of Canterbury Museum.*

Visitors are most welcome, for whom there will be a \$3 door charge.

Regards Tony Gordon

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Waimakariri Genealogy  
Branch

### **WAIMAKARIRI BRANCH CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEWSLETTER**

Monthly General Meeting dates are held on the third Tuesday of each month from January to November. Usually there is a Guest Speaker followed by a light supper. There is no charge for these evenings.

**November Meeting:** Date: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm

**Topic – To be advised.**

**Venue:** Waimakariri Branch, Rangiora Brass Brand Rooms, Northbrook Road. All Welcome.

Thanks to Philip Worthington

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### **CHANGE OF WEB ADDRESS FOR HOMEPAGES TRANSCRIPTIONS FOR BEVERLEY EVANS**

Beverley, Canterbury Branch member, has been transcribing many items, including family notices and photographing cemetery headstones over many years and kindly sharing this with us through her website. She was using a Vodafone website, but Vodafone are closing all their homepages on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018.

Beverley has bought a domain name with 1st Domain, a Christchurch based hosting company. This has been a massive undertaking for her and she still has the old address on every page to alter.

This is a notice from Beverley to the effect that:-

"Beverley Evans' home page address has changed to <http://transcriptions.nz>.

**Reminder - Beverley Evans web site for newspaper & gravestone transcriptions is now at**

**[www.transcriptions.nz](http://www.transcriptions.nz)**

Many thanks, Beverley Evans, [bevevans44@gmail.com](mailto:bevevans44@gmail.com) <http://transcriptions.nz> Home page 20 years of transcriptions

### **Book Review - Diana Wichtel – 'Driving to Treblinka - A long search for a lost father'**

Diana is a New Zealand journalist, who was born in Canada with a New Zealand mother and a Polish father. This book is her discovery of her father's journey from war torn Poland during the German occupation to his death in a mental institution in eastern Canada.

Diana talks of a childhood in Vancouver, her father's textile business, his mood swings and her mother's "flight" to New Zealand with her three children.

Diana always felt that she was whisked away in her teens to an alien life in New Zealand and never really understood why.

The story follows her father's escape from the train on its way to Treblinka, the extermination camp for Polish Jews, his survival in the forests of Poland, his reunification with his older siblings in America and his life in Canada.

It is an interesting book of the survival of some of the Polish Jews and the life in the ghettos of Warsaw but it does not flow well. As a journalist Diana has researched well and made some amazing contacts but it becomes an investigation rather than a story or well written history.

[Some of you will be familiar with Diana Wichtel's work in NZ Listener each week. Editor]

There is a very good list of possible sources that someone interested in finding a relative of similar descent could follow.

Some other books along similar lines are:

- Tatiana de Rosney – *Sarah's Key*. This is about Jews in Paris during the German occupation. (It is also a Movie)
- Georgia Hunter – *We Were the Lucky Ones*. The story of the Kruc family from 1939 to 1943 – Polish Jews. Georgia had trouble reconciling why she had relatives in Europe, America and South America.
- Ron Crosby – *Andris, Where are You?* The story of Andris Apse, New Zealand landscape photographer, and his journey from Latvia to New Zealand and finding a father that was thought to be dead. Thanks to Lorraine Wilmshurst for this book review.

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**NZSG Canterbury Branch MEMBERSHIP Subscription**

Thank you to those who have paid their subscriptions. For those still owing, please pay now as Subs OverDue.

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

*We wish a warm welcome & happy researching to new member Darryl HAINES & Delia ARNOLD.*

**IN MEMORIAM:** We pass on sympathy and condolences to all those who have lost family and friends recently. We have just lost Margaret WEIR, a passionate genealogist in Canterbury (Page 3) & Aynsley DENTON, a previous member.

*Apologies for any errors and omissions in newsletter. Corrections & additions welcome. Photograph credits – David Lees – thank you*

[New Zealand Society of Genealogists' Website:- http://www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)

Please let us know if you are shifting or have changed address, or email address, so we can keep our records current, and keep in touch.

**NZSG CANTERBURY BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS**

**Open: 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of Month from 12noon – 3:00pm and 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Month from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.**

**During February and March we will have the library open on some extra days.**

February 2019 - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> (12-3pm), Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> & Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> (1-3pm), Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> (12-3pm), Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> (1-3pm)  
March 2019 - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> (12-3pm), Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> (1-3pm), Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> (1-3pm), Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> (12-3pm), Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> (1-3pm)

*Bring along your research queries and brick walls to your branch library – use the resources there and receive assistance.*

**Branch LIBRARY at Parkview Community Lounge - 75 Queenspark Drive, Parklands**

**Canterbury Branch Library is an Affiliate Library of FamilySearch – access to restricted records here!!**

**FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE @ 25 FENDALTON ROAD**

Hours: Tuesday 10:00am - 2:00pm and 7:00pm - 9:00pm

**TŪRANGA - CHRISTCHURCH CENTRAL LIBRARY @ 60 CATHEDRAL SQUARE**

OPEN MONDAY TO FRIDAY 9:00AM – 8:00PM (GROUND FLOOR 8:00AM – 8:00PM)

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 10:00AM – 5:00PM

**CHRISTCHURCH PARKLANDS LIBRARY @ 46 QUEENSPARK DRIVE**

**WILL BE CLOSED FROM 17 NOVEMBER - APRIL 2019 FOR EARTHQUAKE REPAIRS.**

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