

CANTERBURY BRANCH NZSG NEWSLETTER

Meetings - Parkview Community Lounge Hall, 75 Queenspark Drive, Parklands
Monthly – 2nd Thursday evening at 7:30pm & 3rd 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 9th May - 7:30pm - Evening Meeting – Parkview Community Lounge - Hall (*Library open 7:00-7:30pm – cuppa after*)

“Annual General Meeting”

AGM of the Canterbury Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

The AGM will be followed with a quick genealogy quiz and supper.

Thursday 16th May 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.

“Canterbury Crematoriums”

Barbara Terry, the Manager of Canterbury Crematoriums, will talk to the meeting about the records that they hold – for both Linwood and Harewood - and how we can access them.

May - NZSG Canterbury Branch Events

- Saturday 4th **Irish Interest Group** - Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing information, resources & knowledge. **10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room**
- Saturday 25th **Computer Interest Group** – Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing websites, discussing computers & genealogy programs. We will also look at some *FamilySearch* Affiliate Library records. 10:00am-12 noon. We will stop half way through for a cuppa break. *Led by Fiona Lees.* **10:00am - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall**
- Saturday 25th **Continental Europe Interests – individual research session** – led by Kathy Bisman (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.
- Monday 27th **Australian Interest Group** - Tri-monthly informal group asking and answering questions, sharing information, resources and knowledge. *Led by Atholin Pierre.* **10:30am - Parkview Community Lounge – Donnington Room**

June - NZSG Canterbury Branch Events

This is a heads-up for you to start thinking about your research, so you can prepare for research sessions with assistance given, in June.

Thursday 13th 7:30pm and **Thursday 20th 9:45am** - **Parkview Community Lounge – Hall**

BOTH – the evening and the morning meetings will be **Research meetings** and there will be people from the Australian, European, Irish and UK Interest groups available to assist you with those brick walls. Also all our library and computer resources will be available and some knowledgeable members will be available to help you individually.

July - NZSG Canterbury Branch Events

- Thursday 11th **Evening Meeting** – Fiona Brooker will speak about Free Genealogy sites.- 7:30pm - Parkview Lounge Hall
- Thursday 18th **Morning Meeting** – Comte de Paris will talk about the early French families of Akaroa.- 9:45am - Parkview Lounge Hall

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.

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



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.

NZSG Canterbury Branch MEMBERSHIP Subscription Renewal

Renewal Notices were included with, or just after, your April newsletter, for the year ending 31st March 2020.

Many thanks to the many who have already paid their subscriptions.

For those who haven't already paid, we would appreciate payment as soon as possible. Thank you for your continuing support.

FROM THE COMMITTEE**Branch News:**

The notice advising the upcoming AGM is included below and you will see that there is a *Notice of Motion* to increase both the individual and joint membership fees for the financial year 2020 / 2021. (Note: this does not apply to the current year subscription.)

For the *Financial Statements*, when the operating receipts and payments are adjusted for items of a *non-recurring nature* it leaves us with an *Adjusted Operating deficit* of just over \$1000. This adjusted figure more clearly reflects normal annual operating costs. We also had a loss in the previous financial year so, as a result, the committee felt justified to put it to members at the AGM that the membership fees be increased to \$40 (up from \$35) for an individual and \$50 (up from \$40) for a joint membership. You will note that the increase for a joint membership is slightly more than that for the individual increase and we have done this to be closer aligned with the ratio for NZSG national membership and other local branches, all of whom have individual and joint membership fees.

The membership fees were last increased for the 2015 / 2016 financial year and in the meantime, there have been increased lease and other costs associated with running the branch. We recognise that the branch does have good cash reserves however the committee feel that we should keep these intact for any unknown contingencies in the future, particularly with a potential increase in lease cost should we have to vacate our present rooms, although this is not an issue at the present moment.

Raffle Tickets – Prize is "One Year MyHeritage Complete Plan"

Lastly, a reminder that your last chance to purchase tickets for the *MyHeritage Complete Plan* subscription raffle we are running, will be at the start of the AGM Meeting on Thursday 9th May, where the raffle will then be drawn. This prize was kindly arranged by Jan Gow who visited us in November. The tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5 (cash). This prize is valued at \$350. The winner will be contacted if they are not at the meeting.

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

CANTERBURY BRANCH OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS

Notice of our forthcoming Annual General Meeting for our 51st year.
To be held on Thursday 9th May 2019 at 7:30pm at Parkview Community Lounge Hall.

Agenda

Welcome
In Remembrance
Apologies
Minutes of the AGM (2018) - 50th Year
Matters Arising from the Minutes

Correspondence
Convenor's Report
Treasurer's Report
Election of Officers
General Business

Minutes of last year's AGM can be downloaded from our website. <http://canterburygenealogy.wordpress.com/>.

Notice of Motion for the 2019 AGM:-

"In order to cover increased costs and to bring Canterbury Branch subscriptions more in line with other local branches, the committee recommends to the members that the annual subscriptions for the 2020 / 2021 financial year be \$40 individual and \$50 joint membership."

Many of the committee have indicated that they are happy to put their names forward again but if anyone would like to be involved, please get in touch. Ian Dunbar has offered to put his name forward for the Treasurer's position and has joined the committee in the meantime. Of course, this position will be voted on at the AGM so if there is anyone else willing to be nominated please come forward.

Any questions please give me a call on Phone 349-3806 or email: serrals@xtra.co.nz. Sandra

CANTERBURY BRANCH LIBRARY

AT PARKVIEW COMMUNITY LOUNGE - 75 QUEENSPARK DRIVE, PARKLANDS

Open: 1st & 3rd Thursday of Month from 12noon – 3:00pm & 2nd & 4th Saturday of Month from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

Use your branch library - a great opportunity to have one on one help for your research.

Recent Acquisitions to the Branch Library

- Bromley School Centennial 1880-1980
- Out of Mind, Out of Sight The Story of Porirua Hospital
- James and Ann Lawson Milne of Wyndham 1860-1985
- 100 Years of Hornby Primary School 1895-1995
- The WILKINSON Family (Thomas & James came to NZ 1852 from Leicester)
- Hillmorton High School - First Year Magazine 1961

These books will be on display in the Donnington Room.

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/> Jan Slater phone 354-6494 or 022 351 9552, jan.slater46@gmail.com

"Who Do You Think You Are" (Celebrity Family History Research for TV) – Series 1-8 on DVD – have been donated to our Branch Library, and may be borrowed, one series at a time for 4 weeks only, so others are able to borrow as well. These are located in the Donnington Room, and need to be checked out in the notebook provided. Jan Watts

District Keys to the NZ Registration Indexes – Births - 1848 onwards – our Branch Library is missing one of our 2 sets. We usually have one set with the microfiche and one available to borrow. Can you help please if you know where the 2nd set may be. Fiona

CELEBRATING THE 200TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTH OF QUEEN VICTORIA

Queen Victoria – Queen of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and Empress of India.

Queen Victoria was born on 24th May 1819 at Kensington Palace, London. She ascended to the throne aged eighteen following the death of her uncle King William IV in 1837, and ruled for over sixty years. Victoria remains one of the world's best-known monarchs. Her image is still recognisable and her life story continues to fascinate in the form of biographies, films and television dramas.



Victoria's birth was the result of a drive to produce an heir to the British throne following the death of Princess Charlotte of Wales in 1817, daughter of Victoria's uncle King George IV. In order to achieve a legitimate heir, Victoria's father Edward, Duke of Kent, had abandoned his mistress for many years and married a young widow, Princess Victoire of Saxe-Coburg-Saalfeld. Princess Victoria was born the following year.

Commemorative Coin for the 200th Anniversary of Queen Victoria's birth.

Victoria died in 1901, leaving behind a large family, an expansive British Empire, and a country that had been transformed by social and technological advances.

Many interesting links and Google searches.

<https://www.npg.org.uk/whatson/display/2019/celebrating-queen-victoria-200-years>

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/victorian/queen-victorias-children/>

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/victorian/the-worlds-most-exclusive-dating-agency-the-marriages-of-queen-victorias-grandchildren/>

The bizarre funeral of Queen Victoria - how, when and where did she die - History Extra

As Queen Victoria ended the 19th century, she was not her usual self. She was visibly fading: her voracious appetite had disappeared and she had lost almost half her body weight. She was confined to a wheelchair, almost blind and had lapses of memory and moments of confusion. Yet no one could contemplate the mortality of the little old lady who had sat on the throne for almost 64 years. Her children were in denial, her government was unprepared, and the public knew nothing at all. Victoria's own view of the future was bleak: *"Another year begun, I am feeling so weak and unwell, that I enter upon it sadly."* In the previous year, Victoria had lost 2 children and a grandson. Twenty-two days later, shortly after 6.30pm on Tuesday 22nd January 1901, Superintendent Fraser ordered the household police to surround the queen's Isle of Wight residence Osborne House. All telephone and telegraph wires were to be suspended, and any servant or messenger to be prevented from leaving. A short while later he walked down the long gravel drive to the entrance gate where a large crowd was waiting, and pinned a small notice on to the bulletin board.

"Osborne House, January 22, 6.45pm Her Majesty the Queen breathed her last at 6.30pm, surrounded by her children and grand-children."

And so the news of the Queen's passing was announced to the world. Her death stunned the nation. What followed was chaos and confusion. There was no one alive who could remember how to bury a monarch and this queen had asked for a full military state funeral.

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/victorian/queen-victoria-death-funeral-mask-cause/>

History on film: Queen Victoria's funeral - Newsreel footage of Queen Victoria's *"remarkable"* funeral procession in February 1901, following the monarch's death at 81 years of age after she fell ill with *"cerebral exhaustion"*.

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/victorian/history-on-film-queen-victorias-funeral/>

<https://www.historyextra.com/period/victorian/history-on-film-queen-victoria-funeral-procession/>

Stewart Richards is the author of *Curtain Down at Her Majesty's: The Death of Queen Victoria* (The History Press, January 2019). The book has recently been made into a series broadcast on Radio 4. You can listen on the BBC iPlayer.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/m0001t98> [This link isn't currently working, but you may find it with a bit of searching.]

Lincoln and Districts Historical Society – "Preserving the Present for the Future" - Sunday 19th May

Join us and our speaker, Fiona Brooker on Sunday 19th May (2pm-4pm) at the Lincoln Event Centre for a lively presentation - *'Preserving the Present for the Future'* - what we can do now to leave useful information about our lives for our descendants.

As local and family historians we are good at travelling back in time to investigate the lives of others, but what if it is us being investigated?

Fiona is a professional genealogist with a background in adult education and over 25 years of experience of teaching & presenting family history and digital scrapbooking.

Come along, and be inspired!

Continue the discussion over afternoon tea. All welcome. Gold coin donation please.

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

- **Dr Alfred Charles Barker's 1860 panorama of Christchurch** stitches together 18 photographs taken over five mornings. It's a valuable record of the city just 10 years after it was founded. Within this, see this amazing photograph and learn more about it in this blog by Dan Stirland, Curator Human History: <https://www.canterburymuseum.com/discover/blog-posts/capturing-early-christchurch/> This came across on my Facebook page. Thought it interesting it was on Christchurch Museum's webpage. The web address takes you to the photos.
Thanks to Carole Jackson [Fabulous item – Editors]
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- **Library courses** - Check out the library website for various courses, including, **Beyond Beginner Computer Skills, Record Family History video** - This is part of a six week course starting Wednesday, 8 May, 2 hours per week. Join this programme & create a short movie of an aspect of your family history! Bring your own iPad, or use one of ours, to learn how to record your story using iMovie. Bookings required, Places limited. Cost: \$15. Tūranga. [https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=types:\(53ead2b64d3110df300005a\)/event/5c7451b353f3b3200018d644](https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/events/search/fq=types:(53ead2b64d3110df300005a)/event/5c7451b353f3b3200018d644), **Introduction to Family History** (2 hours per week, 6 weeks, starting 6th May). **Creative writing on Wednesdays**, (4:00PM – 5:45PM), Linwood Library. **Introduction to Local History**, (2:00PM – 4:00PM), This is part of a six-week course starting Thursday 9 May and is run by our Local History Librarians. We will show you the wealth of resources that Christchurch City Libraries has to offer, such as digitised diaries, images and maps, newspaper archives and directories. We will cover topics such as our Māori heritage, immigration and settlement, how to research the history of your house and neighbourhood, events that would have impacted the lives of locals (from snow days to influenza to war), and so much more. *Bookings required* - Places are limited. Cost: \$15. Location: Tūranga <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/classes-and-programmes/>
 - **WEA Courses - CANTERBURY HISTORY** – Term 2 – Starting Thursday 6th June, 4 weeks, Thu 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM, Registration required, \$18 for course. <https://cwea.arlo.co/courses/415-canterbury-history>
Description - Join a selection of local historians as we explore some fascinating sides to our local history.
6 June **Between Land and Sea: Jetties of Whakaraupō / Lyttelton Harbour** - Jane Robertson
13 June **Grubb Cottage: a Lyttelton Treasure** - Michael Williams
20 June **Christchurch Ghosts: Shaken but not Stirred** – Dr Simon Pollard
27 June **The Early Years of the Socialist Movement in Christchurch** - Martin Crick *Philippa Wadsworth*
 - **Library - Genealogy Connect** - A collection of genealogy eBook resources grouped together in a fully cross-searchable platform. <https://my.christchurchcitylibraries.com/resources/family-history/>. (Access with your library card number and pin number.) *Fiona*
 - **Project Indexing Names on G R Macdonald Index Cards** - Seen on *Genealogy New Zealand and Beyond* Facebook page We're looking for computer-savvy volunteers to tag names which appear in the 'G R Macdonald Dictionary of Canterbury Biography' to make them computer-searchable. The Macdonald Dictionary comprises more than 12,000 handwritten index cards of biographical information on 22,000 nineteenth-century Cantabrians. Currently, the scanned index cards are available on the Museum's website, but only the heads of each household are digitally searchable.
The project aims to tag and transcribe the hundreds or possibly thousands of other names mentioned in the biographies, including wives, children, business partners and occasionally neighbours.
"Only 64 women have their own entries, mostly because they were high profile and had a public life, but many other women are hidden in their husband's or father's biography. This project will give them much more visibility in Canterbury's historical record."
If you'd like to help with this fascinating project, head along to *Zooniverse*, create an account (it's free) and read the tutorial explaining how to get stuck in.
Canterbury Museum 28 February 2019
<https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/christopherthomson/macdonald-dictionary?> *Thanks to Graham Hoult g.hoult@xtra.co.nz*
 - **NZ History – Dates in NZ History** for May - <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/calendar/5>

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.

- **Writer to Chronicle History of Motunau** - Julie Brown is writing the story of Motunau Beach. Julie is a 4th generation bach holder. She is asking for any anecdotes, stories or memories, any photos, articles or archives that pertains to life at Motunau Beach. Contact Julie at julie@ghost-writer.co.nz if you can assist or want further details of the project.
This was in our local paper (North Canterbury News 25 April 2019). *Cheers, Kathy Bisman*
- **Writing a Family Story** - Hi, I am looking for someone to assist me in writing some stories about my family. Like most genealogy researchers I have heaps of documents and family stories however I don't know how to bring them into book form. I live in Parklands. Susan was unable to attend the writing workshop by Jo Bayley recently. *Yours sincerely Susan Taylor taylor17@inspire.net.nz*
- **Reading Swedish Text** - *I wish to have the book written in Swedish read to me in English.*
"Svenskarna i Nya Zeeland : den svenska utvandringen till Nya Zeeland fram till 1940" = *The Swedes in New Zealand : The Swedish Emigration to New Zealand Until 1940 / Sten Aminoff. I have the book here at home from the branch library. I am particularly interested in the sources used. I desire to get a foothold into the passage details of a man from Kalmar marrying (a Danish widow) in Dunedin, 1884.*
Barry PYCROFT barry@pycroft.co.nz
- **Famnet Newsletter** - *Worth a look and can subscribe to receive by email.* *Cheers Alister & Denise Mckenzie aj.de@xtra.co.nz*
http://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters/FamNet/April_2019/Newsletter.htm#_Toc5199964

MEETING REVIEWERS WANTED FOR 2019

We are looking for meeting review writers for both evening and morning meetings.

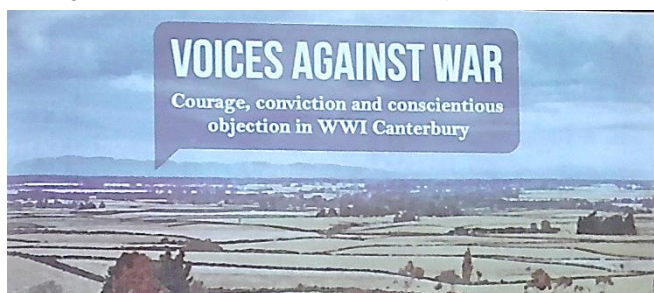
As you know we have a review in each newsletter of the previous month's meetings & these are generally written by committee members. **Can you help with taking on this task occasionally?**

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. 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. *Sandra – Phone 349-3806*



MEETING REPORTS**Thursday Evening Meeting – “Voices Against War: Courage, Conviction and Conscientious Objection in WWI Canterbury” - with Margaret Lovell-Smith**

Margaret Lovell-Smith shared some of the work she has been researching for “Voices Against War”- the courage, conviction and conscientious objection to WWI in Canterbury.



Margaret is a community historian and was the lead researcher and writer in this story that was co-ordinated by the Disarmament and Security Centre in Christchurch, for an educational peace project, “*Pacifist Women, Men and their Families in Canterbury*”.

Margaret gave an extremely interesting and thought provoking talk about conscientious objection before and during WWI. Most of what she spoke about can be found on their fabulous website, which goes into far more detail than she gave during her talk. The website tells the stories of the young men in Canterbury who were imprisoned for their beliefs, and the women, men and peace groups who supported them.

The aim was to identify, research and publicise in a range of forms, the stories of women, men and their families throughout Canterbury who opposed conscription and militarism, supported the conscientious objectors (COs), and campaigned for a new world order before and after World War I. When the New Zealand Government announced it was joining Britain in the war against Germany in August 1914, most New Zealanders greeted the news with wild enthusiasm. Volunteers flocked to enlist. It took real courage to go against this feverish tide of opinion but a few brave voices spoke out for peace.

Hundreds of young men chose to go to prison as objectors to conscription rather than compromise their beliefs, both in the pre-war period when compulsory military training was introduced and during the war.

On this website are highlighted the stories of some of those courageous individuals who became political prisoners during this tumultuous period. Some served time in the old Lyttelton Gaol, some in the new prison at Paparua and others endured military detention in Fort Jervis on Ripapa Island.

Public sentiment was against the objectors. Usually referred to as ‘*shirkers*’, they suffered vilification at the hands of the press, discrimination in their workplaces, and in some cases the loss of civil rights for up to ten years. By also telling the story of the anti-militarist movement that began in Christchurch in 1910 they are marking the origins of the Pākehā peace movement in Aotearoa New Zealand. The labour movement was almost wholly anti-militarist and we also tell the story of those men jailed for breaching the government regulations that said it was sedition to speak out against conscription or war.

Women were not directly involved in compulsory military training or conscription, but some were involved in the anti-militarist organisations. They supported the men who were taking a stand, while also taking a courageous stand themselves to uphold what they saw as the British tradition of freedom of conscience. Māori were initially exempted from conscription. Later the Act was amended to include Māori though conscription was imposed only on Tainui Māori.

In telling these stories, many of which have not been told before, we are not seeking to dishonour or detract from the bravery and commitment to duty displayed by the thousands of men who served in the New Zealand expeditionary force. But these stories of Canterbury’s forgotten history have a place too and are an important part of Aotearoa New Zealand’s response to the First World War.

<http://voicesagainstarwar.nz/> <https://ww100.govt.nz/voices-against-war-courage-conviction-and-conscientious-objection-in-wwi-canterbury>

New Zealanders who resisted the First World War – List of Imprisoned conscientious objectors, 1916-1920

<https://nzhistory.govt.nz/war/the-military-objectors-list>

This table and related spreadsheet lists the 286 conscientious objectors who were imprisoned for rejecting military service during the First World War. The spreadsheet lists the dates they were balloted, sentenced and released, and provides other biographical and procedural information. It also records their reasons for rejecting military service, where this information is available. [Download full spreadsheet here.](#)

Thanks to Fiona Lees for report, acknowledging website - <http://voicesagainstarwar.nz/>.

Thursday Morning Meeting – “Ngā Taonga Sound & Vision” - Sarah Johnson

Sarah Johnson from *Ngā Taonga Sound and Vision* spoke about the audio-visual recordings that they have in their archive and how we can access them for our family history. You may have seen their pamphlets at last year’s Conference.

The *New Zealand Archive of Film, Television and Sound* was formed in 2014, restructured in 2016, and is now mainly funded by Lotto. Digitised recordings may be requested and downloaded online. <https://www.ngataonga.org.nz/>

There are three very different collections:

- Radio /sound. Radio New Zealand has the rights. Sound requests handled separately from other two
- Former NZ film archive. All on deposit with copyright held elsewhere.
- TVNZ collection. Management has been outsourced to Getty Images



The Sound collection is Sarah’s area of expertise. It comprises 70% Radio New Zealand, 15% other radio, and 15% commercial music. Radio broadcasts started in 1921 and went live to air until 1935. The historical collection is still largely undigitised with a ten year life expectancy of the recording medium (open reel tape, cassette tape, CDs, DAT tape). Recordings to non-reusable acetate disks have not been saved prior to the 1930s.

The Recording Collection includes major historical events, Māori events, and cultural events.

During WWII a mobile unit collected oral history. The most popular was messages home from men in the field who were told to be upbeat. This was played twice a week as “*With the boys overseas*”. Speakers are only identified by the announcer saying “*this is Joe Bloggs from Christchurch*”, with names transcribed as heard so check various spellings: Thompson / Thomson, Gray / Grey etc.



Post war there was a greater range of light entertainment using the same technology with a mobile unit. Oral history style interviews concentrated on the Waikato and Central Otago areas recording many elderly people who were home during the day when the unit visited. The Canterbury province outside Oamaru was omitted for reasons unknown.

New Zealand had a listening watch to the "London Calling" BBC shortwave service. If something interesting cropped up they would then start recording the broadcast to acetate disc. Radio New Zealand is now archived in its entirety. There are also online exhibitions on the website worth looking at.

How to access the Collection: ngataonga.org.nz/collections/search

- Search e.g., *aunt daisy cookery nook* (for a blast from the past)
(Hint: Search neighbours, places, surnames, events, use creative spellings)

Narrow search far left

Listen online or watch online

Click on title to open

- If not online, Pink button **request information**
The filled-in form goes to Sarah's team.

I searched for my father, using quotes for "George Small" and found a reference to a documentary on Freyberg VC which he was interviewed for in 1987. I have requested further information via the website.

This information was returned to me:

Personal viewing

Providing items for personal viewing or listening is usually a free service. Wherever possible, items will be made public on our online catalogue for you to view there. Due to resource constraints we are only able to provide up to three items for personal viewing, per quarter.

Commercial re-use

Television Collection: Commercial use of items in the Television Collection is managed by Getty Images. You will need to contact them with any commercial requests for TVNZ items.

Thanks to Sue Knight for report.



Speaker Sarah Johnson, Senior Client Liaison

The New Zealand Archives for film, television and sound are primarily based at the old television studios in Avalon, Lower Hutt. *Radio New Zealand sound archives* are physically at Avalon, with offices in Christchurch and Auckland. Currently a trust runs the total archives (since the 2014

amalgamation) with funding mainly from the Lottery Board. There is currently a review of the structure and funding.

Sound Archives: requests to use material are free and through the Christchurch office. Some material is available online to download, some are listed online but must be ordered (3 per month max.). There are 23,000 tapes still to digitise with about 10 years of life left.

Television NZ video archives: nearly all material is copyright and with a cost. Ordering is through *Getty Images*.

Film Archives: nearly all material is copyright and on loan from private sources. This copyright for use must be negotiated with the owner (and may not be a simple exercise).

The Sound Collection is about 70% Radio NZ and predecessor's recordings from the 1930s. 15% other broadcasters, 15% commercial artists and composers.

Sarah gave a very interesting account of the first "wireless" broadcasts in NZ. Professor Robert Jack, University of Otago made the very first in 1921. *Toi Tu Early Settlers Museum* now has this gear. She played a number of sound clips including "Aunt Daisy's" opening gambit. Thirty (?) years of Aunt Daisy but only 8 recordings saved! (RNZ National is now recording and retaining its programming 24 hours a day).

"Sound" tracks were despatched to WWII field areas where disk recordings were made of soldier's messages to their families back home. These disks were then sent back to NZ to be played on air. Care was taken to remove messages given by fighters who may have been killed since the recordings were made. These sound tracks were used after the war (1946-48) to record historical stories by families mainly Otago, Southland and Waikato. It was interesting to hear women in Central Otago and the Waikato in 1948 with their dialect and intonation differences.

Thanks to Jim Copland for report.

We were fortunate to have two reports written for the morning meeting, Sound & Vision, with different information, so have included both.

Visits to Tūranga Library and the Discovery Wall

Several of our members joined branch tour groups at Tūranga, Central Library, during April. As part of the tour we were introduced to the **Discovery Wall** which is a major feature of the new library.



It has its own website <https://discoverywall.nz/> where you can search for images by tagged topics and find photos you may have contributed during the "Photo Hunt" the library run each year. You can also contribute by uploading a photo using the "contribute" tab on the website. These are moderated by library staff before appearing on the wall.

During our visit Jenny Mayne and I found photos we had submitted some time ago and I'm sure we all have something of interest to others in our photo collections. If you are looking for a photo of a building or something on a specific topic, have a look and see what's there.

George LeBrun, plumber, working on the roof of the McLean's Mansion. Note the ropes on either side of the ladders to keep it steady, the only visible sign of health and safety requirements in those days. No hard hat, no Hi-Vis vest, no cones, no harness. I am told that when transporting these long ladders, 2 apprentices would carry it, each on his own bicycle with the ladder on his shoulder along with tool bags. Must have been interesting negotiating corners! (George LeBrun was father of Sandra Serra.)

The photos I copied and pasted from the *DiscoveryWall* website <https://discoverywall.nz/>.

Thanks to Sandra Serra



BISHOPDALE BRANCH
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BISHOPDALE BRANCH CONTRIBUTION TO THE NEWSLETTER

NEXT MEETING: Thursday 23rd May 7:30 p.m. at St Margaret's Hub, 94 Farrington Avenue.

Topic: Organising Your Data. Videos and discussion.

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.

Next Meeting: Date: Tuesday 21st May at 7.30pm

Topic – To be advised.

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

Thanks to Philip Worthington

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The Trouble with Fire - Book by Dame Fiona Kidman

Shortlisted for the Frank O'Connor International Short Story Prize and the New Zealand Post Book Award 2012.

Synopsis: Eleven long stories make up this collection, linked by the theme of fire. Fire is a dangerous lurking event, which is also beautiful and alluring in its physical manifestation. Like memory, one is never sure when it will catch up with you. In several of these stories, the past captures the mostly female central characters and reveals different aspects of their lives and perspectives on how others see them. The book falls into three sections.

The final section features two historical stories, 'Fragrance Rising' and 'The Trouble with Fire'. They are based on true stories about an earlier Prime Minister, Gordon Coates, and Lady Barker who wrote *Station Life in New Zealand*.

This book was brought to my attention when read in 2 parts on RadioNZ National in April.

Mary Anne Stewart (known as Annie) became Lady Barker on her first marriage and kept this name until her second husband was knighted, thence becoming Lady Broome. She lived for just 3½ years at Steventon Station, Whitecliffs. The homestead was named Broomielaw. We visited Steventon recently on a very wet day, as a Local History trip with Frieda Looser (8th October 2017).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Anne_Barker

Fiona & Jim



St Martin's (Christchurch) Sewer Gang

Jenny Mayne submitted this photo and it now appears on the Discovery Wall at our new library, Tūranga. While Jenny was at our Library visit with Sandra and others from our branch, Jenny found this photo again. Thank you Jenny.

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NZSG Canterbury Branch MEMBERSHIP Subscription Notices were sent last month - payment due on 30th April 2019 for the coming year ending 31st March 2020.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

*We wish a warm welcome and happy researching to new members
Noel BROWN, Graeme McIVER, Lauren & Barry HARCOURT.*

IN MEMORIAM: We pass on sympathy and condolences to all those who have lost family and friends recently.

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

NZSG CANTERBURY BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS

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

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

PARKLANDS LIBRARY HAS RE-OPENED AFTER EARTHQUAKE REPAIRS.

CHRISTCHURCH FENDALTON LIBRARY @ 4 JEFFREYS ROAD

WILL BE CLOSED FROM 4 MARCH – 29 JULY 2019 FOR REPAIRS & IMPROVEMENTS.

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