

# 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> November - 7:30pm - Evening Meeting – Parkview Community Lounge - Hall (*Library open 7:00-7:30pm – cuppa after*)

## Take Another Look at Your Certificates

**Kathy Bisman**, a Branch member and an experienced researcher is going to give us some ideas of the sorts of things we can find when we take a second or third look at the certificates we hold.

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 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.*

## "Wet to the Skin"

**Mary Stapylton-Smith** will talk about the book she has published from the diaries of a North Canterbury Doctor during the 1850 and 1860's. Mary lived for some time with her farmer husband and family at Camp Bay and produced information about the settlers and cemetery in that area.

### NOVEMBER 2019

#### Please note change of date & time

Computer Group date & time have been changed (from 23 November) to December to enable any to go Michelle Patient's Ashburton visit.

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 23<sup>rd</sup> **Seminar - Michelle Patient** - Michelle Patient is visiting Ashburton for a one day seminar. *Open to the public – in the upstairs meeting room of the Ashburton Art Gallery & Heritage Centre, 327 West Street, Ashburton – doors open at 10am – sessions begin at 10.30 – BYO lunch - \$20 per person. Thanks, Shari Early, Ashburton District Family History Group.*

**Topics suggested to Michelle but not confirmed** (may only be time for three sessions) –

1. Your DNA results have arrived – now what?
2. Reviewing your Research – or how to get past that roadblock in your tree
3. Ancestry, FindMyPast, My Heritage and FamilySearch
4. Under the Hood - Indexes and Archives in a Digital age: how they are created and why they are useful

*Registration required to attend - with Rita Wright, Secretary ADFHG, email address [slightlyfoxed98@gmail.com](mailto:slightlyfoxed98@gmail.com)*

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

### DECEMBER 2019

#### Please note change of date & time

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> **Computer Interest Group** – Bi-monthly informal group asking & answering questions, sharing websites, discussing computers & genealogy programs. We will browse the Internet, & look at some *FamilySearch* Affiliate Library records. A stop half way through for a cuppa break. *Led by Fiona Lees. 1:30 - 3:30pm - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall*

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> **Branch Christmas Lunch – Theme – 'Show and Tell' 10:00am - 1:00pm - Parkview Community Lounge – Hall**  
This is the last meeting for the year and is a social event. Bring a plate of finger food to share & enjoy genealogy & other chat. Bring something from your genealogy collection that is your "prized possession" to share. Technology-free session.

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> **Branch Library – Last open day for 2019 - 10:30 - 3:00pm.**  
**Select & borrow some books for your holiday reading pleasure.**

*Merry Christmas*



### JANUARY 2020

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> **Branch Library – Re-opens for 2020. 12:00 - 3:00pm**

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> **Computer Interest Group** – Bi-monthly informal group on computers and genealogy programs. 10 - 12. Parkview Hall

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> **Continental Europe Interests – individual research session** – led by Kathy Bisman 12:30 - 2:30pm. Donnington Room

*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 the committee with serving tea & coffee and the kitchen tidy up afterwards. Your help would be much appreciated.*

**FROM THE COMMITTEE**

**Branch News:**

Here we are again, the last newsletter for the year and only our two November meetings and Christmas lunch before the Branch activities finish for 2019.

For our annual Christmas lunch on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> December 10am - 1pm, we would like you to bring along something special relating to your family's story. It could be a photo, a book, household item or anything with a story to tell and share with others. This will be followed by our usual pot-luck shared lunch and will also be the last day for the branch library to be open for the year.

**Some thanks are in order.**

Firstly, to Natasha Wells for organising the branch Beca Heritage Festival event held on 19<sup>th</sup> October. Natasha was helped by Lorraine and Fiona in putting the program together with presenters Lorraine Wilmshurst, Kathy Bisman, Philip Worthington, Fiona Lees and Jenny Mayne. Our thanks to them for their help in making it a successful day.

Evelyn Robertson and I spent time at a Family History table during the NZ Irish Feis 2019 held at the Spreydon Domain over Labour weekend. It was mainly a sporting event, but we were able to offer some hints to several people on how to trace Irish family history. Thank you to Tony Gordon and Barry Pycroft for coming along to support us and to Ruth Cooper for offering her help. It was lovely being around so many Irish accents & hearing Gaelic, or Irish they refer to it, being spoken fluently even if we didn't know what was being said.

The Irish Interest group has been convened by Evelyn Robertson since 2013 and she has decided that it is time to hand over to someone else. Tony Gordon has offered to take over this role and so the last meeting for 2019 on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, will be Evelyn's last as convenor. I'm sure she will continue to participate in the future but thank you, Evelyn, for all your efforts and help with suggestions, on what can be challenging research, over the last 6 years. Those who are members of the group have appreciated your help very much and our thanks to Tony for taking over as convenor allowing the group to continue.

Finally, we bid farewell to Prue Purser who is leaving Christchurch mid-December to make her home in Wellington. Prue has been the School Register Project Co-Ordinator for several years and has done a lot of work quietly behind the scenes, with Rae Wilson, in keeping this project ticking along. She has a team of transcribers and checkers working on the project, some of them not branch members, and we are planning a farewell afternoon tea together to wish Prue well for her move. Thank you, Prue, our best wishes for your move north and your house building project.

From all the committee, our best wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you again in 2020!

Phone 349-3806 [serrals@xtra.co.nz](mailto:serrals@xtra.co.nz) Sandra



**Reminder** Complete the Magazine Round Robin form to order your selection before end December for next year.



**BECA CHRISTCHURCH HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2019 – CANTERBURY BRANCH MINI-EXPO**



Canterbury Branch ran an event as part of the *Beca Heritage Festival* - a "Beyond the Basics" Mini-Expo on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October. We had a whole day with an enthusiastic, interesting group, with sessions by experienced speakers.

Natasha Wells did a great job of organising and running the day – thank you Natasha. →



The talks were:-

- Using a questionnaire to draw out information from family members (or ourselves) to structure a narrative of our past – *Lorraine Wilmshurst*
- The richness of information found in a cemetery – *Kathy Bisman*
- How to search historical New Zealand newspapers using *PapersPast* and how the information found aids research into our family - *Philip Worthington*
- What's available on *FamilySearch*? *Explore Records, Genealogies, Catalogs, Books and Wiki*, as well as discover the additional records available through Canterbury Branch having *FamilySearch Digital Affiliate Library* access - *Fiona Lees*
- Benefits of being a NZSG member – *Jenny Mayne & Fiona Lees*
- NZSG Canterbury Branch resources - *Jenny Mayne*

Thank you to all involved, attending, assisting and supporting for a successful day.

Natasha

**NZ Irish Feis 2019, a Celebration of All Things Irish.** <https://www.nzirishfeis.co.nz/>

The 2019 NZ Irish Feis was a celebration of culture, dancing and sport - a multicultural family friendly event. Canterbury Branch was represented at this event.

Barry Pycroft sent the following, with image - Irish FEIS - Ambassador Cards

I took a couple of pictures of the Irish Ambassador's cards. The Ambassador and his deputy, who have been in NZ only a year were keen to talk to everybody at the Irish Feis and were interested in NZ – Irish communities.

Foran, in NZ only 3 months, took a photo of our books.

<https://www.dfa.ie/irish-embassy/new-zealand/>





**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.**

I would like to bring to your attention some items in the library you may not be aware of.

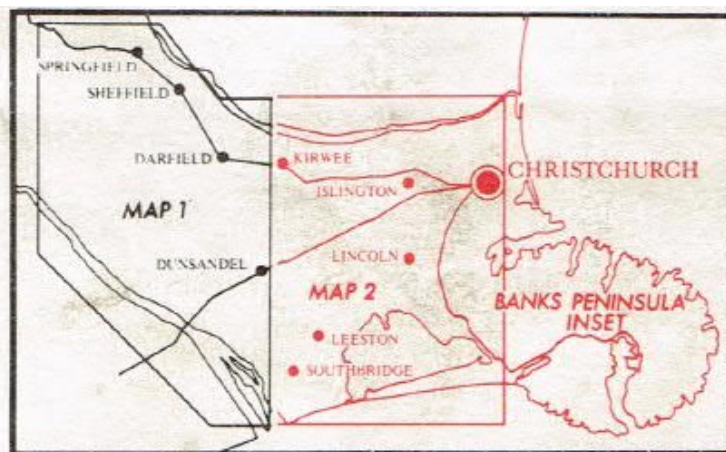
**MAPS**

We have a collection of maps.

There are 2 called

***Farm Location Map of Central Canterbury District, 1976 edition***

Displayed is the area covered by the 2 maps. There are hundreds of names on the maps. I assume they are the land owners. There are also many advertisements offering services around the map. If you had family living/working in that area they may be worth a look at.



Other NZ maps include:-

- *Historic New Zealand:- Buildings, Bridges and Earthworks of New Zealand Historic Places Trust*
- *Map of Christchurch 1931*
- *The Press Pocket Map of Christchurch City and Suburbs. Streets, Bus Routes, Main City outlets, Parks and Reserves*

There is also a collection of UK maps:-

- *Ordnance Survey England & Wales, Popular and Tourist Towns*
- *Bartholomew's 4 miles to inch, Ireland and Scotland*

There are also a number of books not required for the library which are available to members for a donation.

**Search our library catalogue online, so when you come to the library, you will already know what is there.**Do contact me if you have any queries - Jan Slater phone 354-6494 or 022 351 9552, [jan.slater46@gmail.com](mailto:jan.slater46@gmail.com)**We are happy to arrange hosting research visits to our Library & Research rooms by members of other groups to show what wonderful resources we have.****BYOD (bring your own device) when visiting the Branch Research Rooms – use your own PC & access the internet, including the FamilySearch Affiliate Library restricted records, and Ancestry & FindMyPast, available while you are in our rooms. Also bring a USB / flash drive with you for saving scans you have done and images or documents downloaded from Internet.****PROBLEM OR BRICK WALL**

Would you like some one on one help?.

If you live near Upper Riccarton library – an NZSG member is available at their Family History computer on Wednesdays each week.

Have you visited Tūranga (Central Library) yet and explored their family history / local history / genealogy / identity floor – Floor 2.

Many thanks, Lorraine

**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 &amp; share ideas and information.

Bruce [bruce.holm@gmail.com](mailto: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.**Two very successful DNA & Genealogy drop-in sessions were held at Shirley Library in June & September. There are plans for more next year. Thanks to Bruce Holm for organising and running these sessions with some willing helpers.***HAVE DNA, WILL RESEARCH**

Have a family brick wall? Not enough family? Don't know where to turn? An Orphan or Foster nearby?

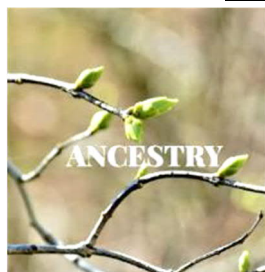
Can't see how to progress your research? Interested in DNA? You have taken a DNA test? You got cousins you didn't know you had? Wrong family? Hmmmm.

Perhaps I can help with your dilemma? Contact me at [barry@pycroft.co.nz](mailto:barry@pycroft.co.nz) and we can discuss what you know and what you wish to know.*Barry Pycroft is offering individual help with your DNA queries. Either email or phone Barry on phone: +64-3-942-8417***INDEXING PROJECTS**We are starting on a new project of indexing our parish registers, and would love a few more people to help with putting info from the books into spreadsheets. If you can spare a few hours a week, please contact Jan Watts at [janwatts@outlook.co.nz](mailto:janwatts@outlook.co.nz).Also Sandra is looking for more people to help with transcribing school registers. If you would like to help with this project, contact Sandra at [serrals@xtra.co.nz](mailto:serrals@xtra.co.nz).**Hororata Highland Games** – Again this year, Canterbury Branch will be sharing a stand at this Scottish Event with Bishopdale Branch.

**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.

- **Shipping - Two websites I have used in my research recently which might be of use to others are:**
  - <https://www.crewlist.org.uk/> Crew lists index project. Search by people / ship / documents.
  - <https://hec.lfndation.org.uk/archive-library/lloyds-register-of-ships-online> Lloyds register of ships. Search by name of vessel by year and gives information of owner, voyages undertaken, port of registration. Sandra
- **Land Title Searches – current and old** - Chris Ward, who approached me at the *Positive Ageing Expo*, has offered to do land title searches for members at the rate of \$7 per title search. He also has access to survey plans, mainly for the South Island. If you would like to contact Chris send him an email at [wardc@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wardc@xtra.co.nz) with your query. Sandra
- **The Maori Interest Group of the NZSG** has published *'Whakapapa - An Introduction to Maori Family History Research'*. This is a useful guide for those learning to navigate their Maori history heritage and culture. From the NZSG Facebook page, Bruce Holm
- **"NZ Society of Genealogists journals from Nov-Dec 1988 to August 2019"**. No charge. Phone Christina Williams on 359 1544 to arrange a time for the journals to be collected from my Harewood address. Thank you. Christina Williams NZSG#11678
- **Last Soldier Project - Can you help?** Stuff, in conjunction with RSA NZ, is working to collate a national database of the last surviving WWII veterans. This database will be available to all New Zealanders via [Stuff.co.nz](http://Stuff.co.nz) when it is finished, & it is hoped it will be a useful resource for people studying New Zealand's war history. Titled *The Last Soldier*, the project will include a database & stories, photographs & videos. If you can help, please email [Nicole.johnstone@stuff.co.nz](mailto:Nicole.johnstone@stuff.co.nz) or phone 027 243 1976. For the database, we are looking for the following information on surviving WWII veterans: Full name, location, force, theatre & service number. Sandra
- **Watch this Space - March 2020**  
A DNA event is to be held in Christchurch towards the end of March 2020 in conjunction with Christchurch City Libraries. We have international speakers on our list of possible speakers. We're just putting together the details and will have those out soon. In the meantime keep some space in your diary if you are interested in hearing from some great speakers. Fiona Brooker

**"BRAINSTORM BUDS" - BRANCHES, TWIGS, BUDS AND A MESS OF KINDLING**

This is a section and initiative from the committee to help answer some of your questions, or suggest an option to follow for your research.

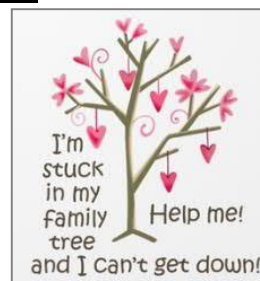
Send us (email or phone) a succinct question to put in this section of the newsletter. At the next meetings, members can come along with suggestions and pointers to help you in your research, possibly suggesting an option you haven't yet tried. We have such a huge wealth of knowledge within our membership who would be willing to help. This is to be a short, buzzy section of the meeting, helping each other.

**November Brainstorm Bud - Suggestions on what records are available to try and track people who may have followed the gold rushes.** Fiona

**October Brainstorm Bud was – Suggestions on how to confirm a link with my Great Grandmother Jane Esther LeBrun née Marett who married in Dunedin 1875, with a Jane Esther Marett born c.1845 in Jersey would be helpful. Intention to Marry indicates she was in Dunedin about 1872 although death certificate. indicates she may have been in NZ in the 1860's. Parent's names are unknown and NZ documents confirm she was born in Jersey, Channel Islands.** Sandra

Suggestions were to check out:-

- Children's wills, probate may say where parents of children were born
- Attestation in WWI of son – may give mother's birthplace
- Died in Dunedin – search PapersPast for any history, obituary, place of death
- Hocken family (Evening Star, Otago Daily Times)
- Jersey family, parishes, Brothers and sisters
- Almanac, occupation in different streets and parishes

**COSTUME CRICKET MATCH 23 OCTOBER 1877**

I came across this event while researching my G.Grandfather, William Edmund Rose Smith, in *PapersPast*. He worked in the theatre as a mechanist, carpenter, pyrotechnist, scenery painter and many other functions. In any references to him in conjunction with the theatre he went by the name Ned Rose or Mr Rose which is how I came across the item in the Star 22 October 1877 referring to a *Costume Cricket Match*. When I read it, I instantly remembered a photograph I had seen in a family album a cousin has which we believed had originally come from William / Ned's home. The photograph is a bit odd, depicting several men dressed in costumes and posed in a team-like setting. When I looked at my copy of the photo I knew when, where and why it had been taken and why there was a copy of it in Ned's album.

There are 11 men in the photo, and you can just make out a cricket bat in the hand of one of them, they are dressed in theatrical costumes and I believe the building behind them is the Umpires Pavilion still standing in Hagley Oval between the St Albans cricket clubrooms and the new cricket pavilion. There are several articles in the newspapers around the date, with some of them giving the names of those taking part and which costumes they would wear, which would enable the naming of some of the men in the photo.

Ned's involvement was in building the booth for a *Richardson Show* and the costumes were supplied by the Gaiety Theatre where he was employed. A public holiday was declared for the event which was to raise money for the Indian Famine with around £1000 being raised.

I uploaded a copy of this photo to the City Libraries Photo Hunt this year and I'm hoping to see it on the *Discovery Wall* in the future. You can read all about it in *PapersPast*.

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/TS18771022.2.10> Mr Rose building a booth for Richardson Show.

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers/LT18771024.2.20> Account of Famine Relief Fund Fete

Sandra Serra





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

- **30 Years On – The Berlin Wall came down in 1989 - Fall of Berlin Wall:** How 1989 reshaped the modern world - It was on 9 November 1989, five days after half a million people gathered in East Berlin in a mass protest, that the Berlin Wall dividing communist East Germany from West Germany crumbled. - <https://www.bbc.com/news/world-europe-50013048>
- **40 Years On – Erebus Disaster - 28 November 1979** - 257 killed in Mt Erebus disaster - On the morning of 28 November 1979, Air New Zealand Flight TE901 left Mangere airport, Auckland, for an 11-hour return sightseeing flight to Antarctica. At 12.49 p.m., the aircraft crashed into the lower slopes of Mt Erebus killing all 257 passengers and crew. It was the worst civil disaster in New Zealand's history. - <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/culture/erebus-disaster>
- **75 Years on - Polish refugees land in New Zealand** - 1 November 1944 - Over 800 Polish refugees disembarked in Wellington, seeking safety from war-torn Europe. For the 733 children and 102 adults it was the end of a long and perilous journey. They had survived deportation to the Soviet Union, forced labour in Siberia and evacuation to the Middle East before reaching New Zealand. A camp for the children – dubbed 'Little Poland' – was established near Pahiatua in Wairarapa. Most of the refugees chose to settle in New Zealand after the war. Relatives joined some in the late 1940s, while a small number returned to Poland. <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/page/polish-refugees-land-new-zealand>
- **TUIA 250** - In December the Lyttelton Port Company's *Te Ana Marina* will be hosting the historic flotilla of vessels that are marking the 250 years since the first encounters between Maori and Europeans in New Zealand. The LPC will be hosting the Whakaraupo leg of the national **Tuia 250** voyage which started in Gisborne (Turanga-nui-a-kiwi) in October. As part of the event, three waka *hourua* (Polynesian double-hulled sailing canoe - *Fa'afaite* from Tahiti and *Hauui* and *Ngahiraka* from the North Island), the *Spirit of New Zealand*, and *Ngai Tahu* waka from Okains Bay. The waka and their crews will be welcomed at Rapaki on Friday 6 December and then will proceed to the marina where the public will have the opportunity to see the waka and the Ministry of Culture and Heritage travelling roadshow on Saturday 7 December and Sunday 8 December. Thanks to Lorraine Wilmshurst

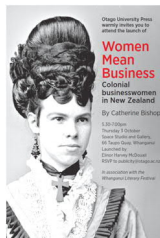
- **LANCASTER PARK** - In our last newsletter was a photograph of all that was left of the stadium at Lancaster Park. However not everything is being demolished. The Memorial Gates on Stevens Street are to be retained.

In 1880 Canterbury Cricket and Athletics Sports Co. Ltd was established to provide a venue which would enable an entrance fee to be charged. Until this time games were played on Hagley Park and there was no entrance fee. This lack of finance restricted the care that was required to provide a decent "wicket".

In 1882, two members of the company, [Edward Stevens](#) and [Arthur Ollivier](#) initiated the purchase of a parcel of swampy farmland (the actual cricket ground was in low-lying area and basically sitting on a large pool of saturated land) which became Lancaster Park. Lancaster was the name of the farmer ([Benjamin Lancaster](#)) and previous landlord.

In 1904 Canterbury cricket would become the sole owner of the ground. Then in 1911 the Canterbury Rugby Union became co-owners with the Canterbury Cricket Association over the ground. An Act of Parliament in November 1919 vested title to Lancaster Park in the Crown, and established the Victory Park Board to take responsibility for its management.

The scheduled opening of the ground in 1881 was to be a cricket match on the 8 October but it was cancelled due to rain and the first event held on the grounds was an athletics meeting on the 15 October. Thanks to Lorraine Wilmshurst

- **"Women Mean Business - Colonial Business Women in New Zealand"** - Several branch members went to an interesting and well presented talk by Catherine Bishop talking about her book detailing some of the early business women in New Zealand. Stories of some of Christchurch's early businesswomen - the respectable and not so respectable! One thing we came away with from the talk is to never assume from a newspaper report or advertisement, that an initial doesn't necessarily mean a man, many women would not specify Mrs. *We heard how adaptable and self-sufficient and enterprising our women in the early days had to be.* 

*Dr Catherine Bishop. Winner of Ashurst Business Literature Prize 2016. [cathbishophistory@gmail.com](mailto:cathbishophistory@gmail.com)*

*Fiona*

- **Suffrage in Stitches Exhibition** - *I'm just reading the October newsletter and see that you mention this exhibition. Emily, one of my granddaughters and I did a panel each. Emily was given the lady, Louisa Coombe, to do as she was a breeder of French poodles and a great knitter. A couple of topics that would appeal to a 13 year old as she was then. Emily designed and embellished this on her own, with encouragement from me.*

*My lady, Marie Beath was Kate Sheppard's elder sister. My piece of linen was a century old tray cloth with original embroidery in the lower panel. We were encouraged to use old materials as in a recycling theme.*

*Neither was a relation to us as the panels with our family on had already been taken. They were fun to do. Jenny Mayne*

- **Local history resources** - An annotated bibliography of published sources on the history of Christchurch, Lyttelton, and Banks Peninsula. Produced by Christchurch City Libraries - 167 pages of links to books and web sites. Can download as a PDF to your PC or tablet. <https://christchurchcitylibraries.com/Heritage/LocalHistory/Bibliography/LocalHistoryResources.pdf>

*Fiona*

- **NZ History – Dates in NZ History** for November - <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/calendar/11>

- **Female Convicts Research Centre - Seminar 2020:** Sunday, 5th April 2020 – Hobart, Tasmania - Call for Papers.

**Topic: THE EARLY YEARS 1803-1828** - Two hundred years ago, the *Morley* sailed from London to Hobart Town. This was the first time that convict women were sent to Van Diemen's Land directly from England. The convict women on the *Morley* arrived at a time before the Hobart Town Female Factory was established, raising the question of how they were managed. The *Morley* disembarked 50 of its cargo of 121 women; the remainder sailed to Sydney. This pattern of shared voyages continued for some time and it was not until the *Providence* in 1826 that a female convict ship disembarked its entire shipment of convict women in Hobart.

Our Seminar for 2020 will explore the experience of those convict women who came directly to Hobart Town and compare it with those who came via Sydney. Why was the system changed? What impact did it have on the lives of the convict women?

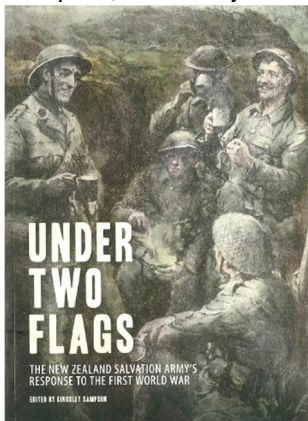
Would you like to give a 15-minute paper on any aspect of the experience of convict women in the early years? If you are interested, please contact Victoria Hadley at [submissions@femaleconvicts.org.au](mailto:submissions@femaleconvicts.org.au) by 30th November 2019. Registrations for the seminar will open early January. The venue will be the Hobart Town Hall. <https://www.femaleconvicts.org.au/>

Regards, Dianne Snowden, President, FCRC - [Alistar](mailto:Alistar) & Denise Mckenzie [aj.de@xtra.co.nz](mailto:aj.de@xtra.co.nz)



**MEETING REPORTS**

**Thursday Evening Meeting – “Under Two Flags - The Response of the NZ Salvation Army to WWI” - with Kingsley Sampson, retired major in the Salvation Army and trainer at the Booth College of Mission, the Salvation Army's Bible College.**



For the commemoration of the WWI centenary, Salvation Army Archives published a book where all included names had some connection with the Salvation Army. Kingsley's beautifully illustrated talk followed the book he edited and helped writing.

"**Under Two Flags**" is the story of The Salvation Army of New Zealand in the First World War and fills an important gap in our knowledge of New Zealand's response to that war. Written mostly by members of The Salvation Army, it covers the support the Army gave both at home in New Zealand and with the New Zealand Expeditionary Force overseas. It recognises that hundreds of Salvationists fought in the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps at Gallipoli, and then in the Middle East and on the Western Front. The book includes the war's impact on the organisation in New Zealand, and the work done overseas and also the support given at home. Topics include the Salvationists who enlisted, the chaplains who served overseas and the effect of the war on The Salvation Army in New Zealand. Illustrated copiously from their newspaper, *War Cry*, images of the day and other sources. There were interesting stories of those chaplains who were attached to the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. These men were dedicated, yet human, as is the Army in which they serve, but in their hearts intent on serving humanity. The Salvation Army at home was instrumental in supplying and running recreational facilities at army bases; fundraising for ambulances; housing for orphans; and other children's homes; visiting recuperating soldiers; sending parcels of home made goods overseas; setting up and running Soldiers' hostels; caring for and tending 1918 influenza victims and their families.



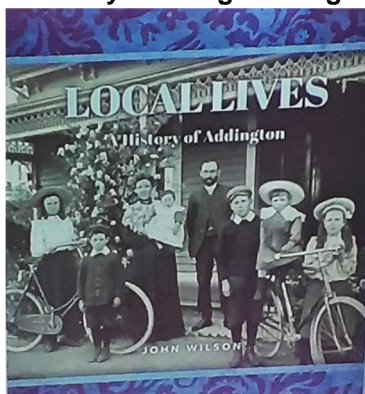
**Under Two Flags** shows that when it was needed, The Salvation Army was there, something which was recognised by New Zealanders at large in the years which followed the war. It is a proud story of the Army's service to humanity in the war that was to end all wars.

Also see <https://www.salvationarmy.org.nz/event/under-two-flags-book-launch>

<https://www.piccadillybooks.co.nz/p/new-zealand-historical-under-two-flags-the-new-zealand-salvation-army-s-response-to-the-first-world-war> Book can be ordered through [mailorder@salvationarmy.org](mailto:mailorder@salvationarmy.org)

Thanks to Fiona Lees for report

**Thursday Morning Meeting – “Local Lives: A History of Addington” - John Wilson**



There was a good turn-out to hear John Wilson talk about the book he has published on community, class and family in a Christchurch suburb. His book, *Local Lives – A History of Addington*, is available from the Addington Neighbourhood Association. The book covers the history of Addington from the late 19<sup>th</sup> century to the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and includes some lovely old family photos. The book took him about 25 years to write.

John said Addington is the most interesting suburb because of the institutions and facilities there. He emphasised the social bonds and strength of family ties in this strong, dynamic working class community.

He spoke about some of the families and identities of Addington including the Harefield and Williams families, Rev Walter Bean,

Harry Ell, and Tommy Taylor who was a Mayor of Christchurch. Billy Rowe had a shoe forge in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century on the site of the Addington Coffee Co-op. He showed some lovely photos of the Rowe family – four generations of males & four generations of females.

John noted that Addington was developed long before any planning rules. Very few families owned cars in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, but the women shopped locally and working men living in Addington found work nearby.

This was a most interesting talk, especially for those that have ties to Addington.



Thanks to Jan Watts for report

**COOK OBSERVES TRANSIT OF MERCURY** - 9 November 1769

James Cook helped his astronomer Charles Green observe the transit of Mercury at Te Whanganui-o-Hei (Mercury Bay), Coromandel Peninsula. When the planets Mercury and Venus pass across the Sun, they are visible as small black dots. Timing these 'transits' from different locations was the first accurate way to determine the distance between Earth and the Sun.

After observing the transit of Venus from Tahiti, Cook sailed *HMS Endeavour* towards the land skirted by Dutch seafarer Abel Tasman in 1642, which was sighted on 6 October 1769. Tahitian navigator Tupaia was on board.

Over the next months, Cook mapped the entire coastline, establishing that this was not the fabled Great Southern Continent. Cook called Māori 'a brave, war-like people'. The Europeans were initially taken for atua (supernatural beings), ancestors, or visitors from ancestral Hawaiki. In some places, conflict broke out & Māori were killed. Tupaia understood te reo Māori and was able to mediate.

As 9 November approached, Cook sought land from which to observe the transit of Mercury with a sextant. A cairn on Cook's Beach marks the spot. Six days later, on 15 November, Cook raised the British Colours at Mercury Bay, claiming the area in the name of King George III. The next transit of Mercury fully visible from New Zealand will occur in 2052. <https://nzhistory.govt.nz/captain-cook-observes-transit-of-mercury> Transits of Mercury occur in May or November. The last four transits occurred on November 15, 1999; May 7, 2003; November 8, 2006; and May 9, 2016. The next will occur on November 11, 2019, and then on November 13, 2032. A typical transit lasts several hours. On Monday, 2019 November 11, Mercury will transit the Sun for the first time since 2016. The transit or passage of a planet across the face of the Sun is a relatively rare occurrence. As seen from Earth, only transits of Mercury and Venus are possible. There are approximately 13 transits of Mercury each century. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transit\\_of\\_Mercury](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Transit_of_Mercury)

**Free tours of Lyttelton Port by boat** are on the last Sunday of every month so the community can see the developments underway and hear what is planned. Click link below to view the video. A ninety minute free tour on the Canterbury Cat leaves from the Lyttelton ferry terminal at 1.30pm. An LPC representative provides information and answers questions about the area covered during the cruise, including the Inner Harbour, Dampier Bay, the Container Terminal operations and reclamation. Bookings for the free Port tours by boat can be made by phoning LPC reception (03 328 8198) Monday to Friday between 8am and 5pm. At the end of each Port tour passengers are invited to make a donation to Cholmondeley Children's Centre located in nearby Governors Bay. <http://www.lpc.co.nz/port-tours/> Lorraine





**BISHOPDALE BRANCH**  
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### BISHOPDALE BRANCH

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

**Topic:** The final meeting of the year will be an in-house meeting with short, members' presentations linked to an event or momento from 50 / 100 / 150 years ago. Christmas nibbles and drinks will follow.

Meetings will resume on 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

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

Regards Christina Carroll

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## Waimakariri Genealogy Branch

### WAIMAKARIRI BRANCH

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 19<sup>th</sup> November 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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### DEFINE: BARKING UP THE WRONG TREE

To Completely Misunderstand a Situation  
 To Make a False Assumption About a Situation

**Research can lead us in many different directions**

- A cousin was keenly trying to trace the family of my 2x great grandfather in England.
- He couldn't find the older brother in England, so assumed he had died.
  - This brother married in England and then emigrated to South Africa
  - The descendant of this relative now lives in England and has tracked me down through Ancestry (not DNA).
- My cousin couldn't find 2 sons of this 2x great grandfather & assumed they had also died as they weren't with the family for a census.
  - Found the 2 sons at a boarding school.
  - These two sons moved with their family to Hong Kong,
    - one married in Japan
    - one married in China and died there
- Also, by following the wrong tree and the limited information about those relatives, you may be missing out on readily available info on your own family tree.
- You may find that the research may lead to something so confusing that you just get completely stuck. Never fear! A Google search for "barking up wrong tree" and "genealogy" gave over 400,000 hits including this PDF. [Tips And Tricks To Avoid Barking Up The Wrong Family Tree - Petersen](#) There are some tips that will help you avoid 'barking up the wrong family tree'.

Looks like a great regular item for our newsletter. Who else would like to share their experiences?

**Does anyone out there have an item for this section for the next newsletter?**

Fiona

## Barking up Wrong Tree



**COTTERS ELECTRICAL CELEBRATES 100 Years - Christchurch Retail Icon Turns 100** – Cotters first opened its doors in 1919 and it has just welcomed its fourth generation into the business.

An Irish expat by the name of Chris Cotter opened a retail store in Christchurch in 1919. CF Cotter & Co sold electrical appliances and radios including Stewart-Warner radios and Gurney electric stoves. Chris Cotter supported all his sales with an in-house service facility and also established lighting and spare parts departments. On the death of Chris in 1952, his son Jim took over the reins and the business enhanced its fledgling floor care activity with vacuum cleaners and imported floor polishers. In the 1950s a thriving concert sound system section was developed. In 1956 Cotters was appointed the local Hoover agent. Black & white television arrived in Christchurch in 1962 and, the following year, Cotters secured the Nilfisk agency (then branded Tellus). In 1974, just in time for the Christchurch Commonwealth Games, colour TV hit the area. Cotters by then was recognised as one of the South Island's leading electrical & appliance retailers. Today, despite earthquakes & competitive marketplace, Cotters Electrical trades still at 287 Tuam Street.

By Merv Robertson, April 15, 2019 Industry News

[www.wares.co.nz/articles/2019/april/15/cotters-100-years/](http://www.wares.co.nz/articles/2019/april/15/cotters-100-years/)

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**Merry Christmas to All !****All the Best for 2020 and Happy Ancestor Hunting !****WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:**

*We wish a warm welcome and happy researching to new members  
Sandra McCORMICK and Antony SCOTT.*

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2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of Month from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.**

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

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

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