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Nikau palm trees at McNab's Gardens, Lower Hutt, Wellington Region. Williams, Edgar Richard, 1891-1983 :Negatives, lantern slides, stereographs, colour transparencies, monochrome prints, photographic ephemera. Ref: 1/1-025586-G. Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, New Zealand. <http://natlib.govt.nz/records/22785533>

Evening Meeting: 7.30pm 2nd Thursday, February to December

Day Meeting: 10.00am 3rd Thursday, February to November

Venue: Petone Community Centre, 7-11 Britannia Street

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All members are welcome to contribute to the News & Views.

Members Interests; Family History stories; 'How to tips', Interesting websites; Sharing Information

The first weekend of each month is the deadline for the next month's issue.

Email to Helene Philpott bhdk.philpott@gmail.com

Branch Meeting Programme for March & April 2017

Thursday 9 March Evening Meeting: Emerson Vandy, National Library
Update on the Papers Past Website

Thursday 16 March: Morning Meeting: NZSG Website, You Tube
presentations, what is available?

Thursday 13 April: Evening Meeting: To be advised

Thursday 20 April Morning Meeting: To be advised

Petone Heritage Library Volunteers:

At present there is a vacancy for 1 person on both Saturday 1 April and Saturday 7 October.

If you are not able to volunteer regularly perhaps you would be prepared to be an 'Emergency' volunteer when someone is on holiday or sick.

The duties consist of assisting people with their genealogy queries and if there are no visitors then you are able to do your own research.

If you are able to assist in any way: please contact Diane Stinson.

Heritage Centre Volunteers Available At Petone Library 10am -12pm

On duty for: March, April & May

- Wednesday 15 March: Marie Perham & Bob Vine
- Saturday 1 April: Anne Martin & -----
- Wednesday 5 April: Deb Beban & Lois Bartlett
- Wednesday 19 April: Diane Stinson & Susan Wilson
- Wednesday 3 May: Ian Fyfe & Philippa Woolf
- Saturday 6 May Janet Ketchell & Helene Philpott
- Wednesday 17 May: Cheryl Dreaver & Avril Roberts

For those new to genealogy and/or who want help knocking down those brick walls, this is an excellent time and place to have our experts help you. Our helpers can show you what is available in the library and how to go about finding what you are looking for.

Visit to Te Papa:

Expressions of Interest

We were unable to visit the Gallipoli Exhibition at Te Papa last year because of flooding in their building.

This is just a preliminary notice to find out whether there would be any interest in my organising another visit.

No date is planned at this stage but the visit would be on a Thursday morning.

If you are interested, please add your name to the list that will be circulated at both the evening and morning meetings, or phone me.

Diane Stinson

What's on at your Local Branches?

Kilbirnie:

Wednesday 15 March- *Irish Research Day* (Notice in this newsletter)

Wednesday 5 April- *WW1 Memorials Project* Barbara Mulligan

Time/Venue: 10am The Park Bowling Club, Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie

Kapiti:

Tuesday 28 March- *Kapiti Connection* Local Historian Chris Maclean

Time/Venue: 7pm Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu.

Wellington:

Wednesday 22 March- *Family History Research – What evidence is good enough?* Carolyn Adams

Time/Venue: **6pm** Connolly Hall, Guildford Tce, Thorndon

Porirua:

Wednesday 8 March – Quiz Night & Short Talk

Wednesday 12 April- Research Night at Porirua Library

Time/Venue: 7.30pm Helen Smith Community Meeting Room, Pataka Cnr Norrie & Parumoana Streets, Porirua

Kapiti Legacy Users Group

Meeting dates for 2017

Saturday - 29th April

Saturday - 19th August

Saturday - 25th November

Saturday - 24th June

Saturday - 28th October

Venue – Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

Doors open: 1 pm – 4.30 pm

Meeting: 2 pm to 4 pm

Cost: **\$2** - please pay at the door

Tea, Coffee etc available,

Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings.

You can bring your laptop/notebook computer if you have one and a power cord if you need power. Wi-Fi is now available at the Community Centre. The code is on the wall by the door.

If you would like to contact Gerald, his email address is gero@ihug.co.nz

It's Time to Renew Your Hutt Valley Branch Membership for 2017

Our branch membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March, so it's approaching that time again when fees fall due.

We've included the membership renewal form with this newsletter.

If you pay before 30 April, as usual there is a \$5 discount!

If you prefer, you can pay via internet banking. Instructions for this are on the form.

If you use the internet banking option, don't forget to include your name in the payment details and do drop us an email to let us know that you have paid and update your contact details as required.

50th Jubilee 2017



Maungaraki School (incorporating the old Puketiro & Otonga Schools) will be having its 50th Jubilee celebration on 1st to 4th September 2017.

The weekend will be filled with fun events, with something for everyone!

http://www.maungaraki.school.nz/Site/Jubilee_2017.ashx

Bellevue Gardens from its inception in the 1840's to its demise in the 1920's.

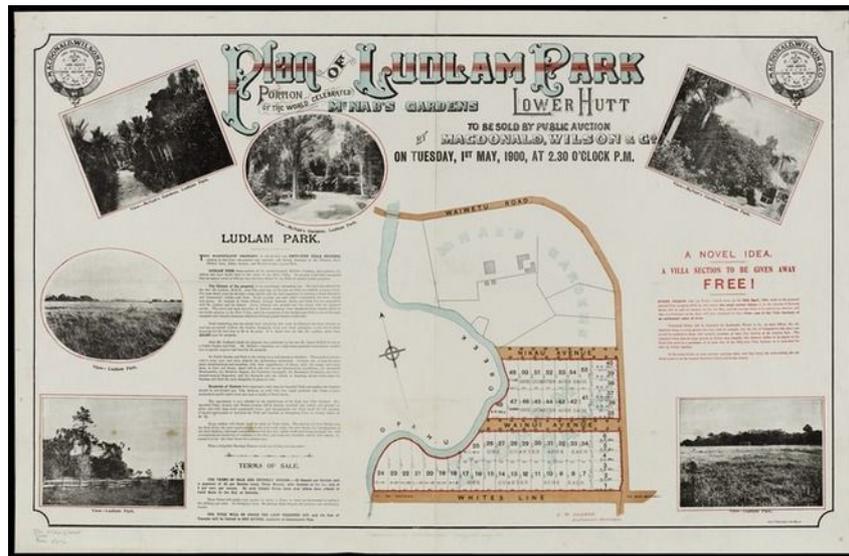
<https://heritage.huttcitylibraries.co.nz/2016/09/04/bellevue-gardens-hotel/>

The current hotel was built in 1917. The site was part of Bellevue Gardens. The hotel replaced a larger one that was set back from Woburn Road (originally known as Waiwhetu or Waiwetu) Road. That hotel burnt down in December 1916.



Alfred Ludlam (1817-1877) established the original gardens in the 1840's. They were known as 'Newry'. The gardens extended from White's Line West to Woburn Road and covered about 35 acres of land. The gardens were known throughout New Zealand for their beauty.

After Ludlam died in 1877 the gardens were bought by James McNab, a gardener from Thorndon. McNab turned them into a public attraction, charging for admission. They were very popular with Wellingtonians, who visited in their hundreds every weekend.



The gardens were purchased by the Ross family in 1896. In 1900 they subdivided the lower part of the estate to form what is now Nikau Grove and Wai-iti Crescent. This was marketed as Ludlam Park.

In 1900 the remaining gardens were sold to Arthur Lodder and John Orr, hoteliers from Wellington. They enlarged the house to accommodate more guests and obtained a liquor license. They renamed the gardens Bellevue.

In 1905 and 1906 Lodder tried to sell the gardens. Both attempts met with considerable opposition from locals. The government was approached about buying the property. They declined both times.

The Te Omanga Hospice at 136 Woburn Road and *Camperdown* at 99 Ludlam Crescent were built on land that was part of the gardens.

Some trees from Bellevue Gardens remain, including:

- 140 Woburn Road – Pohutukawa. Planted in the 1840s Bellevue Gardens Hotel by Alfred Ludlam.
- 154 Woburn Road – Tulip Tree. Planted by Alfred Ludlam 1845-60.
- 160 Woburn Road – Kauri tree. Bellevue Gardens.
- The motel was added in 1971.

Thanks to Clark Stiles, Heritage Specialist, Petone Library for a very interesting presentation

Jan Bonnett's Presentation: Tracing Living Relatives 9/February - Some suggestions for finding people:

- Look for uncommon surnames.
- Find siblings for all generations.
- If you can find even one family member it can be an opening.
- Look for libraries and archives in the places where people originally came from. There might be something there.
- Use atlases to find nearby towns, villages, hamlets, locations.
- Use phonebooks to find similar surnames then make contact.
- Look up births on microfiche.
- Use the NZSG Marriage Index.
- FindMyPast is useful. <http://www.findmypast.com.au/>
- ZabaSearch is a USA people finder <http://www.zabasearch.com/>
- The United States Social Security Index can be found on Ancestry and Family Search www.familysearch.org
- There are Wills online for United Kingdom and New Zealand.
- Obtain BDM printouts or certificates for legal proof.
- Electoral Rolls and Habitation Rolls can be very useful.

Maps particularly for Europe as borders have changed over the years

Trove <http://trove.nla.gov.au/>

Ryerson Index - An index to death and funeral notices and other death type information published in Australia Newspapers from 1803 to present

<https://www.ryersonindex.org/>

Memory Tree <http://www.amemorytree.co.nz/>

Papers Past <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>



Funeral Directors' Records

NZSG is "undertaking" a project to preserve data from Funeral Directors' files.

Volunteers are sought to assist with recording various details on a template. If you're interested please contact:

NZSG Project Co-ordinator Carole Deveraux

nzsg.projects@genealogy.co.nz ph 09 570 4248 Extn: 6

Genealogy in the Digital Age:

Notes from Jan Powell (Porirua Branch) following her presentation to the Hutt Valley Branch in November 2016

Research sites:

Pinterest: www.pinterest.com

History Pin: <https://www.historypin.org/en/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/>

Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/>

Instagram: www.instagram.com

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/>

Facebook: www.facebook.com

Cyndi's List: <http://www.cyndislist.com/>

Publishing online:

Blurb/BookWright: www.blurb.com

Create your Life Story: <http://createyourlifestory.com/conversation/ask-help-record-your-life-story/>

Saving Memories Forever: <https://www.savingmemoriesforever.com/>

StoryKeep <http://storykeep.org/>

StoryWorth <https://www.storyworth.com/>

DoHistory: http://dohistory.org/on_your_own/toolkit/oralHistory.html

Oral History Association: www.oralhistory.org/web-guides-to-doing-oral-history/

Smithsonian Interviewing Guide:

www.folklife.si.edu/resources/pdf/interviewingguide.pdf

Publish your own website:

Cheaper than an Ancestry or FindMyPast subscription

I use Hoopla Hosting, a New Zealand company with an excellent help desk and helpful staff.

Almost cheaper than a cup of coffee, per month:

<https://www.hooplahosting.co.nz/client/aff.php?aff=1149>

The 1918 Influenza Epidemic: Burials at Karori Cemetery Project

This interesting project is being led and coordinated by Barbara Mulligan, Karori Cemetery Tours (KCT). The project details are as follows:

Goal

Enhanced heritage features at Karori Cemetery featuring information about those who died during the influenza epidemic during November and December 1918 and are buried in Karori Cemetery.

Background

This project intends to focus on the major sites in Karori Cemetery where those who died during the influenza epidemic of November and December 1918 were buried. These sites are in the second Church of England section, the first Roman Catholic section, and the second Public section (known as Gum Gully), as well as the oldest (circular) part of the Services section. The project will be conducted throughout the two-year period November 2016 until December 2018, concluding by mid-December 2018, thereby covering the centenary of the peak period of the pandemic (18-23 November 1918). It will mobilise community groups to assist with clearing, cleaning and opening up the main sites for greater and safer public access. During the project period genealogists from the four branches of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will research the lives and family circumstances of at least 75 of those who died, and this information will be uploaded to a dedicated website.

The concluding weeks of the project will coincide with the centenary of the Armistice of WW1 on 11 November 2018.

There will be a promotional campaign aimed at identifying descendants of those buried, to invite their participation. Other promotional efforts will focus on attracting volunteers willing to do the work, as well as community groups. Volunteer support will minimise costs, and support outreach to the wider community.

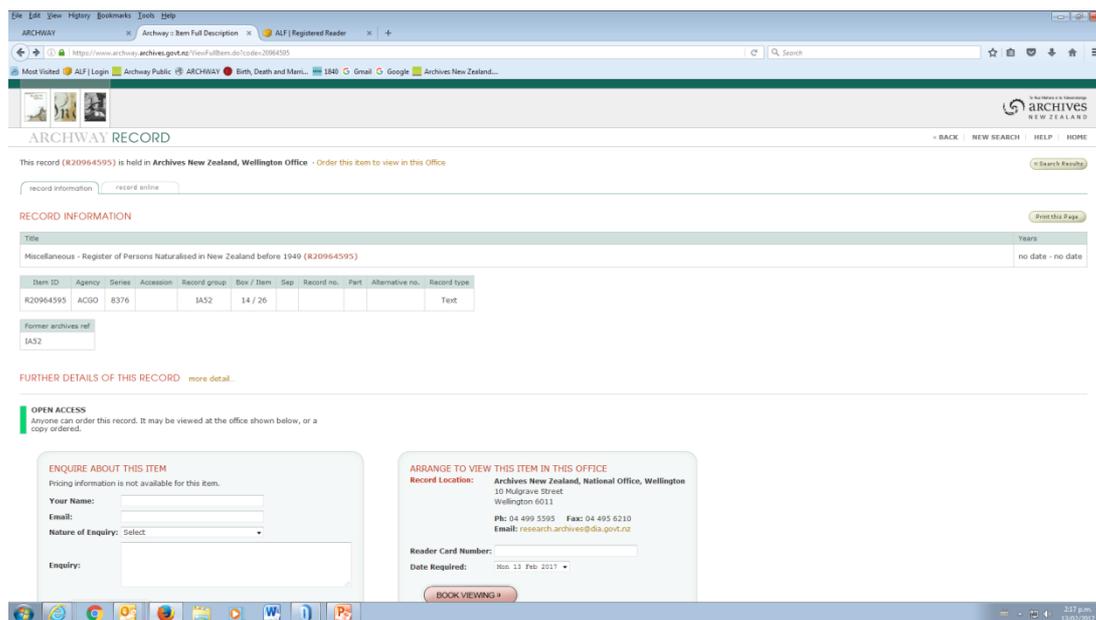
Outputs may include a website, interpretation panels, and a self-guided heritage walk, or a digital Storybook using GPS coordinates.

Contact Barbara Mulligan to get involved in the project at flu1918karori@gmail.com

FAMILY HISTORY MONTHLY TALKS 2017

Find out more about the resources and services at the Archives New Zealand that can help with your family history research.

How to use Archway for searching Archive New Zealand's holdings



Screenshot of a search on Archway, Archives New Zealand's system for documenting government records in the context of their creation and use.

“Archway is so difficult to use”. How often have you heard or uttered this cry? Archives New Zealand's vast and complex 'collections' are not catalogued like library materials. They are listed in a unique archival manner, and identifying records for your research can often be difficult. A good working knowledge of the main listing system, *Archway*, removes some of the hit-and-miss. In this talk **Donal Raethel** will look at some of the opportunities, idiosyncracies and limitations of *Archway* and some strategies to optimise your research.

Donal Raethel is a Senior Archivist in the Research Services team of Archives New Zealand

Te Rua Mahara o te Kāwanatanga.

Tuesday 21 March 2017

12:10 – 1:00pm

Te Ahumairangi, Ground Floor, National Library of New Zealand

Watch the national Library website for information about future talks and events

www.natlib.govt.nz

New Zealand shipping Company Vessel SS Otaki



Painting of the SS Otaki by Wallace Trickett

The Unveiling of a Memorial at Otaki College to commemorate the centenary of the sinking of the New Zealand Shipping Company Vessel SS Otaki by the German Auxiliary cruiser Moewe is on the 10 March 1917 by

Her Excellency The Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy, GNZM, QSO, Governor-General of New Zealand Te Kāwana Tianara o Aotearoa.

[Otaki College](#), 233 Mill Road, Otaki, Kapiti Coast 10.15am (for 10.30am start), 10th March 2017

Background:

The battle between the Otaki and Moewe was unique in that the Otaki's Master, Captain Bissett Smith, was posthumously awarded the Victoria Cross.

However, what makes it particularly special is that in 1937, to honour the Master's connection with New Zealand (as well as sailing for the New Zealand Company, he had married a Dunedin woman in 1914), the New Zealand Shipping Company funded the Head Boy from Smith's school (Robert Gordon's College) in Aberdeen, Scotland, (the Otaki Scholar), to visit New Zealand.

The New Zealand Government funded the Otaki Scholar's stay in this country. Every year since then, apart from during the Second World War, the Otaki Scholar has visited New Zealand; spending some time in Otaki. Since 2013, an Otaki College student has participated in a reciprocal scholarship, known as the Sander Scholar.

Ceremony:

As well as acknowledging the loss of the SS Otaki the ceremony, to be held at Ōtaki College, will recognise:

- the role of the Merchant Navy in the First World War
- the relationship between Ōtaki and Ōtaki College and Robert Gordon's College and Aberdeen
- the relationship between the local iwi (Ngati Raukawa) and the Otaki Scholar.

In addition to the ceremonies at Otaki College, a First World War maritime related exhibition – The First World War at Sea – will be opened at 12.30 pm in the Otaki Museum, 49 Main Street, Ōtaki.

Irish Research Day



Jenny Martin is bringing the Irish Interest Group collection to visit the Kilbirnie branch.

She has arranged for access to both Ancestry and Findmypast

The Irish microfiche and book collections will be there to read

We welcome not only our own members but those from other branches as well

- ❖ Tea and coffee will be available
- ❖ Gold coin admission charge
- ❖ Please do bring your own laptops to conduct your research because internet access will be available.

9.30am to noon on Wednesday March 15 2017, upstairs at the former Park Bowling Clubrooms next door to the Regional Aquatic Centre Kilbirnie Crescent Kilbirnie.

Wellington High School Community Education Centre

Genealogy - An Introduction: Genealogy and discovering your family history has never been easier. This introductory course aims to give you the tools to research your family using the internet as a starting point. It will cover the basics of how to **Course Dates:**

Thursdays, March 16 - April 6, 2017 7:30pm - 9:30pm Presenter Sarah Hewitt. Cost \$105

Saturdays, September 16 & 23, 2017 9:30am - 1:30pm Presenter Sarah Hewitt Cost \$105

Description: We'll begin with "where" and "how" to start and examine the Genealogical Proof Standard and some of the practical elements, such as keeping organised and how much genealogy can cost. We'll then look in more depth at six types records: vital records (births, marriages and deaths), wills, censuses, newspapers, immigration and military.

You'll discover what information they contain and where to find them. Then you can start researching, with your tutor on hand to help! The course is aimed at beginners and will cover records from the English-speaking parts of the world. For further information and to enrol:

www.cecwellington.ac.nz/courses/1293-genealogy-an-introduction

Latest additions to Newspapers (February 2017):

- [Bay of Plenty Times \(1931-1940\)](#)
- [Cromwell Argus \(1876-1878, 1921-1948\)](#)
- [Globe \(1874-1882\)](#)
- [Hawke's Bay Times \(1861-1868\)](#)
- [Horowhenua Chronicle \(1931-1939\)](#)
- [Lyttelton Times \(Apr 1869-1889\)](#)
- [New Zealand Times \(1874-1920\)](#)
- [Northern Advocate \(1931-1935\)](#)
- [Otago Witness \(1916-1920\)](#)

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers>

NZSG Conference 2017

Looking forward to the past

***Celebrating 50 Years of the New Zealand Society of
Genealogists 1967 - 2017***

Alexandra Park, Greenlane West, Auckland

Queen's Birthday Weekend 2-5 June 2017

The conference is excited to be hosting four international presenters:

Ian Waller FSG, FGRA, AGRA. Ian has 30 years' experience in English research and related topics. He is a well-known presenter and author of genealogical resource books.

Diane Southard, formerly a molecular genealogist, now a DNA specialist and consultant who will explain the vagaries of DNA testing and the results.

Dick Eastman has been involved in genealogy for more than thirty years and is known to many through his global newsletter and his expertise in genealogical computing.

Judy Russell CG, CGL. Judy is a legal genealogist who understands a wide variety of issues including the interplay between genealogy and the law.

There will also be a great line up of New Zealand presenters to keep you entertained and informed all weekend.

There will also be a genealogy related exhibition hall.

Come and enjoy a weekend of comradeship with fellow genealogists from around New Zealand and beyond.

https://www.genealogy.org.nz/2017-Conference_1571.aspx

For more information and a registration form