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The Committee would like to wish you All a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Greetings All,

Thanks to Adrian Humphris and Patrick Fenlon for their presentations at our November meetings.

Looking ahead to 2020 here are a few dates for your diary: -

Saturday 1 February, NZSG Scottish Interest Group-Greater Wellington.

Wednesday 12 February, Petone Library, Heritage Library Volunteers evening.

Thank you to all the members who have volunteered during 2019. If you would like to change your day or are no longer available please contact Jennifer Flynn as soon as possible, phone 589 0544.

Thursday 20 February morning, a trip to Wellington City Archives has been organised. An email will be sent out to all members asking for expressions of interest in early February.

Wednesday 25 March NZSG Wellington Branch, Guest Speaker- Blaine Bettinger.

Helene Philpott,

Convenor

Branch Meeting Programme December 2019:

Thursday 12 December Evening Meeting – Helene Philpott and Susie Fraser- Old recipe books and memories from Christmas past. Bring your memories of Christmas past to share. Supper to follow, which will include a celebration cake made by Susie from an old recipe.

There will also be a raffle of Christmas Goodies; Tickets \$2 each or 3 for \$5 – 2 Prizes, value \$50 each.



An Accolade for Jenny Martin:

At the meeting of branches from the Lower North Island Region (LNIR) on Saturday 23 November the Convenor for about 15 years, Kilbirnie member Jenny Martin, stood down from that position.

For our newer members, branches from Whanganui and Hawkes Bay south to Cook Strait, comprise the LNIR, and meet three times a year to “network”, report to each other, and to liaise with NZSG through Director Gill Knox.

To recognise Jenny’s long and valuable service, Gill presented her with a Certificate on behalf of NZSG. Also, the new Convenor, Helene Philpott (Convenor of Hutt Valley Branch) also presented Jenny with a voucher based on contributions from all the LNIR branches.

You may come across Jenny in her other roles, as Convenor of the LNI Irish Interest Group, and as Coordinator of the Family Search desk at National Library, both of which she will continue to handle.

***Congratulations Jenny!
Thanks to Rodney King Kilbirnie Branch***

The Edmonds Cookery Book:

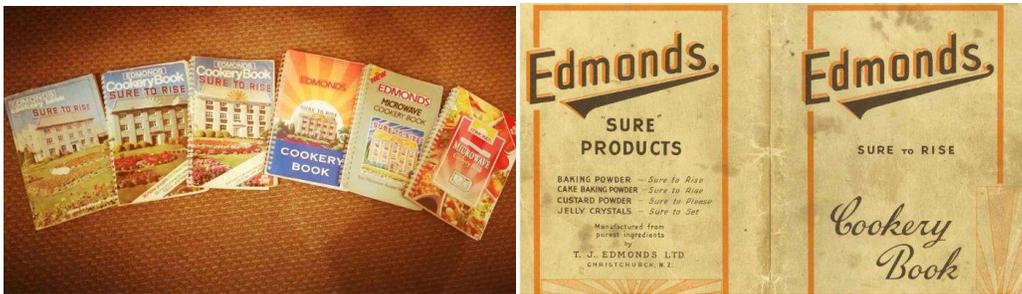
How NZ's much-loved Book has Drastically Evolved.

As Kiwis, we're proud of our little country and all the things that put us on the world stage. 'Whatever happened to...' is a series looking at how some of our most iconic treasures came to be and where they are now.

Goosey caramel slice, mouth-watering afghans and tasty Anzac biscuits - you name it, the *Edmonds Cookery Book* likely has it. But did you know the humble scone is the most popular Edmonds recipe? Although banana cake has consistently topped polls as a Kiwi favourite, scones are the clear winner, according to Edmonds.

Just like milk and bread, the Edmonds cookbook is a staple in many Kiwi households. But it isn't just any old cookery book. With it comes history, often passed down from generation to generation.

Many Edmonds cookbooks have creased covers. Their pages are stained with cake mix and their corners folded and torn. Scrawled notes from old family members appear at the bottom like footnotes.



A selection of Edmonds Cookery Books published across three decades.

The 7th edition of the Edmond Cookery Book, published in 1952

The first *Edmonds Cookery Book* was published in 1908. But over time it has undergone some radical changes. Here's what's new with New Zealand's most-loved cookbook.

'Sure, To Rise'

The story begins with Thomas John Edmonds, who owned a small grocery store in Christchurch in the 1870s. After learning that much of the baking powder being sold at the time was unreliable, Edmonds set about making his own. The [trademark](#) "Sure to Rise" that now graces the packets of all

Edmonds products is said to have been his catchphrase, the Edmonds website states. Edmonds eventually went on to make a pamphlet of recipes for his customers, and in 1908 the first '*Sure to Rise*' *Cookery Book* was born. It contained just 50 pages of recipes and tips.

Edmonds "did brilliantly" when it came to marketing his products. "He actually sent them to couples who had engagement notices in the newspaper. So that was very good marketing on his part." Housewives also received a complimentary copy on request.

Over the years, the Edmonds cookbook has been altered and republished many times. More than a century later, Edmonds' notion around gifting the book still exists, as people wrap it up for Christmas and engagement presents and give it to teenagers going flatting.

So, What's Changed?

The Edmonds book has changed constantly through the years - grown and responded obviously to the different fads and fashions. Still, in the minds of the public it seems like the book's "never changed", she says. "The copy that was on their mother's bench [seems like] the same copy they've got on their bench. Even though, if you actually went through and compared the recipes that wouldn't be the case."

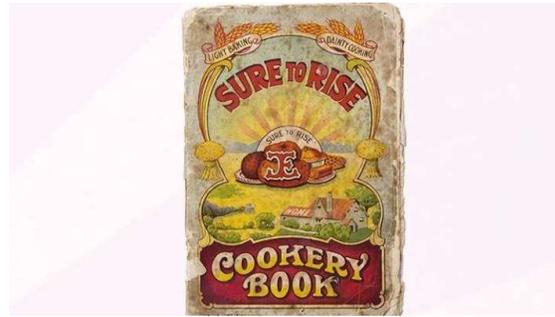
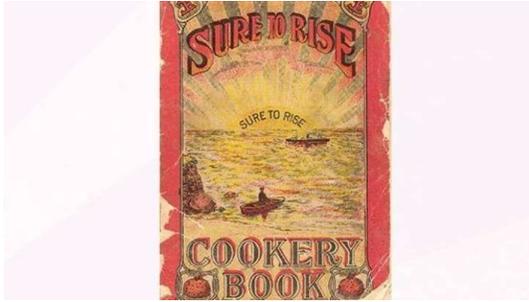
Historically, there have been incremental changes as new editions were released.

The fourth edition, from 1923, introduced coloured illustrations. The book released in 1955 was a deluxe edition which expanded to 570 recipes.

The eighth edition added more savoury dishes, like pasta. The 1971 cookbook was a special gas-cooking edition, which reflected the changes of that era.

In the late 70s the spiral-bound style was introduced - which is still the style of the book today.

By the late 80s, there were hardback covers and, in the 90s, nutritional information, international foods and breakfast sections were added.



The Edmonds Cookery Book in 1908. The Edmonds Cookery Book in 1923.

Cooking Revised.

The *Edmonds Cookery Book* started out being a "general purpose book", but over time the recipes had changed so much that it was no longer the case. Some of the recipes in the previous cookbooks had moved away from traditional cooking and baking. There were recipes that had hugely reduced the amount of butter needed or removed it altogether. "If you're doing traditional baking, very often you need butter."

The most recent edition of the *Edmonds Cookery Book* is the 70th, which is the version now gracing New Zealand bookstore shelves.

What's Next for Edmonds?

Are there more drastic changes on the cards for the *Edmonds Cookery Book*? Apparently not. "We don't have any plans at this stage for a revised edition," an Edmonds spokesperson says. The cookery book has been a constant, reliable companion in Kiwi kitchens for over 100 years, the spokesperson adds.

"New Zealanders have grown up with it, learned to cook with it and fed families from it, as well as prepared picnics, birthday cakes and holiday feasts from it.

"Kiwis have taken it flatting, packed it for OEs, moved into new homes with it, made notes in it and spilled things all over its pages."

"The book has somehow got into the psyche and the hearts of New Zealanders and it stayed there.



RESEARCHING RESOURCES OPEN DAY

Saturday 14th March 2020

9.30 am - 4.00 pm

**At Kilwinning Lodge, Church Street,
Opposite Ashley Street and Farmers
PALMERSTON NORTH**

Speakers

**Emerson Vandy - Papers Past
Richard Foy – Archives New Zealand
Sarah Hewitt, [NZSG] - 2^o Relationship**

**Plus Jenny Martin – Ann Ball
Dawn Chambers & more**

**Your chance to hear nation-wide speakers, and
local research specialists, from throughout the
Manawatu in one place.**

Keep this Day free

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Online Scottish Family History Resources:

Scotland's Places <http://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk>

Tartan Register <http://www.tartanregister.gov.uk/index>

Online Scottish newspapers

<http://www.onlinenewspapers.com/scotland.htm>

Online British newspapers <http://www.britishnewspapersarchive.co.uk/>

National Records of Scotland (NRS) <http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/>

National Library of Scotland (NLS) <http://www.nls.uk/>

Gazetteer for Scotland <http://www.scottish-places.info/>

Scottish Monumental Inscriptions

<http://scottish-monumental-inscriptions.com/index.php?route=common/home>

The Heraldry Society of Scotland <http://www.heraldry-scotland.co.uk>

Free Census Information for the UK <http://www.freecen.orh.uk/>

Scottish Indexes <http://www.scottishindexes.com/>

Scottish Documents <Http://www.scottishdocuments.com/default.aspx>

Old Scottish Genealogy & Family History <http://www.oldscottish.com/>

Thanks to Doug Miller, Scottish Interest Group, Greater Wellington



[https://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters/FamNet/December 2019/Newsletter.htm](https://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters/FamNet/December%202019/Newsletter.htm)

Including an interesting article on 'The need for Genealogy Societies/Groups'

Websites:

<https://madonnewzealand.com/collectables>

MAD on New Zealand – Memories Start Here

A New Zealand website for New Zealand Content



<https://www.lostcousins.com/>

<https://www.conservationsupplies.co.nz/>

Conservation Supplies for archivists and conservators, Havelock North.

<https://www.pnp.co.nz/archival-storage/>

Port Nicholson Packaging, Petone, manufacturers of archival enclosures of international quality, sourcing acid free / buffered cardboard from the UK and Australia.

<https://archivesonline.wcc.govt.nz/>

Wellington City Archives -What can you Find?

People, places, events and other records dating back to 1840. This includes building permits, consents and other property information, along with all sorts of heritage information about our city.



*Description Intersection of Lambton Quay and Johnston Street, Kirkcaldie and Stains on the corner. A tramcar bound for Lambton Station. (Photographer: R.P. Moore)
Wellington City Council Archives, 00150-3*



Evening Meeting: 7.30pm 2nd Thursday, February to December
Doors Open: 7pm

Day Meeting: 10.00am 3rd Thursday, February to November
Doors Open: 9.30am

Venue: Petone Library, Meeting Room, 7-11 Britannia Street

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