## KAPITI BRANCH N.Z.S.G.

New Zealand Society of Genealogists 53 Donovan Road, Paraparaumu Beach

Meetings held at Masonic Lodge Rooms, Tararua Street, Paraparaumu 4th Wednesdays of months January to November at 7.30 pm June 2002

#### **PROGRAMME**

Jun 26th Workshop Jul 24th To be advised NOTICES

WELCOME to New Members.MCCARTEN Denice, Ph 905 8266,

**THOMSON** Barry J, Ph 904 8820 **BURTON** John (Jack), Ph 904 4494,REDDffiX Robert Ph 298 6370 **RESEARCH WEEKEND!** Hutt Valley & Wellington Branches are combining to hold a Research Weekend on Saturday 29th June 9.30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 30th June 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Hutt Bridge Club, Park Avenue, Lower Hutt. Introduction to Family History- Birth, Deaths & Marriages - NZ Archives- Family History Centres - British Census- Irish Research - Swiss Records in Jura area -Computing - Recording your Family History etc. Cost:- Weekend ticket \$15 visitors, Day ticket \$10 visitors. Hot Drinks and soup on sale, bring your own lunch.

**ROUND ROBIN** Would those people receiving magazines in the 'round robin', please re-subscribe as soon as possible to John Glover. Australian \$7; Irish \$4; Scots \$4. New subscribers are welcome. If you are not sure if you've paid, please phone John on 297 0129 during business hours. **A** 

**DIFFERENT GENEALOGY SEARCH** Were you at the May meeting? Did you buy a magazine from the sales table? Was it "Australian Family Tree Connection" June 2001? If so your payment will be refunded on return of the magazine to me, as it is not for sale. It is one of the round robin magazines paid for by some members, which was being returned to John Glover and I "misfiled" it. *Deborah Shuker* 

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To assist the Committee, will members please help with supper duties, particularly the serving and washing up

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#### THE NEW NZSG OBITUARIES COLLECTION

An addition to the NZ Record Collections was approved by Council at their . April meeting. The NZSG Obituaries Collection will hold obituaries submitted by members from newspapers or family papers etc. This collection will primarily relate to New Zealand obituaries. Initially, the focus will be on the collection of obituaries, with an index and research service by mail and email being available at a later date. Details of this will be advertised in "The NZ Genealogist" and on the website. Liz Quaid from Ashburton has been appointed as the NZSG Officer in charge of this collection. Any members wishing to submit obituaries to the collection can forward them, either photocopied, typed or handwritten, to:

NZSG Obituaries Collection

x. Liz Quaid

115 Wills Street

Ashburton

**1891 UK CENSUSES LONDON & LANCASHIRE** Full\*sets of 38 CDs each of the 1891 UK Censuses for both London sand Lancashire are held at the Porirua Library, Nome & Parumoana' Streets, phone (04)237 1541. The Library is open 7 days a week, from 10 am Monday - Saturday, and from noon on Sunday, there is a charge of \$3 for all day (payable at trie Front Desk) for researchers from outside the Porirua area. Excellent value for money, as each set of CDs cost about £50

These Census CDs are not easy to use. There are no indexes, and searches are solely on the bases of residential address. Determine the addresses and Areas (e.g. Hackney) in advance, or don't waste your time even going. Images are digitised facsimiles of the actual handwritten pages, and can be very difficult to read, so increase the magnification % shown at the bottom of the screen to 100% (use the Down Arrow). There are said to be some 200,000 digitised pages for London, which is quite believable.

Simplified steps are (1) Using CD38, find the Piece Number and Folio/Place Number (e.g. RG12/191 10) for the required Area Sheet, street, and house number, and write it down; (2) From all 38 CDs select the appropriate one for the Piece Number, and replace CD38 with it; (3) Seek the Folio/Place Number, and Scroll/Page Down to the exact address.

You will need both patience and determination, and it can all be very time-consuming and frustrating. Well worth it, though, when you find what you want. Good Luck! Derek GrifRs

### NZSG SOUTHERN NORTH ISLAND REGIONAL MEETING HELD IN LEVIN ON SATURDAY. 18TH MAY 2002 **REPORT**

John Glover and I represented the Kapiti Branch, getting up to date with Society happenings and other Branches' programmes.

The NZSG Annual General Meeting is to be held in Oamaru in October, part of this will be promoting genealogy in that area. This year it will not follow the normal format, with speakers. Members have been advised that the Society's library books may not be available during this time, as they will be part of the display at the AGM. There will be changes to the NZSG, as Heather Webber, current President, is among those Committee Members who will be standing down.

The 2003 Conference & AGM will be held in Auckland, and it has been suggested that the 2004 Conference be held in our area, where is still undecided.

We were advised that the Library Purchasing Committee has been allotted funds to purchase books and is interested in getting input from members as to where they consider the gaps are.

Paul Alpe, who has been busy getting school roles as well as the NZSG Library Catalogue onto computer, brought his lap-top to the meeting and several of those present had a play accessing data from his records.

Apparently the Registrar's Office for Births, Deaths & marriages have had a change of heart regarding charges to genealogists after the NZSG Federation's submission. They now say that Certificates post 1875 will cost \$20, while earlier ones will be \$26.

Branches with 75% or over NZSG membership are likely to get priority when borrowing NZSG library books.

One of the benefits of these meetings is finding out what other Branches are doing, and what speakers they have had that are worth following up. It is amazing to note that there are still Branches in the area who have not heard Duncan Balmer yet

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