

## Genealogical Computing Group, Special Interest Group of NZSG

### Chairman's Report, June 2019

I am pleased to present my fourth annual report. The .magazine remains our main communication and in its email form has been warmly received by all members. We have continued to provide a cheap "round-robin" service for "Family Tree" and "Internet Genealogy" magazines. I recommend you join the round robin.

GCG is very busy collaborating with the Auckland Library to present an Auckland Family History Expo on weekend of 9, 10, 11 August at the Fickling Centre, Three Kings. We have again arranged overseas and local speakers covering a full range of genealogical subjects. Some members have already kindly offered to assist with the weekend. You must attend with your family, friends and again the Expo is free!

Our website at [www.gencom.org.nz](http://www.gencom.org.nz) is maintained with relevant information on new and updated software, links to sub-groups and useful URLs. The AGM for Southland Computing Interest Group AGM was held with Wendy (Hutchinson) Shaw remaining as Secretary/Treasurer. Numbers are steady. Topics included in the past year are- Overseas/NZ military records, cemetery records, BYOD for 'how to' sessions, Family Search updates, Trove newspapers, Canadian research, burial locators as well as some 'field' trips and social events. These encompass not only folk becoming more familiar with their computers/laptops/tablets but a few 'monkey see monkey do' sessions. Many folk also requested having some social element planned as it is here where the tribulations & problems can be shared by like minded people. We need to appeal to the wider community given such rapid changes in technology and how this can apply to genealogy.

Kay O'Brien presented this AGM Convenor's report for the Feilding Branch Computer Group of NZSG. We had our usual 10 meetings for this past year and once again I thank all our Feilding members who come each month and make our meetings so interesting. We have our usual talk around the table on what each member has been doing in the world of Genealogy. The topics covered include a huge range of topics from finding a DNA connection confirms an illegitimate child, family crests, family research from the Channel Islands, Googling a name found a gravestone photo, computer and laptops freezing up was a hard drive problem, somebody had visited the Edwin Fox Museum, Grandmother who seems to have three surnames, plus lots of finds through the internet and visiting archives and museums. I also want to thank the Feilding Library for the use for our monthly meetings and the use of the Computers and resources for our members. We are very lucky that we have such a great reference of books, cd's, dvd's and microfiche that we can access very easily. I also thank our Librarian Janet Doyle for keeping our Library up to date and the wonderful monthly newsletter for all our members and other branches who receive it. Thank you Wendy for looking after the Southland Group, and Kay for looking after the Fielding Group, and the Committee members for their contributions during the year to the GCG and the Expo also Penny King and Kevin Crowe. All of the GCG Committee are offering themselves for re-election. One or two more people would bring new ideas to the Committee as John has done. It's not onerous as our meetings are few, held after the monthly meeting, and lasting only one hour.