

Genealogy Computer Group
Special Interest Group of NZSG

Chairman's Report, July 2016

I am pleased to present my first annual report.

As was the situation in 2015, membership continues a slow decline, but the GCG has not outlived its usefulness. The large attendances at our Auckland meetings tell me that members still find our meetings useful in find new ways of tackling genealogical problems.

The magazine is our first line of communication with members but our editor, Richard Griffin, struggles to find interesting and useful articles to fill it. Please assist Richard by supplying him with any articles and information you think would be useful and interesting to our members.

The toughest job for any committee is thinking of topics that may be of interest to their members and then finding speakers able to offer that type of presentation.

We continue to provide a cheap "round-robin" service for Family Tree magazine and the CD-based "Internet Genealogy". There are some marvellous articles in both magazines. I recommend you join the round robin.

GCG is collaborating with the Auckland City Library to present an Auckland Family History Expo on weekend of 12, 13, 14 August at the Fickling Centre, Three Kings. Your committee has been very busy helping in the organisation of the Expo. We have overseas and local speakers covering a full range of genealogical subjects. You must attend along with your family and friends and the Expo is free!

Our website at www.gencom.org.nz was maintained with relevant information on new and updated software, links to sub-groups and useful URLs. Suggestions from members for enhancements of the web site are always welcome.

I thank all the committee members for their contributions during the year. Jan Gow and Chris Bayley (Secretaries), Bryn Smith (Treasurer), Rex Wood (Membership), Richard Griffin (Editor), Penny King (Round Robin Organiser), Neville Thomas (Webmaster) and David Bryant (Programme Organiser).

All members of the GCG committee are offering themselves for re-election. One or two more people would bring in new ideas. The job is not onerous and our meetings are few, held after the members meeting, and lasting no more than an hour.

Don Gallagher.