

Genealogy Computer Group, Special Interest Group of NZSG

Chairman's Report, July 2017

I am pleased to present my second annual report.

The large attendances at our Auckland meetings tell me that members still find our meetings useful in learning new ways of tackling genealogical problems.

The magazine is our first line of communication with members but our editor, Richard Griffin, has sadly resigned from this position due to pressure at work. We have located a new editor and are just finalising his terms of reference. Once settled we would like our members to assist by supplying him with any articles and information you think would be useful and interesting to publish.

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 appreciate any and all suggestions.

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

GCG is again collaborating with the Auckland Library to present an Auckland Family History Expo on weekend of 11, 12, 13 August at the Fickling Centre, Three Kings. Your committee has been very busy helping in the organisation of the Expo. We again have overseas and local speakers covering a full range of genealogical subjects. Five members have already kindly offered to assist with the weekend. 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), Penny King (Round Robin Organiser), and David Bryant (Programme Organiser). Also Richard Griffin (retiring Editor) and Neville Thomas (retired Webmaster).

I thank both Richard and Neville for their many hours of work over the years. All other 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.