

Genealogical Computing Group, Special Interest Group of NZSG

Chairman's Report, July 2021

I am pleased to present my sixth annual report. The e.magazine remains our main communication and in email form is well received by all members. We have discontinued to provide a cheap "round-robin" service for "Family Tree" and "Internet Genealogy" magazines due to lack of interest.

GCG is again busy collaborating with the Auckland Library to present another Auckland Family History Expo on weekend of 13, 14, 15 August at the Fickling Centre, Three Kings. Because of restrictions we have again arranged for webinar addresses by overseas and some of the local speakers covering a full range of genealogical subjects. We now run three sessions per hour. Some members have already kindly offered to assist with the weekend. Are you able to help? You must attend with your family, friends and again the Expo is free!

With the Auckland Library, we are again assisting the Christchurch Library in arranging a Christchurch Family History Expo on weekend of 21st 22nd August. This will be of great interest to the South Island members.

Our website at www.gencom.org.nz is maintained with relevant information on new and updated software, links to sub-groups and useful URLs.

Kay O'Brien reports from Feilding Branch Computer Group of NZSG:

Due to Covid our meetings last year were different, and we had to get use to Zoom meetings a couple of times. We were then able to get back to some sort of normal when the Feilding Public Library let us meet again at night. Our research meetings have been slightly different since the introduction of Chrome Books to us from the Library so we can do our online. We need to think about where the group is heading and after some feedback we have decided to go back to have our round the table talks before actually opening the Chrome Books. We also need to make better use of the resources the branch has and not just rely on what is online. Thanks to Bev and Trish who are always there with everything ready for our meetings and also thanks to Ross for bringing me to the Library twice a month for both our meetings. We have also talked about whether a daytime meeting would help with some of our members who can't always get to our night meetings. Once again thanks to everyone who comes along and participates and are very helpful when we strike a problem.

Kay O'Brien.

I thank you, Kay and your Committee, for looking after the Fielding Group, and the Auckland Committee members for their contributions during the year to the GCG and the Expo, also Kevin Crowe for GenCom News. All the GCG Committee are offering themselves for re-election. One or two more people would bring new ideas to the Committee. It is not onerous as our meetings are few, held after the monthly meeting, and lasting a maximum of one hour.

Don Gallagher.