

Convenors Report

GCG AGM - 15 Jul 2023

Our Annual General Meeting of the Genealogical Computing Group was held on Saturday, 18 June 2022 at the Fickling Centre, Mt. Albert Road, Mt. Roskill, Auckland at 1:30 pm.

Rex Wood resigned from the committee after 23 years of service to us. We wished him well.

Since then, the GCG has been busy conducting our open meetings and the Expo.

The following GCG open meetings were held in 2022 and 2023.

- July We held this meeting by Zoom – a first for us.
Our speakers were firstly Dorothy Walker who talked about "Finding my GrandFather", followed by John Soppet who presented several articles including "5 Common genealogical errors & how to avoid them", "7 steps for fact checking on line family trees" and "5 ideas to get to know females in your family research".
- August No meeting, as this was the 2022 Auckland Family History Expo. Once again this was an excellent weekend. Our members did a very good job.
- September Pam White presented Land Research and associated resources.
- October Viv Parker presented her recent involvement at the AFFHO (Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Inc) Congress on Norfolk Island.
- November Field trip to HOWICK VILLAGE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

The new year saw us in our new venue at the NZSG FRC.

- January Field trip to New Zealand Maritime Museum – 'Seeking the Happy Isles'.
This had been arranged last year and the committee decided on an early opening to our year's activities.
- February Bryn Smith gave a talk on "WW2 Convoys- a Mariner's Service".
- March Jo Cocker from Auckland Libraries gave a talk on the Niche Academy.
- April Viv Parker spoke on "Popular and Not So Well Known Resources in the NZSG Library.... Have you seen them?"
- April extra We had an ANZAC special by Zoom where Bryn Smith presented his
"WW2 Convoys- a Mariner's Service". This was recorded and is available to members.
- May Robyn Williams presented "Researching the NZSG Library Catalogue & easy ways to search for what you are looking for"
- June I presented, "Choosing Genealogical Software". This was followed by a good discussion about genealogical software in general.

Here we are at our 2023 AGM. My thanks go to our committee, Bryn Smith, Chris Bayley, Dorothy Walker and all our helpers who have made the past year a success. Also, to the staff of the FRC who have helped us. Your current committee is standing again, and we welcome two new members, Alan Cobcroft and Marilyn King. We would really welcome a volunteer for Secretary.

Our website under the management of Chris Bayley has been undergoing an update and now works much better than it did. It is now set-up so that only financial members can access GENCOM, our newsletter.

This year the NZSG has revised their rule 12 which governs Branches & Interest Groups. The change is quite radical and results in us being subject to a new Constitution which supercedes our Bylaws. Your committee has done due diligence in tailoring this document to our needs and we will vote to accept it later in the meeting.

Once again, we are in the late stages of organising the 2023 Auckland Family History Expo to be held again in the Fickling Centre in the weekend of Friday 11th to Sunday 13th August.

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