



A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY

The 2011 Annual General Meeting and Conference of
the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.



PO Box 5523 Moray Place, Dunedin 9058, Dunedin, New Zealand
Email: 2011conference@genealogy.org.nz

Registration Form

Please read the General Conference Notes before completing the registration form and making programme selection. Keep a copy of this form for your reference.

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Surname:	First Name:	Title:
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Postal Address:		Post Code:
Phone:	Email:	Fax:
NZSG No:	Branch/Interest Group:	First Conference: YES / NO

Full Conference Registration	\$
If paid before 28 th February 2011 @ \$150	
If paid after 28 th February 2011 @ \$170	
OR Daily Conference Registration – please circle day/s required	
<i>Friday Night & Saturday Morning (classed as a single day)</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>Monday</i>	
Qty: @ \$ 70 per day	
Meals: Please circle relevant days	
Lunch <i>Saturday</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>Monday</i> Qty: @ \$ 17	
Conference Dinner – Saturday Qty: @ \$ 70	
Conference Barbecue – Sunday Qty: @ \$ 35	
Please indicate if Partner or Guest is attending Dinner YES / NO	
Partner / Guest's Name for Ticket	
Free Return Bus Trip Saturday YES / NO Sunday YES / NO	
Special Dietary Requirements:	
Conference Proceedings Qty: @ \$ 30	
(NOTE: These will be included in conference bags)	
Postage on Proceedings (if not attending conference): Qty: @ \$ 5	
Other Special Requirements e.g. Mobility : Please enclose details with form	
Tax Invoice GST No: 105-560-885 All amounts are quoted in New Zealand dollars and include GST Payment has been made by (please see details on last page): Post completed registration / programme form with remittance to: The 2011 AGM & Conference of the NZSG PO Box 5523 Moray Place, Dunedin 9058, New Zealand	TOTAL: Cheque / Bank Deposit

Programme

Time	Activity & Speaker	Tick the box	
Friday 3 June			
3.00 – 7.30	Registration		
7.30 – 9.30	Conference Opening <i>Resources at the NZSG – Christine Hurst</i> Drinks & Nibbles		OPN
Saturday 4 June			
8.30 – 1.30	Conference Desk		
8.50 – 9.00	Welcome & Notices		
9.00 – 10.30	Panel: NZ Archives – Dunedin Otago Settlers Museum Hocken Library, University of Otago		P1
10.30 – 11.00	Morning Tea		
11.00 – 12.30	<i>Where do I research next ?</i> Panel: NZ Archives - Dunedin Otago Settlers Museum Hocken Library, University of Otago Presbyterian Archives Catholic Archives Heritage Room, Dunedin City Library Dunedin City Council Archives		Q&A
12.30 – 2.00	Lunch		
12.30 – 1.10	Interest Group Meeting - Scottish		IG1
1.10 – 1.50	Interest Group Meeting - Irish		IG2
1.00 – 1.55	Registration for AGM		
2.00 – 5.00	NZSG Annual General Meeting Refreshments		AGM
6.30 – 7.00	Pre-dinner Drinks		
7.00 – 11.00	Conference Dinner		CD
Sunday 5 June			
8.30 – 4.00	Conference Desk		
8.50 – 9.00	Welcome & Notices		
9.00 – 10.00	Plenary: <i>Gold in Otago – Tom Brooking</i>		P1
10.15 – 10.45	Morning Tea		
10.45 – 11.25	Maori European Intermarriage – Angela Wanhalla		W1a
	Education in Otago – Dorothy Page		W1b
	Looking after your Genealogical Treasures – Photos - Donald Cochrane		GT1
	Local Repository – Presbyterian Archives – Yvonne Wilkie		LR2
11.30 – 12.15	<i>Waipori Goldfields – David Still</i>		W1c
	Local Repository – Otago Settlers Museum – Jill Haley		LR1
	Beginners Classes – Southland Branch		BC1
	Computers – Databases		DB1
12.20 – 2.00	Lunch		
1.00 – 1.50	NZSG Branch & Interest Group Delegates Meeting		
2.00 – 3.00	Plenary: <i>The Making of a City – Jim MacAloon</i>		P2
3.00 – 3.30	Afternoon Tea		
3.45 – 4.20	<i>Miners – Terry Hearn</i>		W2a
	The Waihola Project – Betty Bunguard and Helen Simpson		W2c

	Looking after your Genealogical Treasures – Text – Anna Blackman & Marion Mehrstens		GT2
4.25 – 5.10	Prisoners in Early Dunedin – Kathleen Stringer		W2b
	Ancestry		AN
	Computers – Databases		DB2
5.15 – 7.00	Conference Spit Roast (inside)		CB
Monday 6 June			
8.30 – 3.00	Conference Desk		
8.50 – 9.00	Welcome & Notices		
9.00 – 9.45	Irish Migration – Following the Gold – Seán Brosnahan		W3a
	Early Shipping – Ian Church		W3b
	Looking after your Genealogical Treasures – Textiles – Catherine Smith		GT3
9.50 – 10.35	Vincent Pyke – John Angus		W3c
	Industrial Schools Lyn Whelan		IS
	Local Repository – DCC Archives – Alison Breese		LR3
	Computers – Databases		DB3
10.35 – 11.05	Morning Tea		
11.05 – 11.50	Arrowtown Gold – Angela Verry		W4a
	Organising a Family Reunion – Margaret and Russell Chirnside		W4c
	Local Repository – Heritage Room – Lorraine Johnston		LR4
	How can I Help ?		HH
11.55 – 12.40	Maori Miners and Otakau Roots – Bill Dacker		W4b
	Looking after your Genealogical Treasures – Cemeteries – Stewart Harvey		GT4
	Local Repository – Hocken Library – Anne Jackman		LR5
	Computers – Databases		DB4
12.45 – 2.30	Lunch		
12.50 – 1.30	Interest Group Meeting – Midlands & Northern England Interest Group Meeting – Maori		IG3 IG4
1.35 – 2.15	Interest Group Meeting – Southern England & East Anglia Interest Group Meeting - Cornish		IG5 IG6
2.30 – 3.30	Plenary: <i>Finding and Telling</i> – Ros Henry		P3
3.30 – 4.00	Conference Closing		CLS

Registration Form - Additional Information

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Payment

Payment may be made by Cheque or by Bank Deposit.

Cheque: Please make cheque payable to **2011 NZSG Annual Conference**

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Please indicate if you **do not** want your name displayed on the Conference Attendees Notice Board at the 2011 NZSG AGM & Conference.

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Research:

Please indicate if you intend to research at Archives New Zealand or the Hocken Library or wish to tour the Settlers Museum before or after the conference so extra staffing can be arranged to meet demand.

I intend to **research** at Archives NZ Wed 1st Thu 2nd Fri 3rd Tue 7th Wed 8th

I intend to **research** at the Hocken Wed 1st Thu 2nd Fri 3rd Tue 7th Wed 8th

I intend to **tour** the Settlers Museum Wed 1st Thu 2nd Fri 3rd Tue 7th Wed 8th



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General Conference Notes – Please keep these notes for your reference

The Dunedin Branch of the NZSG look forward to hosting you at the 2011 conference.

The conference will be held over Queen's Birthday Weekend, 3 – 6 June 2011 at John McGlashan College, 2 Pilkington Street, Maori Hill, Dunedin.

General

Under the Privacy Act 1993 we are required to inform you that information supplied on the registration form will be entered on computer and used to organise and run the conference after which it will be removed.

The conference committee reserves the right to alter the programme in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

Cancellation Policy

Cancellations received before 1 May 2011 will be charged a \$50 cancellation fee. After 1 May 2011 refunds for cancellations will be at the discretion of the conference committee. Cancellations must be in writing to: The 2011 AGM & Conference of NZSG, PO Box 5523 Moray Place, Dunedin 9058.

Part Registration

Participants may register for the full conference or for single days. Friday evening and Saturday morning is classed as a single day.

Research

Information about opening times and contact details for local repositories can be found on the conference web pages on the NZSG website www.genealogy.org.nz. In accordance with NZSG policy, research facilities at conference will not be available during the AGM on Saturday afternoon.

Refreshments & Meals

Lunch, morning and afternoon teas will be held at the same time each day. Continuous teas, coffee and water will be available during the conference.

Please make your own arrangements for Friday night dinner. Saturday night dinner will be held at Otago Museum, 419 Great King Street, Dunedin North and Sunday night barbecue will be held at John McGlashan College, 2 Pilkington Street, Maori Hill Dunedin.

Entertainment

Saturday: 'Musical Hall' – Dunedin Operatic Society

Sunday: *wait & see*

Accommodation

Attendees are responsible for arranging their own accommodation. Details of local accommodation can be found on the conference web pages on the NZSG website www.genealogy.org.nz. Alternatively on www.zoomin.co.nz, enter "nzsg2011" on the tags tab and a map will show the location of the venue, some repositories and some of the accommodation options. Some locations may have additional information.

Transport

John McGlashan College is also near a bus route. Details of the buses can be found on the Otago Regional Council website: www.orc.govt.nz. A mini bus will be on hand to transport registrants to and from John McGlashan College and George Street.

SPEAKERS & PRESENTATIONS

Christine HURST: *Resources at the NZSG*

This Conference offers Christine "A Golden Opportunity" to discuss the benefits membership of the NZSG offers its members, in particular through the Library. She will share discoveries she has made within the NZSG collections, questions which have been asked and how the answers have been located. NZSG has a strong "Gold Interest" collection, and in line with the conference theme, will explain how such resources might be accessed by members. Christine, a budding but keen genealogist, will also share the personal journey she is on discovering her own roots.

Peter MILLER: *Archives New Zealand – Dunedin Office*

The presentation will focus on the holdings of archives in Archives New Zealand's Dunedin Regional Office, which covers the Otago/Southland region. The archives range in date from the 1840s to the present day, and include those of a wide range of Central Government agencies. Particular emphasis will be given to the various access channels which can be used by researchers, including Archway www.archway.archives.govt.nz, which is the online national finding aids system, and Archives New Zealand's website www.archives.govt.nz. There will be an overview of the role and functions of the Office. At the time of writing, the merger of Archives New Zealand and the National Library with the Department of Internal Affairs is proceeding, and is scheduled to be completed in early 2011.

Tom BROOKING: *Gold in Otago*

Lowland Adventurers. Some New Insights on Scottish Migration to New Zealand- Findings from the Marsden Funded Project

Angela WANHALLA: *Maori European Inter-marriage*

Angela Wanhalla has made a study of interracial marriages within Otago. This has led her to research a wide range of genealogical sources and to develop an intimate knowledge of cross cultural relationships in colonial Otago.

Dorothy PAGE: *Education in Otago*

Like almost all aspects of colonial life, education in Otago was profoundly affected by the discovery of gold. Primary schooling for both boys and girls had been an essential part of the plan of settlement from the very beginning: school was held on board migrant ships, a schoolmaster accompanied the first Scottish settlers, a schoolhouse/church was the first community building in Dunedin and rural schools were founded as the population spread out. But the influx of wealth and population in the 1860s, which coincided with the young adulthood of the first generation of migrant children, created a new opportunity and posed a new problem. How to train these colonial-born youths to become leaders of the community? The answer lay in investing the community's new wealth in secondary and then university education in Otago, first for boys but very soon for girls too, with striking results.

David STILL: *Waipori Goldfields*

Researching goldfield histories. Using the Waipori area as an example, I can outline sources of information, methods of recording and the use of data bases to store information and search them for items of interest.

Donald COCHRANE: *Looking after your Genealogical Treasures – Photos*

Using numerous examples, Donald will highlight the damage that has occurred to images over the last 150 years in order to raise awareness of the proper handling, cost-effective storage and cataloguing of our own photographs.

Jill HALEY: *Reinventing the Otago Settlers Museum Archive*

In September 2008 the Otago Settlers Museum broke ground on an exciting redevelopment project. This four-stage project—planned to be completed by the end of 2012—will touch every part of the Museum, creating new spaces and reinventing old ones. Stage One, the building of a 3,000m² environmentally-controlled collections storage facility, was completed in 2009. The Archive closed in December of 2009 in order to begin Stage Two, the refurbishment of the New Zealand Railways Building, which included major work on the Museum's Archives and Research area. Being closed has given us the opportunity to think about our services and investigate improvements. The result has been a reinvention of the Archive. This presentation will give an overview of the Archive's collections, outline the redevelopment project and reveal the plans for the reinvented Archive, scheduled to open in late 2012.

Jim MACALOON: *The Making of a City*

The Otago goldrushes stimulated phenomenal growth in Dunedin as in the rest of Otago. The small and rather ramshackle village of the early 1850s became, within a quarter of a century of its foundation, New Zealand's leading commercial and manufacturing centre. As well as the goldrushes, growth was also driven by agricultural and pastoral expansion, technological innovation in manufacturing and finance, provincial and

central government policies, and rapid population growth. This address will discuss the growth of Dunedin in the second half of the nineteenth century, reflecting on how the city related to the rest of Otago, to New Zealand, and to the wider world. In doing so we will examine how Dunedin influenced the world in which nineteenth century immigrants lived and moved.

Terry HEARN: *Miners*

In this presentation I will discuss what is now known about the origins of those miners who arrived on the goldfields of Otago and the West Coast and who remained in New Zealand. I will suggest that this group of men and the smaller number of women who accompanied or followed them added some distinctive elements to the national and regional origins of New Zealand's population.

Kathleen STRINGER: *Prisoners in Early Dunedin*

Kathleen will explore prison labour in Dunedin during the 1860s and 1870s. Her research offers insights into the daily life of prisoners as well as details of the major amenity projects undertaken by an enlightened penal supervisor of the time. We will learn of the labour which helped the city grow. Kathleen will share her sources which may unlock secrets for others.

Anna BLACKMAN & Marion MEHRTENS: *Looking after your Genealogical Treasures – Text*

Anna Blackman (Curator of Archives and Manuscripts, Hocken Collections, University of Otago) and Marion Mertens (Paper Conservator) will facilitate a practical session on how to care for your family archives. Topics covered will include: packaging for preservation, storage conditions, digital preservation, how to handle old items, and what to consider if you want to donate your papers to your local museum or archives."

Betty BUNGUARD & Helen SIMPSON: *The Waihola Project*

Betty Bunguard and Helen Simpson from the Waihola Historical Group will speak on the challenges of collecting and collating the information and history of a small town. They will share how they recorded and shared the material gathered, and how they developed a vision for future efforts.

Yvonne WILKIE: *Local Repository – Presbyterian Archives*

Church archives and records are a significant resource when tracing family history. They offer a window into the lives of a group of people who participated at various levels of its activities. The Presbyterian Church like most denominations retain a wide and diverse collection of records in which a family member may appear. For those researchers who are willing to dig more deeply, a store of treasures can be discovered.

Seán BROSNAHAN: *Irish Migration – Following the Gold*

Irish settlers were the third largest group of immigrants to 19th-century New Zealand after the English and the Scots. Most were Catholics but a significant minority were Protestants (perhaps as many as 40%). This reflected selective recruitment on the part of New Zealand's immigration agencies who focussed their attentions exclusively on Ulster until the early 1870s. This workshop will examine the flow of Irish migrants to Otago from the 1840s to the 1880s against this background. It will look at who came, where they came from, how they got here, and what sort of reception they received on arrival. It will also consider the nature of historical records shaping what we know about Irish migrants as well as what we don't know, and why.

Ian CHURCH: *Early Shipping*

How the ship-owners and Port Otago coped with the rush of gold seekers in the 1860s and the shipping resources of the Port Chalmers Museum for this period.

John ANGUS: *Vincent Pyke*

In his study of Vincent Pike, 1827 – 1894, John has explored a range of documents and sources of information which provide a colourful picture of the life of a miner, and life in central Otago as regulations and settlement provisions changed.

Catherine SMITH: *Looking after your Genealogical Treasures – Textiles*

Catherine Smith will discuss the main causes of deterioration of textiles, and how they can be prevented.

Alison BREESE: *Local Repository – Dunedin City Council Archives*

This presentation will cover the Dunedin City Council Archives holdings that may be relevant for genealogists researching their family histories. Learn what material we hold, how to go about making enquiries and accessing the Archives and latest project's that the council archives are undertaking.

Angela VERRY: *Arrowtown Gold*

The (very) Curious Case of the Mysterious Verry's

Follow Angela's journey into discovering where she came from as she brings to life the curious family tales of the Verry family. This session will take into account the place of oral history and it's practical application into family histories, ensuring family stories are given enriched depth, but remain factual. The importance of

gathering engaging stories as well factual data will be examined, as well as encouraging the ongoing collection of oral history for future generations whose interest at present, may be limited – and how to change their opinions!

Bill DACKER: *Maori Miners and Otakau Roots*

Bill Dacker has researched and written extensively on southern Maori life over many years. His 1994 book 'Te Mamae Me Te Aroha/The Pain and the Love' is a standard work on Otago Maori social history since the colonial era. Bill also has long-standing interests in Otago's goldfields history. He lives much of the time in the Rongahere Gorge near Beaumont where he once had his own mining claim. Bill will weave these interests together to tell the often overlooked story of Maori miners on the southern goldfields.

Margaret CHIRNSIDE: *Organising a Family Reunion*

Margaret will discuss planning a family reunion - how to make contact with family members, time lines, costs, budgets, venues, displays, food, and pitfalls. Also, what is involved in producing a history.

Lorraine JOHNSTON: *Local Repository – Heritage Room, Dunedin Public Libraries*

The McNab New Zealand Collection includes many resources for finding New Zealand family history and whakapapa information. The genealogy room houses basic resources such as birth, deaths, burial and marriage information, as well as street directories, business directories, electoral rolls and military and civil lists. The McNab Collection also has published family histories, district, church and school histories, and school magazines. Our unique local newspaper card index and its successor, the Southern Regional News Index, are very useful for finding stories about local people and places published in local and regional newspapers.

Stewart HARVEY: *Looking after your Genealogical Treasures – Cemeteries*

Death is a sad event but can be a revealing time about an ancestor's life.

Inscriptions on gravestones often tell a new/different story and give clues about the person and may lead to new areas of research.

Epitaphs can tell you about the life, beliefs and times of the person.

Our focus is on encouraging the conservation of grave markers because they are so important for family historians and other researchers and are part of our collective history as a community.

Anne JACKMAN: *Local Repository – Hocken Library, University of Otago*

There's a whole lot history at the Hocken - 10 kms of archives, 200,000 books, 14,000 pictures and 2 million photographs. The Hocken's collections include books, ephemera, posters, newspapers, journals, music, maps, archives, manuscripts, photographs, paintings, drawings and film, ranging in date from the seventeenth century to the present day. The publications collection is national in focus, we actively seek out current and historical published material, while the archives and manuscripts collections generally have a more regional focus, although there are many collections of national importance. Genealogical researchers can access records from schools, churches, businesses, private collections and more, and view one of New Zealand's major collections of art.

We welcome researchers from anywhere and look forward to helping you with your research. Our publications catalogue is searchable at <http://otago.lconz.ac.nz/> and our catalogue for archives and manuscripts at <http://hakena.otago.ac.nz/nreq/Welcome.html>

Ros HENRY: *Finding and Telling*

Finding about your ancestors is challenging, exciting and fulfilling. But what do you do with all those notes scattered about on paper, the computer files, the photographs, the connections buzzing round in your head – all the information you have gathered? How can you pass this knowledge on to the rest of your family?

Put it down!

Ros Henry, with 35 years' experience in the publishing industry, author of a book about researching family history on the internet and co-author of a published family history,* offers some thoughts and practical guidance on ways of reporting your findings, be it for immediate family, your community or as a publication with genuine interest to a wider audience.

Lyn WHELAN: *Industrial Schools*

This paper will provide insight into the circumstances surrounding the committal of children to industrial schools throughout New Zealand as a consequence of the discovery of gold in Otago. The growth of child institutionalisation after the 1860s came to represent a corrective response to crime, poverty, indigence and neglect as perceived by benevolent and philanthropic societies throughout the country. The committal of children to industrial schools throughout New Zealand was a social, economic, political, and moral response to the perceived plight of poor and disadvantaged children with the Church or State standing in 'loco parentis.' This session will refer to specific cases of child committals by the Resident Magistrate of the Dunedin Court extracted from records held at Archives Dunedin to illustrate how industrial school records can be used to

complement further research and to contextualise the life of ancestors who experienced life in New Zealand's industrial schools.