



New Zealand Society of Genealogists Incorporated

Southland Branch

Convenor's Report for the year to 31 March 2019
Wednesday 15 May 2019

The year to March 2019 has seen a steady programme of activity driven by the branch committee. Numbers have remained similar through the year: around 26-30 members, but down a little on previous years. There have been a group of loyal attendees at monthly meetings which have averaged 14 over the 10 sessions. There seems to be some correlation with the seasons: numbers are lower during the winter months. The practice of holding winter-time meetings (June, July and August) on a Saturday afternoon continued, but the numbers do not indicate a preference for daytime versus evening meetings.

Early in the year former Convenor Lesley Instone passed away after a short period of illness, and it is appropriate here to acknowledge the contribution that Lesley made (as secretary for 14 years, then 8 years as Convenor) during her time with the branch. She was also a useful speaker, especially on Scottish history and genealogy; and represented the branch at the Mainland South regional meetings for nearly 20 years.

The branch has presented a programme of 10 monthly meetings to its members on a variety of topics. There has been some emphasis on more 'how to' sessions from a mix of local and visiting speakers. In August (Family History Month) the branch again combined with library staff to offer a series of lunch-hour seminars over one week with a mix of genealogy and heritage matters. Cemetery Month in March was marked by a walkabout tour to St John's Cemetery in Waikiwi.

The Invercargill Public Library, where the branch has its base and where its Resource Library is housed, undertook a major reorganisation and refurbishing programme during 2018, and for some 7 months access to the genealogy room was unavailable. Library staff cooperated in providing meeting venues throughout the year, however the loss of access to the branch resources was extremely frustrating, and possibly contributed to a lower turnout of members. The upgrading was completed just prior to Christmas and we have been back in possession from the start of 2019.

From late 2018 the branch has resumed an open session where committee members are on hand for 2 hours each Wednesday (11am-1pm) in the Genealogy Room, to be available for members and the public to consult the branch resources and/or to seek advice on their genealogical research. It has had a promising start so far, with modest numbers presenting; the value of this voluntary move will become apparent in time.

Branch members Mary Stuart, Wendy Shaw and Roger Washbourn have represented the branch at the 3 Mainland South regional meetings over the 2018-19 year.

I have to thank the branch committee for their efforts during the year: Wendy Shaw (Secretary and aspiring librarian); John MacManus (Treasurer); and Pam Jones, Mary Murray, Isabell Paskell, Mary Stuart, and Yvonne Service as members. Wendy has also kept up her target of producing "Branch Lines" magazine every two months, and we owe her thanks for keeping Southland Branch in the news.

2019 is of course the 50th anniversary year of the Southland Branch and the committee has started planning some celebration in August to mark the occasion. Southland was the 5th branch to become affiliated to the newly formed New Zealand Society of Genealogists in 1969.

Roger Washbourn

Convenor
NZSG Southland Branch
12 May 2019

New Zealand Society of Genealogists - Southland Branch

Income and Expenditure for year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019

2018		2019
	INCOME	
130	Donations - Research	\$115.00
0.00	Donations - Visitors	16.00
0.00	Donations - Other	0
360.00	Education	210.00
0.00	Book Sales	35.00
347.57	Interest	284.74
50.00	Subscriptions 2017-19	710.00
485.00	Subscriptions 2019-20	100.00
\$1,372.57		\$1,470.74
	EXPENDITURE	
50.00	Accounts Review	50.00
0.00	Depreciation	0.00
400.00	Speaker & Training	350.00
160.00	Rentals - P O Box	170.00
500.00	Rental - ICC Library	500.00
264.26	Misc, Stamps, Stationery etc	216.55
58.71	Suppers	37.71
0.00	Travel Expenses	0.00
50.00	Prize Social Studies Expo	0.00
294.71	Magazine and Book Purcha:	70.00
1,777.68		1394.26
-\$405.11	Income over Expenditure	\$76.48
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Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2019

2018	Accumulated Funds	2019
	-341.93 Cheque Account	\$1,138.07
	10596.12 SBS Bank - Investment account	\$9,192.60
	\$10,254.19	\$10,330.67
	Total Accumulated Funds	
	REPRESENTED BY:	
	\$10,659.30 Accumulated Funds 31 March 2018	\$10,254.19
	\$405.11 Decrease/Increase	-\$76.48
	\$10,254.19 Accumulated Funds - 31 March 2019	\$10,330.67

Accounts Prepared by: John MacManus, Treasurer

Accounts Examined by: C G Ladbrook

Dated : 7 th May 2019

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Minutes of the 50th Annual General Meeting of the Southland Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc. held on Wednesday 15th May 2019 in the Meeting Room, Invercargill City Library, Dee Street, Invercargill at 7.00 pm

Present: Roger Washbourn #11502 (Chair); Wendy Shaw #8375, (Secretary), John MacManus # 19542 (Treasurer), Mary Stuart #328, Mary Murray #429, Pam Jones #14285, Gaynor Aicken, Helen Hall

Apologies:

Yvonne Service; Isabell Paskell, Ian Joll

That the apologies be accepted:

Moved: Wendy Shaw Seconded: Mary Stuart CARRIED.

Minutes: The minutes of the previous Annual General Meeting on 16 May 2018 were circulated to the meeting by the Secretary.

THAT the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 16 May 2018 be accepted as a true and accurate record.

Moved: Roger Washbourn Seconded: John MacManus CARRIED.

Convenor's Report: Convenor's Report for the year to 31st March 2019. Presented by Roger Washbourn.

THAT the Convenor's Report be received.

Moved: Roger Washbourn Seconded: Pam Jones CARRIED.

Treasurer's Report: John MacManus presented the independently verified annual accounts. No depreciation was done in the year's accounts. The current bank balance and investments are as tabled in accompanying document. Concern was expressed at the expenses were greater than the income for the year. Many people were using the internet to make deposits into the cheque account. There is no anticipated increase by the Invercargill City Council to increase the rental of the Resource Room/Meeting Room.

The accounts had been independently verified by Geoff Ladbrook #17606.

THAT the accounts, independently verified as presented, be received and adopted

Moved: John MacManus Seconded: Mary Murray CARRIED.

Election of Officers:

Position	Nominee	Moved & Seconded
Convenor:	Roger Washbourn #11502 (Mary Stuart #328, Pam Jones#14285)	
Past Convenor:	Roger Washbourn #11502	
Secretary:	Wendy Shaw #8375 (Roger Washbourn #11502, Pam Jones#14285)	
Treasurer:	John MacManus #19542 (Mary Stuart #328, Wendy Shaw #8375)	
Librarian:	Wendy Shaw and Mary Stuart shared role	

Committee: The following were nominated and accepted

Yvonne Service #4801
Mary Stuart #328
Mary Murray #429
Pam Jones #14285
Isabell Paskell

The Committee also is given the power to co-opt additional members as required.

Signatures for Bank Accounts:

THAT any two of the Convenor, Treasurer and Secretary be authorised signatories for the Branch bank accounts.

Moved: Roger Washbourn; Seconded : Mary Stuart CARRIED.

Auditor: *THAT Geoff Ladbrook be appointed as independent verifier and that a gift to the value of \$50 be given to him for the 2019/2020 year.*

Moved: John MacManus Seconded: Mary Murray CARRIED.

Subscriptions: *THAT that the subscriptions for the 2019/2020 year remain at \$25 single \$35 Joint per annum and the Committee be given power to set the subscription for the 2019 - 2020 financial year*

Moved: John MacManus Seconded: Wendy Shaw CARRIED.

General Business:

Meeting hours during the winter months – it was agreed by majority 13:4 to continue with evening meetings and discontinue the Saturday meetings as there has been no increase in attendee numbers when meetings were held on the Saturdays.

The meeting closed at 7:34 pm.

Accompanying documents:

1. Convenor's Report (Roger Washbourn; Convenor, Southland Branch).
2. New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Southland Branch :
Income and Expenditure for year 1 April 2018 to 31 March 2019
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Wendy Shaw: Secretary #8375