



New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc.
Southland Branch
(Established 1969)

51st ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
19 August 2020
5 pm, Meeting Room, Invercargill Public Library

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies
- 2 Confirmation of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of 15 May 2019.
- 3 Convenor's Report (R. Washbourn).
- 4 Treasurer's Report (John MacManus).
- 5 Subscriptions for Local Members for 2020-21.
- 6 Election of Officers for the year to March 2021:
Convenor
Secretary
Treasurer
Librarian
3 Committee Members
- 7 Signing Authorities for the Branch's bank accounts.
- 8 Appointment of an independent financial reviewer.
- 9 Adoption of Rules :
THAT the Southland Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, having previously adopted as its own rules the Rules of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc., now adopts the subsequent partial amendment of those Rules as registered on 29 April 2020.
Moved: Roger Washbourn.
- 10 General Business.

John MacManus
Secretary
1 July 2020



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:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Nominee</i>	<i>Moved & Seconded</i>
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 T 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 Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2019

Wendy Shaw: Secretary #8375



New Zealand Society of Genealogists Incorporated
Southland Branch

Convenor's Report for the year to 31 March 2020
Wednesday 19 August 2020

It was a normal year except for the last month - this AGM should have been held in May, but was delayed by the pandemic restrictions. The branch managed to hold the usual 10 meetings before lockdown from 26 March halted further activity. The meetings had a variety of topics - DNA; sourcing BDMs; indexing oddities; researching at Salt Lake City; industrial schools and childrens' homes; business women in NZ; brick walls solutions; and cemeteries law. For two of these, visiting speakers were hosted : Elaine Scott from the Gore Branch in August, and Australian-based Dr Catherine Bishop in October.

The high point of the year was undoubtedly the celebration of the Branch's 50th Anniversary, marked by a dinner in the Ascot Park Hotel on 9 August 2019, with an attendance of nearly 50 present and former members and spouses/partners. This was well documented and illustrated in Issue 80 of the branch's 'Branch Lines' newsletter. NZSG Chair Mary Shadbolt was on hand to address us; she was followed by guest speaker Michael Fallow from the *Southland Times*.

Attendances at meetings throughout the year ranged between 12~19 (an average of 14). During the 3 winter months June-July-August, a daytime meet 2-4pm was conducted, but there was little or no change in attendance. Family History Month in August was marked by a series of 5 lunch-hour seminars in the library with a mix of speakers from the branch and library staff.

The Resources Room has been opened for general access for members and a chance to offer advice in problem areas, between 11am and 1pm on each Wednesday. Support has been disappointing, but appears to be improving slowly. This service is to be maintained into the 2020/21 year. Wendy Shaw (*de facto* librarian) has been reorganising and cataloguing the resources and has made a marked improvement to the appearance of the 5 cupboards : it is now much easier to find material in the library. The branch owes her a vote of thanks for her tireless work. I need also to thank Ian Joll who has been checking and correcting entries in the Deaths and Births indexes; he has shown up some rather careless work in the past which rendered useless some parts of the indexes.

The branch committee has met on occasion through the year to manage the programme; I would like to thank Pam Jones, John MacManus, Mary Murray, Isabelle Paskell, Yvonne Service, Wendy Shaw and Mary Stuart for their support. Wendy Shaw, Mary Stuart and I have been delegates to the Mainland South regional meetings held during the year. Thanks are also due to Wendy Shaw who has continued as compiler/editor of the "Branch Lines" newsletter.

I am standing down as Convenor of the branch at this AGM, although may continue on the committee. I wish the branch well for its future.

Roger Washbourn
Convenor
NZSG Southland Branch
12 June 2020



**New Zealand Society of Genealogists -
Southland Branch**

**Income and Expenditure
for year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020**

2019	INCOME	2020
\$ 35.00	Sale Books	\$ 9.00
\$ 115.00	Donations - Research	\$ 40.00
\$ 16.00	Donations - Visitors	\$ 35.70
\$ -	Donations - Raffles	\$ 82.00
\$ 210.00	Jubilee Dinner	\$ 2,300.00
\$ -	Ex Computer Group	\$ 138.50
\$ 284.74	Interest	\$ 314.48
\$ 710.00	Subscriptions 2019-20	\$ 600.00
\$ 100.00	Subscriptions 2018-19	\$ 50.00
\$ 1,470.74		\$ 3,569.68
	EXPENDITURE	
\$ 50.00	Accounts Review	\$ 50.00
\$ -	Depreciation	\$ -
\$ 350.00	Jubilee Dinner Costs	\$ 2,910.00
\$ 170.00	Rentals - P O Box	\$ 180.00
\$ 500.00	Rental - ICC Library	\$ 300.00
\$ 216.55	Misc, Stamps, Stationery etc.	\$ 221.12
\$ 37.71	Suppers	\$ 62.65
\$ -	Education - Advertising	\$ 243.80
\$ -	Prize Social Studies Expo	\$ 50.00
\$ 70.00	Magazine and Book Purchases	\$ 181.16
\$ 1,394.26		\$ 4,198.73
\$ 76.48	Income over Expenditure	
	Expenditure over Income	-\$ 629.05

Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2020

2019	Accumulated Funds	2020
\$ 1,138.07	Cheque Account	\$ 340.83
\$ 9,192.60	SBS Bank - Investment account	\$ 9,360.79
\$ 10,330.67		\$ 9,701.62

Accounts Prepared by: John MacManus - Treasurer.

Accounts Examined by: C G Ladbrook

Dated : 08 June 2020