

# FEBRUARY

## Tātai Whakapapa with Raniera Kingi and Xavier Forsman

Wednesday 2 February 12pm - 1pm

Whakapapa is about people, and is a link to whenua, heritage, and identity. For many it is taonga. Broaden your understanding of whakapapa. Our Poukōkiri Rangahau Māori (senior Māori research librarians) are here to guide you. Nau mai, haere mai, karawhiti mai rā e.

## 1921 Census for England and Wales with Myko Clelland, FindmyPast

Wednesday 16 February 12pm - 1pm

The 1921 Census of England and Wales is here. Join Findmypast for an unmissable exploration of the biggest new arrival in family history. After years spent digitising and transcribing this unique snapshot of our recent history, discover the stories and secrets contained within. Along with the historical context, tips for effective searching and using it to trace elusive relatives, we'll learn how the 1921 Census will help you understand your ancestors' lives better. And your own.

## Researching Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland History Initiative Summer Scholars session one

Wednesday 23 February 12pm - 1pm

The Auckland History Initiative (AHI), a research collaboration at the University of Auckland, presents research projects from the 2022 Summer Scholars exploring aspects of Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland's history. These students spend 12 weeks over the summer break researching in the varied and rich archives around Auckland under the supervision of Professor Linda Bryder and Dr Jessica Parr. This is the first of two talks in which the students will present their work. The second talk is on 9 March 2022. The AHI views Summer Research Scholarships as an integral way to engage students in Auckland history and to strengthen relationships with the Auckland GLAMR (galleries, libraries, archives, museums and records) sector.

# MARCH

## Early Chinese restaurants in Auckland with André Taber

Wednesday 2 March 12pm - 1pm

In the 19th century there were several Chinese restaurants in Auckland. They were not decorated with red lanterns and arches, nor did they serve chop suey and chow mein - the world was a very different place back then. André Taber is researching the history of Chinese restaurants in New Zealand and in this talk he will tell you about the establishments of Thomas Quoi, Ah Chee, Samuel Quoi and Thomas Wan Kwai in central Auckland 1879-1922.

## Researching Tāmaki Makaurau: Auckland History Initiative Summer Scholars session two

Wednesday 9 March 12pm - 1pm

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## From Flour to Towers: Josiah Clifton Firth of Auckland and Matamata with Lisa Truttman

Wednesday 16 March 12pm - 1pm

For over 40 years, Josiah Clifton Firth and his businesses were an integral part of Auckland's developing economy in the second half of the 19th century. He was an ultimate capitalist, riding the waves of opportunity to profit by both his businesses and the Waikato War. He was also an obstinate defender of his own self-interests, and a dreamer of dreams that saw the creation of at least two enduring features on the landscape, testaments to his fancies. Join Lisa Truttman as she discusses this life and times of this complex captain of Victorian Auckland industry.



## Weekend Heritage Walk

### Symonds Street Cemetery Walk with David Verran

Saturday 5 March 10am - 12pm **OR** Saturday 12 March 10am - 12pm

Symonds Street Cemetery was in use as a cemetery since the very early days of Auckland and was the major Pākehā cemetery in Auckland until at least the end of the 19th century. Nevertheless, there are also at least seventy Māori buried in different parts of the cemetery. Closed to new plots from 1886, in favour of the new Waikumete Cemetery, the last burial in Symonds Street Cemetery was in the early 1950s. This two hour tour will take you through the Jewish, Presbyterian, Catholic, Anglican and General-Wesleyan sections of the cemetery, where between 10,000 and 15,000 remains are still buried.

David Verran has led tours of Symonds Street Cemetery since the early 2000s and compiled the cemetery's burial database on the Auckland Libraries' website. He also managed the Central Auckland Research Centre at Auckland Central Library from 1990 to 2017.

Limited numbers. Registration via Eventfinda essential

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2022/symonds-street-cemetery-walk-with-david-verran/auckland>



## Papers Past with Emerson Vandy

Wednesday 30 March 12pm - 1pm

Papers Past has been around for twenty years now, and over the last year has been making strides in delivering more recent material. This talk will focus on different tools and features the website provides to support different research subjects and approaches; a historian might need to tackle things a bit differently to a genealogist, for example, and a linguist might need to take a different approach to the historian. What's the best way to find what you need in this collection, and what's Papers Past got coming up?

# APRIL

## Connecting to the Pacific through digitalpasifik.org with Taputukura Raea

Wednesday 13 April 12pm - 1pm

digitalpasifik.org is a website to explore, discover and view the diverse cultural heritage of the Pacific. Pacific collections are found in repositories around the world that are often inaccessible for many Pacific people. digitalpasifik.org is a website that allows Pacific people to access their digitised cultural heritage. Find out how the team is making these records visible, and how you can contribute!



## APRIL continued

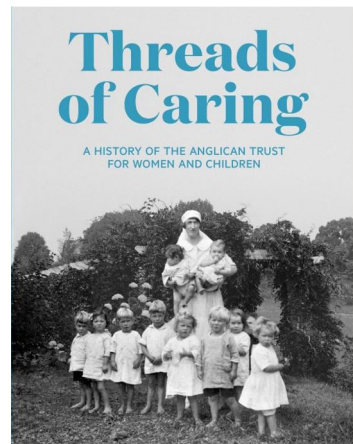
### Online Cenotaph celebrating 25 years with Victoria Passau, Auckland Museum Wednesday 20 April 12pm - 1pm

Online Cenotaph is a military database of Aotearoa New Zealand service personnel. Managed by Tāmaki Paenga Hira Auckland War Memorial Museum, the database includes more than 255,000 individual records spanning the South African Wars to today. It is utilised and enriched by veterans, whānau, genealogists and researchers alike. December 2021 marked 25 years of telling the stories of military veterans and their comrades. Join Victoria Passau Collection Manager, Online Cenotaph, in an exploration of the history and impact of this resource over the past quarter century.



### A history of the Anglican Trust for Women and Children with Ruth Greenaway and Megan Hutching Wednesday 27 April 12pm - 1pm

Oral historians Ruth and Megan will talk about the history of this Auckland organisation which began with an orphan home in the central city in 1858 and now works with its community in South Auckland. While society has undeniably changed since the middle of the 19th century, the problems of today's clients bear a marked resemblance to the issues confronting those who came for help in the early days – lack of housing, an inability to keep a family together, the experience – by women in particular – of abuse or neglect as children or adults.



## MAY

### The 1867 gold rush to Thames, Coromandel with Kae Lewis Wednesday 11 May 12pm - 1pm

In 1867, men from all over the world rushed to The Thames to try their luck in the new goldfield. They spread out all over the steep bush-covered ranges and gullies and soon came to realise that the gold at Thames was tied up in the quartz rock they saw jutting out from the ground. This talk will be about where they found the gold, how they found it, along with outlining all the difficulties they encountered when trying to turn the quartz rock into a gold bar that they could cash in at the bank.

## MAY continued

### Roy Lippincott in New Zealand with Marguerite Hill Wednesday 25 May 12pm - 1pm

In 1920, Roy Alstan Lippincott and Edward F Billson won the competition to design Auckland University College's new Arts Building. Now known as the Old Arts Block, it has become a landmark building for central Auckland. Lippincott worked in New Zealand during the 1920s and 1930s and designed the Farmers Tea Rooms, a six-storey extension to Smith and Caughey department store, and private residences. He was inspired by the country he lived in, incorporating ponga fronds, flax seedpods, kaka and kea, and Māori motifs into the Old Arts Block, and delightful, sculpted kauri snails in the Old Biology Building. This illustrated talk will look at some of his work in Auckland and further afield.

## JUNE

### Steam engines with Dr A. Evan Lewis Wednesday 8 June 12pm - 1pm

When Evan Lewis inherited and restored a steam engine his grandfather had built, based on a design by Heron of Alexandria 2000 years ago, it sparked an interest in steam engines. In this presentation, Evan discusses developments in steam engines by Savery, Newcomen, Trevithick, Watt and Stevenson and illustrates them using animations and videos. He will also show the results of a steam indicator, also inherited from his grandfather, that measured the horsepower of a steam engine and was used at Crum's Brickworks in New Lynn.

### Tune into Auckland Libraries' podcasts:

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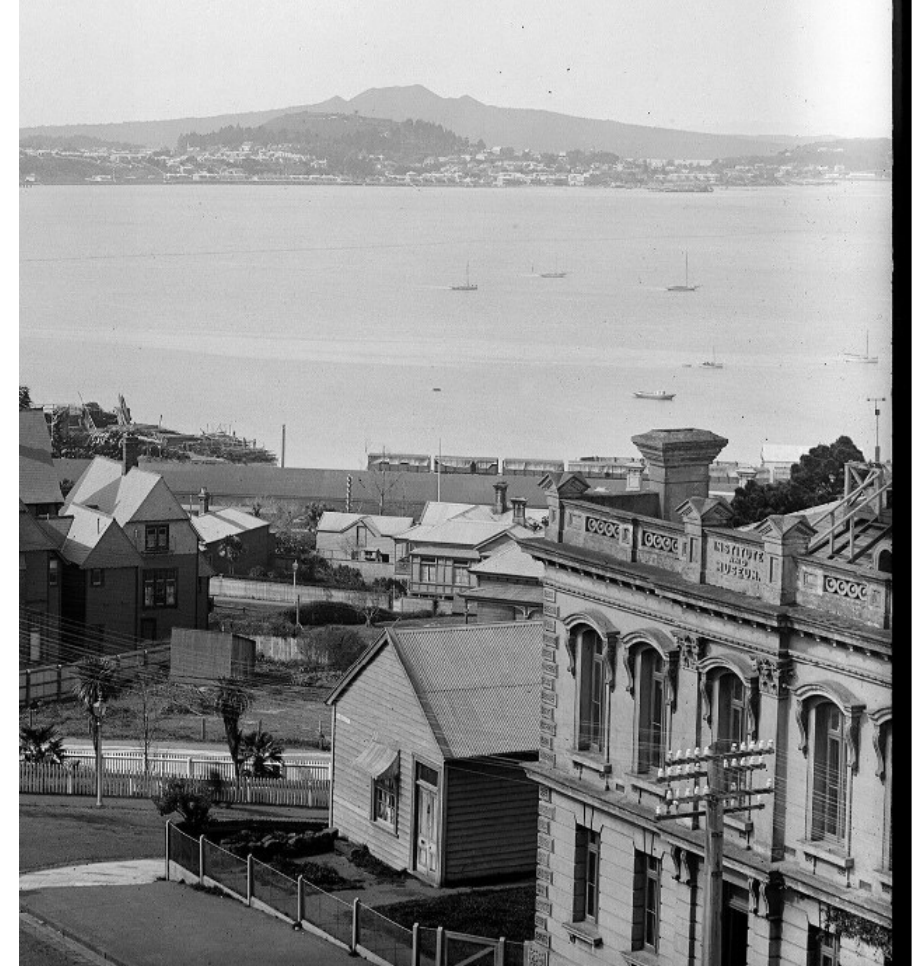
### Front cover image:

Looking north-east from the Grand Hotel across the harbour to the North Shore and Rangitoto, showing the Auckland Museum and Institute on the corner of Princes Street and Eden Crescent. (image cropped). Winklemann Collection.  
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## AUGUST preview

### Auckland Family History Expo Tāmaki Huinga Tātai Kōrero 12 to 14 August 2022

Come and see us for a weekend of family history and whakapapa at the Fickling Convention Centre.  
546 Mount Albert Road, Three Kings, Auckland.



## AUCKLAND LIBRARIES HERITAGETALKS WAHA PŪ-TAONGA February — June 2022

### Are you interested in family, local and social history; the stories of Aotearoa New Zealand, the Pacific, and beyond?

Then why not come along to one of our fortnightly **HeritageTalks | Waha pū-taonga** and hear more about both our personal and our shared heritage?

These talks are given by experts in their field and can provide valuable insight into our histories and our cultures.

**When:** Wednesdays, February to November, 12noon - 1pm

**Where:** Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki Gallery, Cnr of Kitchener & Wellesley Streets. Also online via Zoom

**Cost:** Free

**Booking:** [www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/heritagetalks](https://www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/heritagetalks)

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