



Genealogical research guide

Looking for a family member?

On **Papers Past** (www.paperspast.co.nz) you can search **historic New Zealand newspapers**, between 1839-1945, including the Whakatāne Beacon, by entering keywords.

Someone may have already compiled research that includes your family. The Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre has some **resources about local families**, the Museum is at 51 Boon Street and can be contacted on 07 306 0505. It is open for research Tuesday - Friday, 10.00am - 2.00pm.

The **National Library** website (www.natlib.govt.nz) also has a database of published family histories.

The **Whakatāne Genealogical Society** has resources based at the Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre. Membership is available if you wish to be involved in ongoing research and members are also available to research on your behalf for a fee. If you would like further information please call 07 322 2351.

If you are searching for older records, the Department of Internal Affairs **Births, Deaths and Marriages** website (www.dia.govt.nz/Births-deaths-and-marriages) holds records of births that occurred at least 100 years ago, marriages that occurred at least 80 years ago, and deaths that occurred at least 50 years ago or where the deceased's date of birth was at least 80 years ago.

Electoral rolls may give information about a person's location, marital status and occupation at the time recorded. Some current electoral rolls are available at the Whakatāne Horizon Energy Library at Te Kōputu a te whanga a Toi (you can enquire at the information desk or search the library catalogue). Historic electoral rolls are available at the Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre.

If you have a family member who served in a war, either the Boer War, WWI or WWII you may be able to find information such as, next of kin details, place of embarkment or cemetery records on the **Cenotaph database** (www.muse.aucklandmuseum.com/databases/Cenotaph) compiled by the Auckland Museum.

Current **cemetery records** are held at the Whakatāne District Council office on Commerce Street, and the historic records are at the Whakatāne Museum and Research Centre.

Other useful links

www.archway.archives.govt.nz/

www.knowledge-basket.co.nz/databases

www.ancestrylibrary.com