

Northland News

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A 'Great-Great' win for Sarah!

Congratulations Sarah Clarke from Northland School on winning the New Zealand Society of Genealogists competition for her year group.

What a fantastic achievement. You can view her poster about her great-great aunt Kay Campbell and details of the competition on the following website -

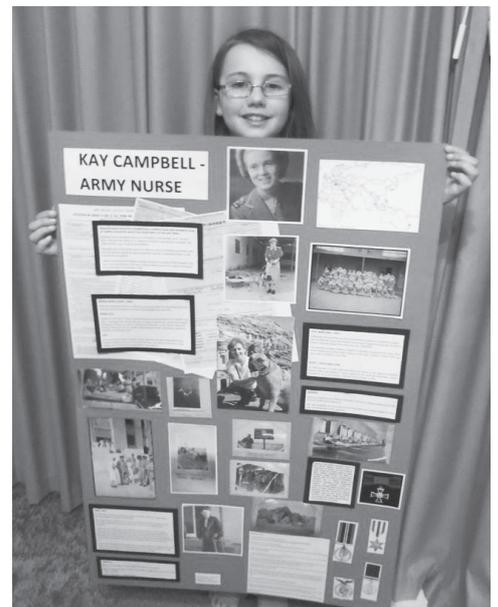
www.genealogy.org.nz/Competition_604.aspx

The Northland News gained an exclusive interview with Sarah to learn more about her experience and why she chose to enter.

Who is Kay Campbell?

My great-great aunty Kay Campbell was a military nurse who worked in areas of conflict around the world from World War II to the late 1950s. (Egypt, Italy, Malaya - now Malaysia). She was awarded the Associate of the Royal Red Cross (ARRC) Medal for her care and dedication to her patients in Malaya.

I think I am a bit like Aunty Kay because I am quite kind and compassionate and have a sense of adventure and would like to travel and see new places. I play netball too. I don't know if I would like to be a nurse though. ▶▶▶



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A 'Great-Great' win for Sarah! - *continued...*

▶▶▶ How did you find out about the NZSG competition, and why did you decide to enter?

Dad gets a genealogy magazine and Mum saw the competition advertised in that and told me. I like finding out about the war and thought it would be interesting to research a nurse rather than researching a soldier.

What did you know about your aunt Kay Campbell before you did your poster for the competition?

Not very much except she was my Nan's favourite aunty.

What was something exciting that you learnt about your great-great aunt when researching her?

That she was an army nurse in lots of different countries and she won a special medal for being such a good nurse.

What do you think are the main differences between growing up in your aunts era and growing up now?

She lived on a rural farm with lots of brothers and sisters while i only have a brother. There was no TV or electronic technology. I have more spare time.

Did you get a prize for your winning poster?

I won \$250 and my writing will be published in the NZ Genealogical Society Magazine later this year.

Are there other people in your family tree who you now want to research and know more about?

I can't think of a particular person but soon we will be visiting places in England and Scotland where my ancestors came from and that will be interesting. I would like to research more soldiers in my family. Some of my Dad's family came from Denmark and I don't know very much about that.

What is your advice for other young people wanting to learn more about their family history?

Talk to maybe your grandparents and older family members as they will help you to find out what you should research. I liked the researching process - we got our information from lots of places like relations, the Alexander Turnbull Library and the Defence Archives.

All my extended family were very helpful and had photos and stories about Aunty Kay. I took my poster to a big family reunion in February and they were all interested to see it.

Stellin Memorial Park

Like many Northland residents do you walk or drive past the entrance to Stellin Memorial Park on Orangi Kaupapa Road regularly? Have you ever wondered who in fact the park is a memorial for? If so, then here is a little bit of local history for you...



James Kingston Stellin was a young New Zealand fighter pilot. He died during World War Two in northern France. In 1944, returning from a mission he struggled to control his damaged fighter bomber but just managed to avoid crashing into the village of Saint Maclou la Briere. The villagers considered him a hero.

In fact, they named the town square after him – Place Stellin.

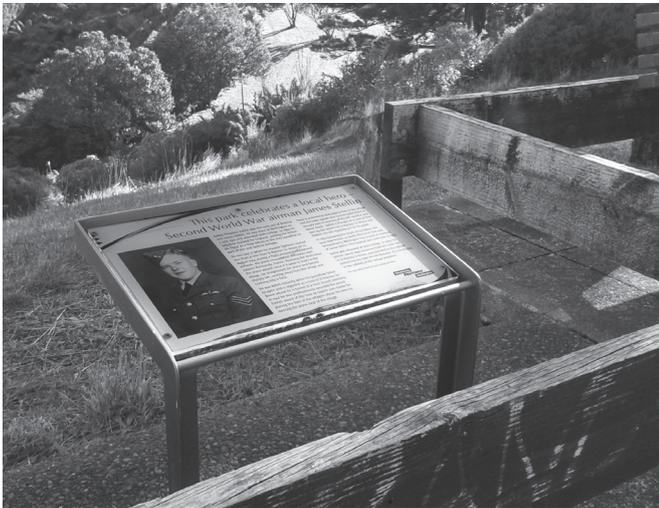
When James's father (James senior) died in 1964 he bequeathed funds to build a memorial in the French village, and also gifted land in trust on the eastern side of Te Ahumairangi Hill to Wellington City Council to create the Stellin Memorial Park. James senior was a prominent Wellington businessman and well known property developer. He developed the Avalon, Kingston and Strathmore Park subdivisions.



▶▶▶ The lookout at the park was built in 1977. Take a walk, or a drive, up for stunning views over the Wellington Harbour.

In 2007 a plaque was dedicated at the look out in memory of James Stellin.

Today, Stellin Memorial Park consists of over 15 acres of bush stretching from the lookout on Orangi Kaupapa Rd down to Patanga Crescent. Although originally part of the Town Belt, it was removed and subsequently acquired by James Stellin sometime before WWI. He referred to it as his 'Orangi Kaupapa lands'.



In 2010 a Scots College Old Boy funded a storyboard at the lookout. (James had attended Scots College.)

'Viva la Fiesta'

A night of tacos, margaritas and music

Saturday 1st August from 7.30pm
St Anne's Hall, Randwick Road

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For tickets contact:
sophiedeg78@hotmail.com

Olympic style BMX track

Wellington City Council has announced it will help fund the Olympic style BMX track at Ian Galloway Park and will be giving the Capital BMX Club 80,000 dollars to help complete the project.

The track would give Wellington the ability to host the National Champs bringing around 3000 people to the region which is already well known for its positive biking environment.



Are you interested in helping to record local memories?

Erica and Angelina would like to re-establish a Northland historical group and are keen to hear from anyone either interested in sharing local memories, or recording those of others. The group would be informal and people can choose how they would like to be involved.

If interested please contact

Angelina at the community centre **475-8511**
angelina@northlandcommunitycentre.org.nz



Children & Families
Welcome

at St. Anne's

St Anne's has its own Messy Church service

This meets once a month
3rd Sunday afternoon of the month,
 in the hall & the worship space **2-4pm**

What is Messy Church?

Being church for families who might want to meet Jesus, belong to their local church & bring up their children as Christians but can't cope with traditional Sunday morning church services. A once-a-month time of creativity, worship & eating together. It explores the Bible through:

- **creativity**
- **eating together**
- all in an all-age context**
- **celebration**

Northland gets Neighbourly

Residents from Northland and the wider community came out to celebrate Neighbours Day at the Northland Community Autumn Fair.



Autumn Fair stalls

"We resurrected the community fair last year and having it this year to coincide with Neighbours Day seemed a logical fit," said Committee Member, Tina Dome.

Jesters Costume Hire contributed to some early Easter spirit delighting children with Easter eggs from Easter Bunny. Children were also encouraged to run their own stalls which provided some very creative fundraising efforts in addition to the wonderful mix of craft, art, food and other goods on offer.

"There are a lot of small organisations in our community and we are fortunate to still have the Northland Memorial Community Centre as a place to get together." Some activities at the fair were provided by regular users of the Centre – Zumba, Scouts, and Rock and Roll. Stallholder Kelly Wells is also hoping to now set up a regular clinic offering koha massage and acupuncture treatments for people who can't normally access such services.

"The fair was bigger than last year and we hope the momentum continues for this annual fixture." The community spirit is certainly alive and well in Northland.



Autumn Fair kids stalls: Wild Worm Wee for sale. Packaging reads "Wild Worm Wee. Made with care by Max, Cameron and the Wild family tiger worm farm".



Autumn Fair Easter Bunny



The not-for-profit community library is open

**Every Saturday morning from
9:30am**

wide variety of toys, games, puzzles and costumes for loan to members with children aged 0 to 7 years.

Standard, duty free and grandparent memberships are available (discount available for community services card holders).

If you would like to join or want more information please contact

northlandtoylibrary@gmail.com,

come and visit us at St Anne's Church Hall on Saturday

or visit our Facebook page

www.facebook.com/pages/Northland-Toy-Library/512009632206314

Seniors Week

September 28th - October 4th

To celebrate NMCC will be hosting Historian Gabor Toth, from the Wellington City Library, in the Memorial Room. Gabor will be taking us back in time with his talk titled -

'Heading for the Hills:

The Western Access Scheme 1920 – 1940'

Wednesday 30th September at 7pm

Each week day, thousands of commuters travel to and from the CBD to the hill suburbs of Karori and Northland via Tinakori Road. However very few people know the story of how this once-controversial route came into being or realise what a remarkable feat of civil engineering it is. This talk will uncover the story of this infrastructural project that took 20 years from inception to completion and which cost the equivalent of tens of millions of dollars.



All welcome.

Coordinators Corner



The Northland Memorial Community Centre Council held its Annual General Meeting in May, and welcomed Andrena Petterson on to the committee. Thanks Andrena for volunteering your precious time to help out. NMCCC are always looking for new members to help manage the community centre, so if you would like to get involved please get in contact with me at the centre.

The committee roles have stayed the same – Rhonda Richardson remains President and Sophie Low is her Vice, John will continue on as Treasurer and Kate is NMCCC's Secretary. We are still looking for a Grants Officer, so get in touch if you would like to give it a go.

Winter has arrived, and it can be frustrating when the kids are trapped inside due to bad weather. However NMCC provides the perfect solution. The main hall is only \$17 per hour for a regular booking, and is usually available on a Saturday. Why not hire out the hall over winter and let the kids go wild riding their scooters or shooting some hoops? You could get other families involved and share the cost.

The NMCC is also an excellent venue for your next birthday party. We have three spaces available, all at reasonable community rates. The main hall is perfect for the kids to run around in - Kelly Sport is available to run activities for birthday parties and can be contacted via their website. The Memorial Room is a warm meeting room with a kitchenette – perfect for small private gatherings and events. Our newly revamped Lower Hall now has a fantastic outdoor space for kids to run around, and the kitchen and bathroom has just been redone and looks very swish.

Visit our website www.northlandcommunitycentre.org.nz for more information, or contact me on 475-8511 or email angelina@northlandcommunitycentre.org.nz.

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Hei konei ra - *Angelina*



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REGULAR DAILY ACTIVITIES AT THE NORTHLAND MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTRE

BADMINTON	Wally Potts	475 9359	Thursday 7.30-9.30pm & Sunday 3-5.30pm
COMMUNITY LIAISON MEETING	Angelina Kirk	475 8511	Every second Wed of the month except school holidays. 11am
CUBS (Lower Hall)	Rob Wallace	972 5571	Tuesday 5.30-7pm
KELLY CLUB AFTER SCHOOL CARE	Charli	022 010 9973	Everyday 3-6pm
HARBOUR CITY ROCK 'N ROLL	Denis Thistoll	801 7552	Monday 7.30-9.30pm, Wed 7.30-9pm
HARBOUR CITY ROCK 'N ROLL HOP	Denis Thistoll	801 7552	Monthly 6.30pm-12 midnight
KEAS (Lower Hall)	Rob Wallace	972 5571	Monday 5.30-6.30pm
KEMPO MARTIAL ARTS (Aged 6-16)	Adam Lang	234 1477	Wednesday 6-7.30pm
MAH-JONG (Memorial Room)	Kath Kerr	475 8064	Thursday 1.30-4pm
MAH-JONG (Memorial Room)	Rosemary Tomlinson	475 8765	Tuesday 7.30-9.30pm
NMCC MEETINGS	Angelina Kirk	475 8511	Every 4th Thursday at 7.30pm
SCOUTS (Lower Hall)	Rob Wallace	972 5571	Tuesday 7-9pm
SHAOIN-RYUKU (Aged 5-7)	Adam Lang	234 1477	Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm
TINAKORI LIONS	Joanne Innes	476 6133	Thursday 5.30-9pm (1st & 3rd Thurs of month)
BDS BOOK DISCUSSION	Don Thomson	475 7933	Thursday 8-9.30pm (2nd Thurs of each month)
YOGA/PILATES/CHI KUNG EXERCISES	Jen Brennan	027 954 4044	Wednesday 9.15-10.30am
YOKUSAI KARATE	Colin Berry	475 9985	Sunday 8.30-10am
ZUMBA	Lorna Borrett	021 177 0685	Tuesday 9.15am

Check us out on Facebook.....

You will find a list of our regular activities and information about some of our groups, along with copies of the Northland News on our website at

www.northlandcommunitycentre.org.nz