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Meetings: 1st Tuesday each month at the branch rooms, *Moturoa Shopping Centre*.
 Access from the Whiteley St car park.

Branch Library is open free to all members and to visitors for a small charge.

Library Hours: Monday 10am to 3pm; Wednesday 12 noon to 3pm;
 Friday & Saturday 10am to 12 noon.

Next meeting:

September Tuesday 4th : 7.30pm *Ocean Reeves* from **Zenith Publishing Group Ltd**, well-established New Plymouth publishers and printers, will answer questions that you might have regarding the publishing process.

"Reward your painstaking work by publishing it!"

Coming up:

October 2nd To be decided
November 6th AGM and Fun Quiz night
December 4th Xmas function at the RSA

Contributions from members are always welcome for this newsletter.
 Janice Goldsworthy, Editor; email janjon@infogen.net.nz

News: Welcome to our new members: *Jocelyn Bryant, Julie Bond, Jan & Lloyd McDell*

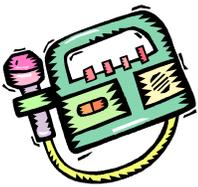
August meeting: A large audience enjoyed a lively and informative talk by *Mike Nightingale* on 'Recording Oral History'. Mike has trained with experts like Judith Fife from the Alexander Turnbull Library. He recommends that course.

Mike has interviewed many people, including some very elderly Taranaki identities.

He stressed the importance of ethics and sensitivity in recording peoples' memories. Make sure the interviewees know the purpose of the interview and what will happen to the tapes.

The Privacy Act is concerned mainly with any talk about third parties. Any slanderous talk about other people has to be avoided.

Mike advised doing some research before the interview. Work out what you want to know. Timelines can help with this, providing subjects to explore. What events would have happened during this person's lifetime?



Keep any initial meetings brief. Don't go into any detail here, as your interviewee might not talk so freely when you get to the real interview. Have some kind of agreement form to safeguard everybody.

Equipment is a vital part of any interview. It should be of the highest quality. Practise beforehand. Things like background noise can ruin a good interview.

There is plenty of help and advice available on interviewing. The Alexander Turnbull library will advise on equipment etc. and have lots of examples of recordings.

Puke Ariki has a collection of tapes which can be accessed for research. The library has several books on the subject of oral history.

The National Oral History Association of New Zealand (NOHANZ) PO Box 3819, Wellington, promotes and advises on oral history. Members receive newsletters, an annual journal and have the opportunity to exchange experiences and knowledge.

Some helpful websites include:

www.natlib.govt.nz/services/get-advice/recording-oral-histories

<http://www.indiana.edu/~csh/techniques.html>

If you would like more details, the notes from Mike's talk are available in our library.

Genealogy Research course

The latest education course run by Michael Butler, with help from committee members, has once again been a success. Thirteen people – existing members and newcomers - attended and enjoyed the course. As a result, we now have several keen new members.

Projects

Several projects are in progress. If anyone can help in any way with inputting or checking it would be much appreciated.

Please contact: ***Marilyn Reid Ph: (06) 758 6930***



Computer Group

The Computer Group meets at the branch rooms on the **third Sunday of each month**, excluding December and January at 1.30pm. There is a \$2.00 door charge. All welcome.



Convenor: John Berntsen; **Secretary:** Bruce Bellini

Family History Week



The Hawera Branch is having an Open Day on the 29th September from 10am to 4pm at:

Methodist Church Hall
Regent Street
Hawera

- to celebrate Family History Week.

Several branches, including ours, will be having a stall and providing an insight into what their branch has to offer.

The South Taranaki Museum, Jenny Martin from the Irish group, and Peter Nash from NZSG will be in attendance.

There will be books from our local library, books from the NZSG library and microfiche and CDs. As well as Irish research there will be Scottish.

- Plenty of research data for all.
- Raffles and sales table.

\$5.00 door charge for the public and raffles to cover the cost of the hall hire.

Tea and coffee will be available. Bring your lunch if staying all day

FAMILY HISTORY CENTRE

322 Mangorei Rd, New Plymouth

Phone 06 758 9646

Open **Tuesdays** 12.30 pm to 3pm and **Thursdays** 12.30pm to 3pm.

Weekends: ring Joy Okey on 7534831 to arrange a time, so that she can open up for you.



PASSWORDS

Every computer needs a password at some time or other. To keep the bad boys and girls from getting your password by devious means you should make it as difficult as possible. When choosing a password include more than numbers and just lower case letters.

It is more difficult to crack longer length passwords with numbers, characters, lower and upper case letters. One way to make up a strong password is to think up a phrase about something unique and use the first letter of each word and be sure to use upper and lower case letters and include numbers and characters. Here are some examples:

mNI@62Qr (from: my neighbour lives at 62 Queens Rd)

UG'swl@73 (from: Uncle George's wife lived at 73)

G!Cwgi6 (from: Gosh Clive was good in 2006)

wSwoCi07 (from: wish Sue was still on Council in 2007)

Be aware that some characters are not allowed. It may be that the '@' and '!' being upper case characters could be excluded. Some of these are 'reserved characters' e.g. the '&' is reserved for the underlining of a letter in a dialogue box. The principle is however good practice for passwords.

Adapted from a presentation to the New Plymouth Computing Group

Pappy's Gal

Suzy Lee fell in love
She planned to marry Joe
She was so happy 'bout it all
She told her Pappy so.

Pappy told her, "Suzie Gal,
You'll have to find another.
I'd just as soon yo' maw don't know
But Joe is your half-brother."

So Suzie forgot about her Joe

And planned to marry Will
But when she told her Pappy this,
He said, "There's trouble still.

"You can't marry Will, my gal,
And please don't tell yo' mother,
Cause Will and Joe and several mo'
I know is yo' half-brother."

But Mama knew and said,
"Honey chile, do what makes yo' happy.
Marry Will or marry Joe,
You ain't no kin to Pappy!"