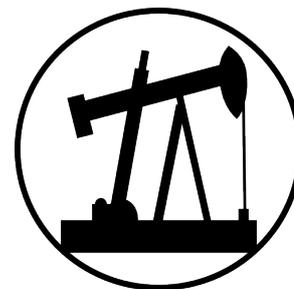




NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.
Opening Hours: Monday: 10am to 3pm
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm
 Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

Our Branch Library

The New Plymouth branch has collected lots of resources useful to family history research.

These include books, magazines, CDs, microfiche, computer databases and others. These cover Taranaki history as well as New Zealand and many foreign areas, particularly the UK.

When the rooms are open, a branch member is on duty to assist with use of these resources.

This is a great collection of resources, available right here in New Plymouth with more being added all the time. Be sure you take advantage of it for your research!



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 4 Feb 2014

Mobile Devices

Smartphones and tablets have become very popular recently, and it seems every second person in town is intently watching one or poking it with their finger.

Although they have only been around for a few years, already they are more powerful than computers were a decade ago. Combine this with great portability, and they have got to be good for something.

Come along and see what these gadgets are, and how they can be used for genealogy. If you have one yourself, bring it along.



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Last Event: Christmas Dinner

The branch held our Christmas dinner at the Fitzroy Golf Club in December. As with 2012, it was popular with good attendance from branch members.

It was an enjoyable event with with marvellous sea views, lovely food and great company.

ANZAC Records

A joint New Zealand / Australian website has been set up to commemorate the Anzac centenary. The Discovering Anzacs website went live last November and Archives New Zealand will make their World War I records available on the site from April.

discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au

This website will have a unique profile of every Anzac who enlisted in World War I, linked to their service record. You can help tell the story of Australia and New Zealand during the war by building on profiles and adding your own family stories, photos or details of their service.

As well as providing access to digitised Australian and New Zealand service records from World War I, the website will contain other records including files on internment, munitions workers, and the South African War.

The project complements the centenary programme to commemorate the First World War, including the opening of a National War Memorial Park in Wellington, and events that can be found at the WW100 website, ww100.govt.nz.



Convenor's Report

Welcome to a new year. Let's hope this year is the one you can undo those brick walls.

Early January we had the internet connected and the first computer is connected to the internet and due to wifi you can connect your laptops or tablets to our internet. At present we do not have any paid sites. If you have a site you would like to be added to our computer, you could donate the finance to purchase the programme.

We want you all to advise us what you want us to do at our monthly meetings. We have the programme to May so we want to fill in the slots from June to November.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next monthly meeting on Tuesday 4 February.

John Berntsen

Donated book

Helene Philpott has generously donated a copy of *The Ancient Order of Foresters* to the branch. This will be available to members in the library.

NZSG Regional Meeting

The next NZSG Taranaki regional meeting is at Hawera.



Date: Saturday 15 February

Time: 10:00 am for morning tea

10:30 am meeting starts

Where: Hawera branch in the Storage 4U Building, 48 Union Street, Hawera.

Bring a plate for the shared lunch.

For more information, and to coordinate travel, please contact John Berntsen.



Internet Connection

As John notes in the Convenor's report, our branch now has an internet connection at the rooms. This includes wifi, so members can connect using their laptops and smartphones. The passphrase for this is written on the whiteboard, and may be changed from time to time.

The internet connection will be available when the branch rooms are open. It will also be for presentations that use or illustrate online features. At present, there are no plans for the branch to subscribe to pay to use services (such as ancestry.com, findmypast, etc).



We are going to compile a list of useful free sites. If you have a favourite, please advise a committee member or the person on duty when the rooms are open.

Tauranga Cemeteries Online



The cemetery records of Tauranga City Council are now available on line.

Some records include a photograph of the headstone.

www.tauranga.govt.nz

Empty Printer Cartridges

Please bring your empty printer cartridges in to the branch rooms. These can be either ink jet or laser cartridges, but **we can only use HP or Canon types of cartridges.**

These will be recycled to generate some income for the branch.



Slide / Negative Scanner

The branch negative / slide scanner is available for hire to members for use at home. The cost is \$5 a week for up to two weeks.

To hire (or book) this scanner, please contact the person on duty at the rooms during normal opening hours.



Library News

Magazines received;

Discover Your History (Dec, Jan)

Family Tree (Dec, Jan, Feb)

Who Do You Think You Are (Dec, Jan, Feb)

Genealogist (Dec)

Memories (Feb/Mar)

Newsletters received;

Hamilton, Hutt Valley, Otaki, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Wanganui, Wellington



Newsletter

If you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Peter Hewett at peter.hewett@gmail.com.

