



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 (closed 6 April for Easter, 27 April for ANZAC)
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm
 Saturday: 10am to 12 noon (closed 25 April for ANZAC)

2015 Branch AGM

At the branch meeting on 5 May, we will be holding our annual general meeting. The formal notice of the meeting is distributed to branch members with this newsletter.

Nominations are open for committee and branch officer positions. Our branch runs on voluntary effort from a number of people. Any contribution you are able to make is greatly appreciated by everyone.

Documents for the AGM (such as minutes of the 2014 AGM) will be distributed with the next newsletter.

Next meeting: 6:00 pm Tuesday 7 Apr 2015

WW1 Ancestors

At the branch meeting on 7 April, the topic is ancestors from World War 1.

Can members please bring along stories and heirlooms of their WW1 ancestors?

Also bring along your questions and brickwalls relating to WW1 research.



Convenor: John Berntsen 753 9188
Secretary: Fay Eaton 751 1045
Treasurer: Neville Richards

Committee: Judy Berntsen
 Margaret Gregory
 Charles Le Breton
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Meetings: 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre access off Whiteley Street carpark

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Last Event: Te Henui Cemetery

Te Henui was the original public cemetery for New Plymouth, and was opened in 1861. Many older memorials and graves were transferred here from older church cemeteries, making Te Henui rich with local history. It contains many military graves and is recognised as a [Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery](#).

For our meeting on 3 March, our branch visited the [Te Henui cemetery](#). It was a beautiful summer evening and Stuart Scarle of [NPDC](#) hosted the visit. He explained the history of the cemetery, the layout and special areas and pointed out some particular features. He also explained how various types of maintenance work is carried out on the memorials and monuments.

Some photos of the visit are on the branch website.

www.genealogynp.com/cemetery2015.html

May Branch Meeting

At the branch meeting on 5 May, our guest speaker is Robyn Wilton, director of the New Plymouth Family History Centre.

The FHC is based at the LDS church in Mangorei Road. It has extensive resources for family history research, with access to British newspaper archives, ancestry.com, FindMyPast, World Vital Records and many others.

Our Branch on Facebook

We don't have a branch Facebook page, but some other branches do.

What do you think?

Should we set up a Facebook page? What should be put on it? Can you help set it up and run it?

Please let a committee member know what you think.



Convenor's Report

Well a quarter of the year has gone already and our AGM is just around the corner. We need more members on our committee:

We need:

- Secretary
- Raffles & suppers
- Meeting hostess & speaker liaison
- +2 more members to cover other smaller jobs

Also anyone for the job of Indexing Co-ordinator. This job is available to either NZSG or non NZSZG members. It is not hard or demanding. You will be given help and instructions for this one.

Please give the above your earnest consideration.

Here is what Wairarapa branch told their members, it is the same for us. "With the AGM coming up in May we are asking that you consider getting involved and helping your Branch. We need new members not only to give these stalwarts a break, but also for new ideas – our Branch needs rejuvenating; we need fresh ideas; we want to know what you want; we want to spread the load; we want to know if in fact you want a Branch."

So please do take note, we do not put this in month after month for nothing. Please approach any committee member for details.

We have some new books to lend. Please take a look and borrow them, we purchase them for you.

Please support your local branch library. We have a lot of resources and helpers.

John Berntsen
Convenor

UK Census Tip

In the 19th century, a woman might return to her family home for her first confinement. Therefore, the given birthplace of the eldest child might be an indication of where her parents were living.

From www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk



Projects Coordinator

Nominations are open for our next branch projects coordinator.

There is lots of good work done by many branch members on various projects. Usually these involve indexing a variety of archive documents and records. The branch coordinator role is to coordinate this work.

Marilyn Reid has done a great job for many years. She is stepping down this year, so the role is coming available.

If you are interested or would like to know more, just talk for a branch committee member.

WW1 at Puke Ariki

It is about 100 years since many important events in World War 1. Puke Ariki is holding several events to recognise these, and to focus on the parts played by people from Taranaki.

Friday 17 April, 4:00 to 6:00 pm, opening of *Bringing it Home: Taranaki and WW1*. This exhibition runs to 26 July 2015.

Wednesday 6 May, 5:30 and 7:00 pm, workshop with the Taranaki Research Centre to research your WW1 family history. Bookings essential.

Sunday 17 May, 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, family day with plenty of hands on events for children and adults.

Puke Ariki

WW1 Military Abbreviations

The New Zealand Defence Force website has a list of military abbreviations used around the time of World War 1.

<http://www.nzdf.mil.nz/downloads/pdf/nzdf-archives/ww1-abbreviations.pdf>

NZSG News

NZSG members should have received emails or mail about these, but (in case you missed them) here are some of the recent headlines.

2015 Family History Fair Cancelled

The annual fair was scheduled for August has been cancelled due to lack of sponsorship and funding. Most of the ideas and events from the fair will be used in a series of smaller events during August, which is family history month.

Postal Ballot on Rules Withdrawn

The NZSG postal ballot on rule changes has been withdrawn. This is related to procedural issues with the ballot, such as involving the returning officers in the preparation of the ballot. The NZSG Council will address the rule change process at their next meeting.

2015 NZSG AGM

The 2015 NZSG Annual General Meeting will be held in Auckland on 27 June 2015. Information on remits and proxy voting will be included in the April magazine.

Communications Survey

NZSG has a variety of communication channels, such as the magazine, website, e-kit emails and mailing list. Feedback is being sought from members to help improve communications.

www.surveymonkey.com/s/8CXQGJK

Legacy Meetings

The 2015 dates for workshops on the Legacy family tree software are scheduled. These are hosted by Sharyn Guthrie at 1532 Carrington Road. They are on Sunday afternoons, from 13:30 to 15:30.

17 May

19 July

20 September

22 November

If you wish to attend, please let Sharyn know at 06 753 6311 or 027 447 7530.



Library Roster: April

Monday 10 am to 3 pm
Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Wed 1 Jill Jackson
Sat 4 Judy Berntsen
Mon 6 Closed Easter Monday
Tues 7 Branch meeting; WW1 stories
Wed 8 Jill Harvey
Sat 11 Elly Harrison
Mon 13 Charles Le Breton / Bev Mulqueen
Wed 15 Margaret Gregory
Sat 18 Lea / Bruce Bellini
Mon 20 Lorraine Austin / Anne Brophy
Wed 22 Ailsa McCrone
Sat 25 Closed Anzac Day
Mon 27 Closed Anzac Holiday
Tues 28 Committee Meeting
Wed 29 Neville Richards

For those new to genealogy and/or want help knocking down those brick walls, this is an excellent time and place to have our experts help you. Our helpers can show you what is available in the library and how to go about finding what you are looking for.

Donations

The book, *Man in the Middle – The Life of Robert Parris 1816 – 1904*, by Beverley Reeves 2015, donated to the branch library by John & Judy Berntsen.

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.



Did You Know?

Our branch library has detailed burial records of the Te Henui cemetery. These records include plot locations and headstone transcriptions. We have transcriptions for some headstones that are no longer readable at the cemetery!

Library News

Magazines received;
Memories (Apr/May)
Family Tree (Mar, Apr)
Who do you think you are (Apr)



Newsletters received;
Blenheim, Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Riccarton, Stratford, Tauranga, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Wellington

Newsletter

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

