



# NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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**Branch Library:** Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.  
**Opening Hours:** Monday: 10 am to 12:30 pm (closed 25 April, Anzac Day)  
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm  
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

## 2016 Branch AGM

At the branch meeting on 3 May, we will be holding our annual general meeting. The formal notice of meeting will be distributed to branch members with this newsletter.

Nominations are open for convenor, secretary and committee members.

The branch relies on volunteers to keep things running. We just need a few more people to join the committee. Please talk with any current committee member if you can help or have any questions.

Documents for the AGM (such as financial report and minutes of the 2015 AGM) will be distributed with the May newsletter.



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 5 Apr 2016

## RootsTech 2016

[RootsTech](#) is an enormous conference about genealogy held at Salt Lake City in USA. It is a technology meets genealogy conference, with lots of vendors and presentations about new and different technology applied to genealogy.

The 2016 conference was held in February, and New Plymouth branch member Sharyn Guthrie was there!

At our April meeting, Sharyn will tell us about her adventures at RootsTech 2016.

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 Celebrating Families across Generations

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

**Committee:** Judy Berntsen  
 Jill Jackson  
 Charles Le Breton  
 Ailsa McCrone  
 Bev Mulqueen  
 Jackie Sewell

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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: Old Occupations

At our March meeting, Charles Le Breton presented some names of old occupations. These included names that are no longer in use, either because that job doesn't exist any more, or it now goes by another name.

Generally, it is possible to find an explanation of any unusual occupations by searching on the internet.

Some of the websites with long lists of old occupations are given below.

[www.genuki.org.uk/big/Occupations](http://www.genuki.org.uk/big/Occupations)

[www.worldthroughthelens.com/family-history/old-occupations.php](http://www.worldthroughthelens.com/family-history/old-occupations.php)

[www.familytreeassociation.org/old-occupations--terms.html](http://www.familytreeassociation.org/old-occupations--terms.html)

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### Next Meeting: 3 May 2016

Wills! How do these work? And what happens when the deceased person didn't have one?

At our May meeting, Michelle O'Neil from the Public Trust Office will tell us about wills and how these are managed.

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### Branch Projects

Our branch projects team can always do with some more members to help with transcribing and indexing of historical records. If you are able to help, please contact Loraine (753 4069) or Pat George (757 5434).

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### Legacy Help

There will be monthly informal Legacy sessions from Sunday 10 April 2016 at 1:30pm in the Branch Rooms. These will be held regularly on the Sunday after the branch meeting.

Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions. Phone: 7572599 or email [g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz](mailto:g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz)

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### Convenor's Report

Well another month nearly over and a month closer to our AGM. Has anyone given it a thought about joining the Committee? We need replacements.

The Auckland Library is holding an open research day at the Mt Roskill Library from 12-13 August, and going by what I've heard from people who went to last year's one, it is well worth visiting.

It's confirmed that Gail Riddell will be here on Sunday 22 May from about 10am to mid afternoon. She will be talking on DNA in general and by what I've heard from other areas, it is well worth coming along and listening. More later but could you please let us know if you intend to come along. I need numbers please, thank you.

I must thank Ailsa & Margaret who sat at St Mary's gate telling people that our walk is off till later in the year. Also I must say thanks to Bev for her display in the PukeAriki, it was very well done. Thanks again Bev.

Lorraine Austin is still wanting people to index BDMS, it's not hard, if you can help please get in touch with Lorraine or Pat George.

John Berntsen  
Convenor

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### Canon Ink Cartridges

Do you have a HP or Canon printer?

Some unused printer cartridges have been donated to the branch. These are available for a donation.



- 1 Canon 521 yellow
- 1 Canon BCI-24B black
- 2 Canon PG 40 black
- 1 HP C1816A photo
- 1 HP 57 colour

replacement cartridges for Canon PGI525 black  
replacement cartridges for Canon CLI526 colour



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## NZSG Revised Rules – Postal Ballot

NZSG members will receive a document relating to the postal ballot for a revised set of rules with their April issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist* magazine.

This documentation will comprise a covering letter from the President and the revised rules. In addition there will be a Question and Answer document on the Society's website, along with copies of the President's letter and the rules themselves.

Our existing rules have been widely acknowledged as being no longer fit for purpose. Legal advice also points to inconsistencies between the rules and the by-laws and recommends amalgamation. Applications for funding and sponsorship are becoming more dependent upon evidence that the Society is operating in a business-like manner, in surplus, and within rules that are appropriate for purpose. We cannot continue to operate as we have in the past, and revised rules are part of the necessary change.

It is appreciated that a large proportion of the Society's members just wish to get on with their research and that rules may be of little interest to them, and I understand that. However, please do read the documents and then cast your vote. It is vital that all NZSG members take the opportunity to participate in this postal ballot as a two-thirds majority of valid votes cast (existing Rule 9.1) is needed for the new rules to be adopted.

Voting papers are due back to the Returning Officers by 4pm, Friday 20 May 2016.

Thank you.

Peter Gibson

NZSG Councillor & Facilitator, Rules Review Working Group

March 2016

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## Historic NZ War Records

Records (muster books, paylists, etc) for British soldiers stationed in NZ during the 1860s are held at National Archives.

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## Proposed Cuts to Trove Funding

[Trove](#) is the online archive of old Australian newspapers. It is run by the National Library of Australia and is the equivalent of our [PapersPast](#).

It has been [reported](#) that funding reductions will mean cuts to this service, and there has been [much discussion](#) about why this would be a bad move. As well as being valuable for genealogy, easy access to historical documents like this is important for many other cultural, community and academic purposes.

There is an online petition calling for funding of Trove to continue.

[www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/fund-trove-1](http://www.megaphone.org.au/petitions/fund-trove-1)

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## Top 100 Genealogy Websites 2016

The [Genealogy In Time](#) magazine has published its list of the [top 100 genealogy websites](#) for 2016. Here are the top ten free websites.

1. [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com)
2. [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org)
3. [www.mooseroots.com](http://www.mooseroots.com)
4. [www.wikitree.com](http://www.wikitree.com)
5. [www.familytreenow.com](http://www.familytreenow.com)
6. [www.gedmatch.com](http://www.gedmatch.com)
7. [www.ancientfaces.com](http://www.ancientfaces.com)
8. [wiki-en.genealogy.net](http://wiki-en.genealogy.net)
9. [usgwarchives.net](http://usgwarchives.net)
10. [www.rootschat.com](http://www.rootschat.com)



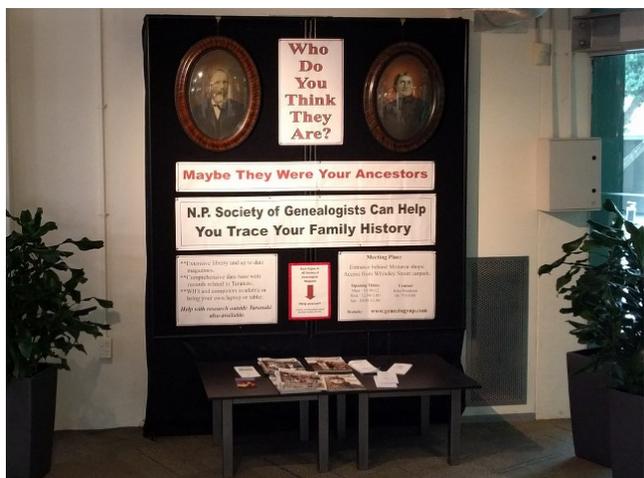
## Library Roster: April

Monday	10 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday	12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday	10 am to 12 noon
Sat 2	Mike Merrick
Mon 4	Charles Le Breton
Tues 5	Branch meeting – 7:30pm –
Wed 6	Jill Jackson
Sat 9	Karen Crowe
Mon 11	Ailsa McCrone
Wed 13	Elly Harrison
Sat 16	Lea and/or Bruce Bellini
Mon 18	Lorraine Austin
Wed 20	Neville Richards
Sat 23	Annette Larsen
Mon 25	Public Holiday – Anzac Day
Tues 26	Committee Meeting
Wed 27	Ailsa McCrone
Sat 30	Marilyn Armitstead

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.

## Puke Ariki Display

Our branch was recently on display at Puke Ariki. Thank you very much to Bev for putting the display together.



## 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.



## Library News

Magazines received;  
Family Tree (April, May)  
Who Do You Think You Are  
(March, April)



Newsletters received;  
Canterbury, Hutt, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Riccarton, Stratford, Wanganui, Wellington

## Newsletter

If you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Peter Hewett at [peter.hewett@gmail.com](mailto:peter.hewett@gmail.com).

