



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

Branch Subs

The branch annual subscription is now due. Thank you very much to everyone who has already paid their subs!

	Annual subs
Single	\$35
Household	\$45
Outside Taranaki	\$25

Please use the subscription form. This is available for download from [the branch website](#), or you can get a printed form at the rooms. The methods for payment are explained on the form.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 5 July 2016

Old & Unusual Illnesses

Ever come across a cause of death that you did not recognise? Historical documents sometimes record a disease that goes by a different name today, or doesn't even happen much any more.

So what do all those strange medical terms mean? At our July branch meeting, Jackie Sewell will explain some of the archaic medical terms that you might come across in your genealogy research.



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Last Event: Bees

For our June meeting, we enjoyed a lively talk by Fiona Black about bees and bee-keeping.

Fiona and her husband Stephen run a business with over a thousand hives scattered around Taranaki. They retail a variety of honey products from their shop in New Plymouth and on line.

We learnt that there is a lot involved with bee-keeping. Fiona also gave us some entertaining descriptions of the intricate lives of bees.

August meeting: Family History Month

August is family history month, and our focus will be on the first English settlers in New Plymouth.

If you have any resources relating to these immigrant families, please bring it along to the branch meeting on Tuesday 2 August. This could be any old documents, information, photos, etc.

Daytime meetings

Thank you to everyone who responded to the email question on holding some daytime meetings. The responses varied widely, with some people strongly supporting a daytime meeting, while others definitely prefer the Tuesday evening meetings.

The regular Tuesday evening meetings will continue as usual. In addition, the branch committee has decided to trial a few Sunday afternoon meetings this year.

It might not be possible to run the same talk on the Sunday as was presented to the Tuesday evening in a given month. However, the committee will try to run a similar topic on the Sunday.

The Sunday meetings will be at 1:30 pm in the branch rooms, on these days.

- 21 August
- 18 September
- 16 October

Convenor's Report

Work has begun in the Branch Library and we are planning a stock-take of all our books. The two new computers have been upgraded to the Windows 10 operating system, and the discussion has been made that the older computer will have its access to the internet removed. It will just be used in future for the library catalogue, the Taranaki Biographical Index and to access the genealogy research CDROMS. This discussion was made as the Windows XP operating system is no longer supported by Microsoft and will only become more vulnerable to viruses as time goes on.

You will see elsewhere in this newsletter that the Committee have agreed to try some daytime meetings as a result of the recent survey. If these are well supported, we may well do the same next winter.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

Legacy Help

The next in the series of monthly informal Legacy sessions from Sunday 10 July 2016 at 1:30pm in the Branch Rooms. This month, the topic is recording and using sources.

Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions. Phone: 757 2599 or email g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz

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 Lorraine (751 1795) or Pat George (757 5434).



Amelia Thompson Reunion



The *Amelia Thompson* arrived at New Plymouth on 3 September 1842. This was the second ship of English migrants to New Plymouth. A reunion will be held to celebrate the 175 year anniversary of this arrival.

When: Labour weekend,
21 – 23 October 2016

Where: Holy Trinity Church hall,
Henui St, Strandon

Cost: \$40

If you wish to attend, please register by 11 October 2016. For registrations and further information, please contact;

- Bronwyn Jenkins, 4b Price St, 753 8453
- Anne Francis, 31 Clemow Rd, 758 6287

Donations

The branch extends thanks to Annette Larsen for her generous donation of a book to our library. This is *No Simple Passage*, the journey of the *London* to New Zealand 1842, by Jenny Robin Jones 2011. This book covers a lot on the early settlers to the Wellington area.

Antivirus software vulnerabilities

Recently, several serious security vulnerabilities have [been reported](#) in the Symantec and Norton products. These products include Norton Antivirus, Symantec Endpoint Protection and others.

While any software can have security vulnerabilities, anti-virus software typically runs with elevated privileges. This means that more damage can be done if it is compromised.

Fixed versions of those products are now available. If you have anti-virus software installed on your computer, be sure to update both the virus definitions and the software itself.

Papers Past Updates

Papers Past contains more than four million pages of digitised New Zealand newspapers and periodicals. The collection covers the years 1839 to 1948 and includes 132 publications from all regions of New Zealand.

Recent additions to Papers Past include:

- Bay of Plenty Times (1872-1875 and 1921-1930)
- Hawke's Bay Times (1869-1874)
- Otago Daily Times (1921-1930)
- Waikato Argus (1896-1904)
- Woodville Examiner (1883-1920)

<http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>



Library Roster: July

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm

Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm

Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Sat 2 Karen Crowe

Mon 4 Charles Le Breton

Tue 5 Branch meeting – 7:30pm – Jackie Sewell on old medical conditions.

Wed 6 Neville Richards

Sat 9 Mike Merrick

Mon 11 Anne Brophy

Wed 13 Elly Harrison

Sat 16 Lea and / or Bruce Bellini

Mon 18 Lorraine Austin

Wed 20 Judy Berntsen

Sat 23 Marilyn Armistead

Mon 25 Annette Larsen

Tues 26 Committee Meeting

Wed 27 Jill Jackson

Sat 30 Ailsa McCrone

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.

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 (July)

Genealogist (June)

Who Do You Think You Are (July)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Gore, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papamoa, Porirua, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Southland, Tauranga, Te Awamutu, Tokoroa, Wairarapa, Whanganui, Wellington

Canadian Gravemaker

Newsletter

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

