



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 17 April, Easter Monday)
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon (closed 15 April, Easter weekend)

2017 Branch AGM

At the branch meeting on 2 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 treasurer 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 2016 AGM) will be distributed with the May newsletter.

AGM

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 4 Apr 2017

Te Henui Cemetery Photos Project

One of our current projects is to photograph the headstones of Te Henui cemetery and to update our transcription record.

This project has been led by Pat George, and at our April meeting, she will tell us all about what the team of volunteers have been up to.

Pat was also organiser for the previous project to transcribe the headstones. This was only a few decades ago, but already there is much to update.

Convenor: Bruce Bellini 758 0130
Secretary: Jackie Sewell
Treasurer: Neville Richards 753 5051

Committee: Lorraine Austin
 John Berntsen
 Jill Jackson
 Annette Larsen
 Charles Le Breton
 Ailsa McCrone
 Bev Mulqueen

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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: UK Genealogy Trip

At the March branch meeting, Pat George talked about her recent trip to England and Scotland. She described her adventures searching through old records, disproving some theories and making some intriguing new discoveries about her ancestors. The research uncovered lots of new information, including some ancestors who had changed their name, and others who had remarried (which explains why they were so hard to track).

Next Meeting: 2 May 2017

Our May branch meeting will be held straight after the AGM. Len Jury will be talking about Families of Historic Omata.

Computer Group Meetings

The next genealogy computer group meeting will be held at the Branch Rooms at 1:30 pm on Sunday 16 April.

These informal meetings are (usually) held on the third Sunday of alternate months. Everyone is most welcome to attend these meetings.

As usual, there is no set topic, so it is wonderful opportunity to discuss any problems that you may have, any successes you have had and to share helpful information. These sessions usually cover current topics related to genealogy and computers or the internet, but not always. It is also another chance to access the information in our library.

So feel free to join us at 1:30 pm on Sunday 16 April. You may be surprised on what you might find out!

Usual \$2.00 door charge applies.

For any enquiries, please contact Peter Hewett or Bruce Bellini.

Convenor's Report

The Minutes and a copy of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists set of Rules, as adopted by our Branch at the Extraordinary General Meeting held on 7th March, have been successfully uploaded to the Charities Services website. They have been reviewed by Charities Service and are now available for download by members of the Public.

Next month's meeting is our Annual General Meeting and Ailsa McCrone, who joined our Committee in 2011, has decided to step down. I would like to thank Ailsa for giving her time over those years to help the Committee run the Branch, I am sure we will miss her cheerful personality.

Neville Richards has advised that he will be relinquishing the Treasurers position, at the AGM, but has kindly agreed to stay on the Committee.

I would like to remind members that under the new rules, only half of the Branch Committee members need to be members of NZSG, so if you are thinking of joining the Committee, I am sure you will be most welcome.

Thanks.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

Legacy Help

The next in Marilyn's series of Legacy sessions will be on Sunday 7 May 2017 at 1:30pm in the Branch Rooms. Future meetings are planned for every second month; 9 July, 10 September and 12 November.

Please note that there is a \$2 door charge.

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



Branch Committee 2017 / 2018

The branch Annual General Meeting will be held on 2 May 2017 (just a few short weeks away!)

Nominations are open for committee and office positions. Some committee members are standing down after several years on committee.

The committee member job is not onerous, and is a great way to be involved and see more of how our branch works. If you are interested, please talk to Bruce or Jackie.



Extraordinary General Meeting

On 7 March 2017, our branch held an Extraordinary General Meeting at which the the current ammended rules of the NZSG were adopted as our branch rules.

Adopting these new rules means we are aligned with the NZSG and the other branches. Our branch registration with the Charities Commission will be updated to reflect this change.

Roman Catholic Parish records

These records are the "Index to Sacramental Registers held at the Roman Catholic Diocesan Archives Auckland." Index from the Baptismal, Confirmation, Marriage and Burial Registers. And a copy of this index is held by the New Plymouth branch in our library.

If you find an entry for one of your family you can then order a copy of the full entry.

The index covers the Roman Catholic Parishes of Coromandel, Ellerslie, Northern Wairoa Area, Onehunga, Otahuhu, Paeroa, Panmure, Ponsonby, Puhoi, Pukekohe, St. Benedicts Church including St. Francis de Sales Cemetery Chapel, St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland, Te Aroha, Thames, Whangarei.

I do want everyone to know just how important church records are. Search for your surnames, and that will include various spellings of a name. One of my ancestors, Denis Brett, (from Ireland) who came out with the 58th Regiment. It is very hard to find anything about him. My cousin in Auckland and I have been searching for years for information. We couldn't find his marriage, and one day a few years back I looked through the Roman Catholic Parish records. And I got such a surprise! I had no idea the family were Catholics. There were several entries with different spelling of surnames and even a different first name, but with all the other information I have I knew it was my family. Don't forget your family probably couldn't read and write then and if they wanted to be called by a different name they just did it. And the person writing down their name may not fully understand their accent.

Roman Catholic Parish of St. Patrick's Cathedral, Auckland

Confirmation: Denis BRITT 1848

Marriage: Denis BRITH and Mary CANE 1853 (not the correct names, but we think this is them)

Death: Denis BRETT 1873

Baptism: Anne BRITT daughter of Denis BRITT and Jane BRITT 1860

Baptism: William BRETT son of Denis and Jane 1866

Baptism: John BRITT son of Denis and Mary 1877

Baptism: William John BRITT 1877 son of John and Sarah Anne BRITT

Baptism: Mary Jane BRETT 1878 daughter of John and Sarah Ann

Baptism: Sarah Ann BRETT 1880 daughter of John and Sarah

Baptism: John (Jack) BRETT 1882 son of John and Sarah Ann

Baptism: Robert BRETT 1883 son of John and Sarah Ann

How do you search the records? Just ask Bruce Bellini and he will show you how.

Ann Evans



Library Roster: April

Monday	10 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday	12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday	10 am to 12 noon
Sat 1	Karen Crowe
Mon 3	Charles Le Breton
Tues 4	Branch meeting – 7:30pm
Wed 5	Jill Jackson
Sat 8	Neville Richards
Mon 10	Lorraine Austin
Wed 12	Charles Le Breton
Sat 15	Closed - Easter
Mon 17	Closed - Easter
Wed 19	Judy Berntsen
Sat 22	Mike Merrick
Mon 24	Annette Larsen
Tues 25	Committee meeting - Anzac Day
Wed 26	Ailsa McCrone
Sat 29	Elly Harrison

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.



A4 Envelopes Please

If you have any used A4 envelopes, please consider donating these to the branch library. They are used for filing library materials.

Library News

Magazines received;

Who do you think you are (Mar)

Memories (Apr/May)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Dunedin, Fielding, Gore, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Papamoa, Riccarton, South Waikato, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wellington

If you would like an email copy of newsletters from another branch, please contact John Berntsen. Many of the newsletters are also available from the NZSG website.

www.genealogy.org.nz/branches--area-contacts_55

Newsletter

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

