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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
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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!



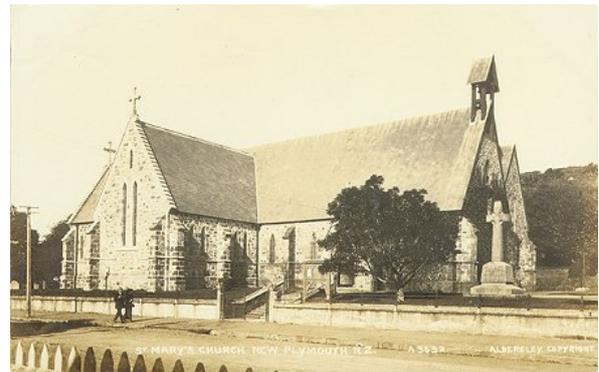
Next meeting: 7:00 pm Tuesday 6 Feb 2018

St Mary's Headstones

Our first meeting for 2017 will be on Tuesday 6 February 2018. This will be a visit to the Taranaki Cathedral Church of St Mary, to view the headstone restoration project there with John Pickering.

Please meet at 7:00 pm at the Brougham Street gate of St Mary's church.

Last year, our field trip was rained out, but fine weather has been ordered for this year!



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 access off Whiteley Street carpark
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Last Event: Christmas Lunch

The branch Christmas Dinner was held at our branch rooms on Sunday 3 December. This was well attended and enjoyed by all. This year, we tried a catered meal, and utilised our branch rooms as the venue!

Our Christmas raffles were drawn, for a Christmas cake and for three Christmas grocery hampers.

Branch Awards 2017

At our Branch Christmas Dinner function held on the 3rd of December I had the pleasure of presenting the following Awards to the recipients:-

John Berntsen was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his time on the Branch Committee, since his previous Award, but as he was unable to be present the certificate was given to Judy to pass on.

Judy Berntsen was presented with a Service Award in recognition of her time as a Branch Committee member and Branch Research Officer.

Ailsa McCrone was presented with a Service Award in recognition of her time as a Branch Committee member and supper organiser.

Marilyn Armitstead was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of her previous work on the Branch Committee and more recently for leading the Branch Library Team and the re-organisation of the Library.

Peter Hewett was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation in recognition of his work looking after our Branch Website, editing our newsletter and leading the School Roll Indexing project.

I am sure that all our members would like to thank these people for all the time and effort they have given to help our Branch function as well as it does, and for their continued support.

Thanks!

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor.

Convenor's Report

Welcome to another year of genealogy. I hope you had a great Christmas and have enjoyed the lovely summer weather we have been having lately.

We have had good feedback about the venue for our Christmas lunch, although we were a little disappointed in some aspects of the menu, and this has been addressed with the caterer. I wish to thank the committee members who so willingly helped organise this, the decorating of the tables and room was very festive.

We have had ongoing issues with one of the printers in our library so the committee has agreed to purchase a new printer and this is being installed shortly.

I understand that the Stratford and Inglewood Branches have combined and become independent. We wish the new group well for the future.

Please let us know if you have any suggestions for topics for our meetings – you may want to suggest a particular topic, you may want to present a particular topic or you may want to suggest a guest speaker. Please help us deliver what you want to hear.

I am looking forward to seeing you at St Mary's Church at the Brougham Street entrance at 7 pm on Tuesday 6 February.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

Next Meeting: 6 March

Puke Ariki is our great regional museum, with an extensive store of local historical records and artefacts. Much of this is very valuable for genealogists researching history in the Taranaki area.

For our March meeting, a representative from Puke Ariki will tell us about the resources that they hold and how these can be useful to genealogists.



Lea's Discoveries

I have been working on a box at the rooms called "Miscellaneous Family Trees and Maps". It's been there, probably since the rooms were opened in 1992. Nobody would know what was in it. It wasn't just family trees and there were no maps!

I remember someone asking me last year if I knew where the old Primitive Methodist burial ground was. Well, I hadn't got a clue!

So the first thing of interest for me in this miscellaneous box was a faded photocopied page entitled "Remains Removed from old Primitive Methodist Burying Ground Devon St West". Well, goodness me. Can I remember who asked me about it? NO. So if anyone wants to know about this burial ground, keep on reading.

The Puke Ariki website – Kete has entries in respect of New Plymouth Buildings. There is one for 228 Devon Street West. This indicates a permit was granted to Mr Perkins in May 1914 for the construction of a residence on Subdivision 2, Part Town Reserve G, Devon Street West. Town Reserve G was originally used as the Primitive Methodist Burial Ground. The cemetery was surveyed in 1901. It is thought the bodies were exhumed and moved to the Te Henui Cemetery around that time.

The other document I found really interesting was a transcript of a letter written on 11 July 1886 by David Highland Harvey, to his father Stephen Harvey in England. This consists of 5 typed pages describing David's experiences in the volcanic eruption of Mount Tarawera, on 10 June 1886. He and his family were within a few miles of the burning mountain. It is a fascinating description of the eruption. This letter is filed in the envelope collection under "Harvey".

The whole box has now been indexed and will be added to the Taranaki Biographical index in the next update.

Lea

SeniorNet

See the [SeniorNet New Plymouth website](#) for details of membership, fees, dates, courses and workshops this term.

SeniorNet is offering the following:

- Introduction to computers
- Updating of computer skills.
- Use of smart phones
- Use of email/Gmail
- Image enhancing with Photoshop
- Use of Facebook & Messenger

Library Display: 28 Jan - 11 Feb with further information.

Registration for courses: 29 Jan - Fri 2 Feb

Times: 10am - 12noon

Phone 06 7594979

Internet Connection

The internet connection for our branch rooms is now generously sponsored by Primowireless.

Based right here in Taranaki, Primowireless provides internet connections and ISP services for residential and business customers. As well as the usual ADSL and fibre connections, Primowireless also provides broadband internet over a wireless link for customers who are not in an area served by the other types of internet. This is great for people who live outside the main centres.



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Library Roster: February

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm
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Sat 3 Lea and Bruce Bellini
Mon 5 Charles Le Breton
Tue 6 Branch meeting – 6pm
Wed 7 Ailsa McCrone
Sat 10 Karen Crowe
Mon 12 Ann Brophy
Wed 14 Judy Berntsen
Sat 17 Mike Merrick
Mon 19 Lorraine Austin
Wed 21 Jill Jackson
Sat 24 Neville Richards
Mon 26 Annette Larsen
Tue 27 Committee meeting 7pm.
Wed 28 Fay Eaton

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.

Computer Group Meeting

A meeting of the genealogy computer group was held on Sunday 21 January 2018. It was great to have a couple of new attendees to the computer group.



We discussed several different computer related discoveries and problems that people had brought along. A few different topics were covered, including how to take screenshots (and the snipping tool in Windows), Scottish DNA on the web and using Gramps software.

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.



CDROMS

Don't forget the branch has a number of genealogical CDROMS that can be looked at in the branch library. These include a number donated by Ann Evans recently– thank you Ann.

Most of the new ones have been catalogued. For ease of access, these have been taken out of the locked cupboard and are now stored on the shelves at the far end of the microfiche / computer table.

They are mainly loaded on the older computer nearest the kitchen. By that computer, there is a white folder listing all of the CDs we have, together with how to access the information. Please ask the duty librarian for help if you are having trouble.

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Xmas, Jan, Feb)

Genealogist (Dec)

Who do you think you are (Dec, Jan, Feb)



Newsletters received;

Balclutha, Dunedin, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Porirua, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Southland, South Waikato, Stratford, Whanganui, Wellington

If you would like an email copy of newsletters from another branch, please contact Peter Hewett. 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.

