



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
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2019 Branch AGM

The branch AGM was held on Tuesday 7 May. The main outcomes are:

Convenor: Bruce Bellini

Secretary: Jackie Sewell

Treasurer: Lea Bellini

Committee: Lorraine Austin, Graham Cowling, Jill Jackson, Annette Larsen, Neville Richards, Gail Tanner.

Librarian: Marilyn Armitstead

Newsletter: Peter Hewett

Projects: Lorraine Austin, Pat George

Branch subscriptions and door charge remain the same for the 2019/20 year.

AGM

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 4 June 2019

Tikorangi Cemetery

This month Peter Wilson will be talking about his research of the Tikorangi cemetery. The cemetery is about 23 km east of New Plymouth, and was established in 1882.

Peter has photographed the headstones and compiled records for the burials in this cemetery. Researching some of the earlier burials has been difficult, particularly for those from before the cemetery was gazetted and the Trust board set up.

A book is also being prepared on the cemetery and its history.



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Email: newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz
Website: www.genealogynp.com

Last Event: Hospice Biography Service

At our May meeting, Jenny Blyde from the Taranaki Hospice was our guest speaker. She oversees the Hospice Biography team and told us a little about this wonderful free service for Hospice patients and their families. This service has been available for about 12 years. A volunteer goes into the patient's home to record the person's story and the tape is then typed into a computer before being bound into books for the families. There are 6 free copies given out. If any more are needed the family is able to photocopy extra copies.

Each biography can take 6 weeks to complete. The biographers are given training and a meeting held every so often for the biographers to discuss any difficulties. Unfortunately there are not enough biographers to cope with the growing demand for the service. A biographer needs to have a good knowledge of the computer but there is the possibility of having one of the team to do the recording and someone else on the team to put the biography on to the computer.

All bios are unique and the biographer tries to keep to the words of the patient so that that person's unique "voice" can be heard as the story is read. This volunteer work provides pleasure for the team and something special for the families of the bereaved. A wonderful service.

Annette Larsen

Next Event: 2 July 2019

30 Months on Top of the World

Branch member Sharyn Guthrie is back in New Plymouth after travelling the world!



At the July branch meeting, Sharyn will give us a whistle stop guide to 30 months in the UK and travels, mostly around Europe, plus our journey home through Russia and China. Included will be some genealogy and DNA highlights plus photos.

Convenor's Report

I would like to welcome Gail Tanner and Graham Cowling to our Branch Committee, following their election at our AGM in May.

A very big "THANK YOU" goes to Bev Mulqueen, who stepped down from our Branch Committee at the AGM, after serving our Branch since 2010. Bev has looked after our library books and magazines and has become well known for the artwork that she has produced for Branch display's on various occasions, at Puki Ariki and open days.

The branch committee has agreed to purchase a new, larger screen for our rooms to match the new data projector. Graham Cowling and I have installed it. It is ready to be used for the first time at our next meeting on Tuesday evening.

If you have a suggestion of a guest speaker, or a topic that you would like to see covered at our branch meetings please let me know, or speak to any one of our branch committee.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

Legacy Users Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 9 June 2019 at the Branch Rooms from 1.30pm. These sessions are hosted by Marilyn Armitstead and cover topics about the use of the Legacy genealogy software.

The other 2019 meetings are planned for 11 August and 6 October. Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions. Phone: 757 2599 or email g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz

I'm my own grandpa

This is an amusing little video for those interested in unconventional family relationships.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qu_Y1wQ923g

Elly Harrison



Branch 50th Anniversary

We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of our branch on Saturday 23 November 2019, so keep that date free.



Planning is progressing well with our 50th anniversary and I can advise that Mary Shadbolt, NZSG Chairperson together with well known genealogist Jan Gow Q.S.M. have confirmed their attendance at our celebrations.

The Autolodge Motor Inn has been booked for the celebratory dinner on the Saturday evening. Information on the anniversary events is available on the [branch website](#). This website page has a downloadable programme and registration form.

Bruce Bellini

Computer Group Meeting

The genealogy computer group meeting was held on Sunday 19 May 2019.



We had a good look at the new branch computers (thanks to a grant from TSB Community Trust). This included a review of some of the branch resources, indices and collections. As well as the TBI, the branch has copies of Taranaki PhotoNews, Roll of Honour photos from WW1 and WW2, and others.

Surplus Equipment For Sale

The branch has some equipment that is surplus to our requirements, and is offered for sale.

- overhead projector
- data projector
- roll-up display screen

This equipment is over ten years old, and each was working ok when last used. If you are interested, please talk to Bruce.

Our New Committee Members

At the AGM, the branch elected two new committee members.

Graham Cowling

I became interested in genealogy as an early teenager by my parents who shared historical knowledge with me. I continued in an on-again, off-again project during my intermediate years, my biggest regret is that I didn't ask all those questions I now don't have answers to.

Over the past 5-6 years I have rekindled the enthusiasm and now that technology has improved have done not only my own family tree but that of my mother, one of my cousins and that of my wife on the female side, a real challenge but rewarding project.

I joined New Plymouth branch two years ago and became a committee member at the last AGM, and intend to do some librarian work, so I really am the new boy on the block, with lots to learn.

Gail Tanner

I joined the New Plymouth branch in 1996. In 1998 I became the Convener, a position I held until 2002. During this time we hosted the 2001 NZSG conference and AGM in New Plymouth. I was the Treasurer for this major undertaking.

At this conference, I was approached to stand for Treasurer of the NZ Society. I was voted on in 2003 and held the position for five years. By this time I was back working full time, and decided to have a break from committees and relinquished my memberships to both New Plymouth and the New Zealand Societies. Now that I am semi-retired, I have regained my enthusiasm for family history and have decided it is time to get involved again. It's great to be back and meet up with old friends and make some new friends.



Library Roster: June

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm
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Sat 1 Karen Crowe
Wed 5 Ailsa McCrone
Sat 8 Sharyn Guthrie
Mon 10 Lorraine Austin
Wed 12 Jill Jackson
Sat 15 Elly Harrison
Mon 17 Annette Larsen
Wed 19 Neville Richards
Sat 22 Janice Goldsworthy
Mon 24 Charles Le Breton
Wed 26 Fay Eaton
Sat 29 Lea & Bruce Bellini

Internet Connection

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



Please consider Primowireless for your ISP. Ring them on 0800 123 774 or visit the website:

primowireless.co.nz

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.



Cemetery Transcriptions

Headstone transcriptions of many local cemeteries are available on our [website](http://www.genealogy.org.nz). The online pages now have maps showing plot and block layouts for several of the cemeteries.

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (June)

Who Do You Think You Are (May)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Feilding, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papamoa, Riccarton, South Waikato, Wairarapa

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.

