

New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated

Newsletter



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February 2022

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against
COVID-19

Reduce risk – Stay safe

New Zealand Government

All events are under Covid-19 protection framework
Society rooms are open: Monday and Saturday

Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had enjoyed some time off over the Christmas period to catch up with family and friends, and to take advantage of the Taranaki summer weather.

Unfortunately, Covid is still about, and New Zealand has gone to the red traffic light setting. Our society will be following the covid rules, so please check these later in this newsletter.

The committee is putting together the programme for 2022. We have some great topics lined up. If you have any requests or suggestions for meeting topics, please contact any committee member.



Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 1 Feb 2022

Grave Secrets

A lot of information can be found on gravestones. At our February meeting, Annette Larsen will share some interesting gravestones, mostly from the Te Henui cemetery. Her talk will cover some of the symbols used, and also provide a list of good websites where you can search cemeteries.

So, come along to the first meeting of 2022, and learn something new about gravestones.



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Convenor's Report

Welcome to the new year of 2022. We are still dealing with Covid, but hopefully everyone is hale & healthy after a busy Christmas and New Year.

Our first Committee meeting as New Plymouth Genealogy Society Inc was held last week, and we are all set to get into this year with plenty of interesting guests and subjects to keep everyone interested in our favourite hobby, passion, obsession – that time consuming thing called genealogy.

Though we are a new entity and no longer a branch of the New Zealand Society, we will still be hosting the Legacy meetings and the DNA meetings throughout the year, as well as our monthly meetings.

We usually have a visit to a cemetery for our first meeting of the year, but we've decided to have something different this year and Annette Larsen is going to entertain us with the secrets that headstone's hold, so you can make more sense of what you are reading the next time you visit a cemetery.

Some may remember about a year ago, I wrote a report on the two beautiful old books that had been given to John Channing Buckland over 100 years ago. I wrote it in the hopes of getting them back to his family. I'm pleased to say, though it took over a year, I was finally able to send them to his great granddaughter, who was overjoyed to have them returned. Her middle name was also Channing.

As a group we need to follow the Covid rules for meetings. As we are in the red setting this means that everyone must wear a mask. We will be setting up the chairs 1 metre apart and we will be asking for vaccine passes at the door. Please be patient, and don't let this put you off coming to the meeting. If you were at our Extraordinary Meeting – we will have the seating arranged in the same way. But remember, if you have cold or flu symptoms, or feel unwell, stay home and get tested. Unfortunately, we are also unable to have supper.

I hope to see you all on Tuesday night, 7:30.

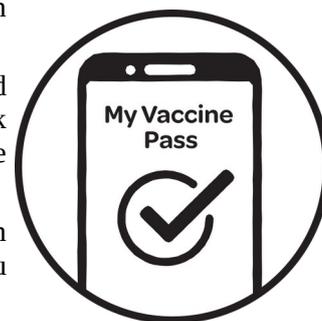
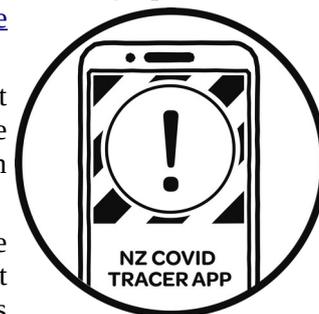
Gail Tanner
Society Convenor

Covid-19 and Us

New Zealand has recently moved to the red level of the Covid protection framework and it is predicted that Covid may spread across New Zealand in the next few months.

Our society is complying with the [Covid rules](#) to keep our members as safe as we can. Here are some of the main points that you need to know.

- Get vaccinated, including the booster.
- Don't come to the society rooms if you feel unwell. If you have Covid symptoms, isolate and call [the healthline](#) on 0800 358 5453.
- Scan the QR code at the rooms with the Covid tracer app on your phone.
- Bring your vaccine pass with you, so it can be checked. This is easier if it is on your phone.
- It is recommended that you wear a mask when you are at the rooms.
- Please maintain 1m spacing while you are in the rooms.



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New Logo for Our Society

Now that we have established as an incorporated society, we have a new logo.



NEW PLYMOUTH GENEALOGY SOCIETY

The logo image was developed for us by Karen McEldowney of [C7 Design](#). It shows a stylised family tree with a DNA theme for the trunk.

RootsTech 2022

The world's largest family history conference is free and online.

Dates: 3 - 5 March 2022

This is a massive conference, with the biggest names in family history presenting the latest information and techniques. There is useful information on all aspects of genealogy, for beginners and experts. It really is worthwhile taking part, even if you only choose to watch a few of the presentations.

Check out the information available at www.familysearch.org/rootstech.

Register at [RootsTech registration](#).



Papers Past Additions

[Papers Past](#) is the online archive of historical New Zealand newspapers. This is a great resource for genealogists, if your ancestors did something that was notable enough to get into the newspaper!

Recent additions include:

- Southland Times (1921-1928)
- Taranaki Daily News (1921-1928)
- Te Awamutu Courier (April 1936-1950)
- Timaru Herald (1936-1945)
- Waipa Post (January-April 1936)
- Wanganui Chronicle (1920-1950)



Library Roster: February

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Sat 5 Feb Karen Crowe
Mon 7 Feb Charles Le Breton
Sat 12 Feb Gail Tanner
Mon 14 Feb Graeme Jury
Sat 19 Feb Lea Bellini
Mon 21 Feb Lorraine Austin
Sat 26 Feb Sharyn Guthrie
Mon 28 Feb Jill Jackson
Sat 5 Mar Karen Crowe
Mon 7 Mar Charles Le Breton

Covid-19 Protection Framework

The society is operating a vaccination policy under the Covid-19 traffic light system. Please follow the applicable rules.

- Stay home if you have any symptoms (dry cough, short of breath, loss of smell, etc).
- Only come to the rooms if you are fully vaccinated. Bring your vaccine pass.
- Wash your hands and any surfaces you touch.
- Wear a face mask when at the branch rooms.
- Use the COVID-19 app with the QR code and record your name in the attendance book.
- Keep at least 1m from anyone else at the rooms.
- Bring your own pen, paper, laptop, etc.
- Please get vaccinated.



There is more information on the Covid response at the official website covid19.govt.nz.

Internet Connection

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



Based right here in Taranaki, Primo provides internet connections and ISP services for residential and business customers. As well as the usual fibre and ADSL connections, Primo 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 just great for people who live outside the main centres.

Please consider Primo for your internet service. Ring them on 0800 123 774 or visit their website:

primo.nz

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Dec, Jan)

Who Do You Think You Are (Nov, Dec, Jan)

Newsletters received;

Balclutha, Dunedin, Hawkes Bay, Kapiti, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Southland, Wairarapa, Whanganui

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



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