

New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated

Newsletter



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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

2022 Society AGM

The first annual general meeting of our society will be on Tuesday 3 May. The formal notice of meeting is distributed with this newsletter.

Nominations are open for committee members.

The society relies on volunteers to keep things running. There are lots of different ways that you can help. Please talk with any current committee member if you can help or have any questions.

Documents for the AGM (such as annual report and financial statement) will be distributed with the May newsletter.

AGM

Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 5 April 2022

Demolition Stories

For about 50 years, Graham Harris has run his contracting company in New Plymouth. For much of this time, his company was the go to demolition company for the region.

During this time, they have demolished a lot of buildings, including some of historic interest. Come along to our April meeting to hear some stories from some local demolition and construction projects.



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Treasurer:	Sharyn Guthrie	
Committee:	Lorraine Austin	
	Lea Bellini	
	Karen Crowe	
	Graeme Jury	
	Annette Larsen	

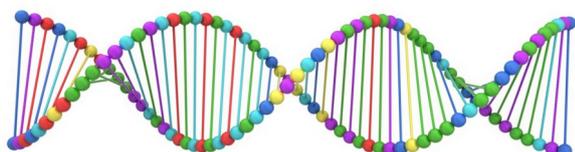
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Researching DNA

At our March meeting, Charles Le Breton described some successes that he has had with his research, and the part that DNA has played in this. It included some significant finds, in particular, after many years, details of the birth of his German grandfather.

The results were shown on a huge colour diagram on cardboard (about 2m x 5m). Charles brought this along and explained how the DNA results were used to track different branches of his family.

Charles was faced with lots of conflicting information about the German birth place and date for his grandfather. He explained how he used DNA tests with Family Tree DNA and Ancestry, and uploaded data to MyHeritage and GEDmatch. DNA matches were found to trace the German branch of the family.



Next Meeting

7:30pm Tuesday 3 May 2022

The first Annual General Meeting of our society!

After the AGM, we will be looking at how you can use YouTube for your genealogy research. There is an enormous amount of videos on YouTube, and some of it is very helpful for family history research. Come along and see which ones are best.

DNA Interest Group

I am planning on holding the DNA Interest Group meeting next Sunday 10th April at 13:30hrs, as long as there are a few people who want to come.

You must be double vaccinated and boosted, and wear a mask for this meeting. Hopefully by then Omicron and our Covid statistics will be on the decrease.

I really need to know who will be coming to see if there are enough people. Could you email me please at sharynjguthrie@gmail.com to let me know if you think you will be coming or not?

Sharyn Guthrie

Convenor's Report

March is almost over for another year, and with that comes the end of our Financial Year. That means it's almost AGM time. Our May meeting will be the AGM, and hopefully covid protocols won't be too much in force and we can have a great turnout and supper afterwards.

But we have to get through April first. At our meeting this week, we have Graham Harris coming to give us a talk on his years as having the only demolition company in New Plymouth. His company had the jobs of removing some of the older buildings in the town. I'm told he is an entertaining and engaging speaker, so I'm looking forward to hearing his talk on their adventures.

Back to the May AGM. We have a great committee, and hopefully they are all staying on, but we can always use more committee members. If you are interested in getting more involved in the group, in any way please contact me. We could also use more people to man the library.

I just thought I'd let you know that since our disaffiliation from the NZSG, we have become the go to group for advice on how other groups can also disaffiliate. I am often receiving emails and phone calls from other convenors and secretaries on the process we worked through. It's gratifying to know we can help other branches become independent, as we have.

Stay safe and well.

Gail Tanner
Society Convenor

Researching Ireland 1912-1923

The Guild of One-Name Studies is hosting a webinar presented by Chris Paton, focusing on this period of Irish history.

Chris will be talking about the tumultuous events in Ireland at that time, how these led to partition and what this means for researching your Irish ancestors.

When: 7 April 2022 7:30AM (NZ time)

Cost: Free

You must register to attend this webinar. To register, visit the Guild website, or click this link

one-name.org/ireland1912-1923

Library News

You may recall, in the December 2021 newsletter, I was on the hunt for family of William David Hosie (1919 – 1985), so that we could find a home for three photo albums, previously held in our genealogy rooms. I did not receive any feedback from this article, but by searching on the internet, I did find the names of three people researching the wider Hosie family, one of whom showed an interest in the albums. Her husband is descended from James Hosie who was William Hosie's uncle. Neither of us could find any trace of any living direct descendant of William. So these three albums were duly shipped off to Kirsty, who lives in Wellington. She received them the next morning and had a pleasant time looking at all of the photos while stuck at home with Covid.

On another note, we wish to acknowledge the donation of updated family trees from Basil Newland. Basil had, in the past, given us booklets of family trees for Wilmshurst, Taylor, Davey & Newland. He has now updated these books and given us updated copies. However in addition to that generous donation, Basil has also given us three A3 booklets of the descendants of:

William James Davey & Ann Wiggins

Walter Taylor & Jane Perry

John Thomas Wilmshurst & Rachel Ann Mudgway

The books are described as a pictorial family history compiled from photos collected by Basil over a number of years. There are many, many photos all named. Basic family trees have been included as well. These books are truly a great work of art. When these are catalogued have a browse through them. It will give you an idea of another way to show off your family photos.

Basil, many thanks for your donation.

Lea Bellini

Inglewood Cemetery

Transcriptions of the headstones at the Inglewood cemetery are now available from our website. Our team of volunteers have updated the headstone transcriptions and have taken photos of each headstone.

The photographs are available on the computers at the society rooms. These photos are also available via email for a donation. Please quote the photo number as shown on the web page.

genealogynp.com/cInglewood.html



New Covid Rules

The pandemic is still with us, it is still evolving and rules have changed a bit more. Our society is running events as best we can, while keeping everybody safe.

- Please stay home if you have symptoms or have tested positive for Covid-19.
- Please wear a mask to protect yourself and others.
- Supper is not available for now, but we will resume when we can.

After 4 April, the rules do not require you to have a vaccine pass, or to scan the QR code. The QR code will still be available if you wish to scan it. Vaccination is recommended.



Book: Bloody Gallipoli

By Richard STOWERS

This is not a review about the book, just a little of my memories of a special cousin and a few details of what it is about.

Richard was my first cousin, sadly he died on the 20th of April last year at the age of 69.

Richard grew up on a farm at 'Luck At Last' Road, in the Maungatautari District about 15kms from Cambridge. He had an older brother Jim, and his parents were my Aunt Jean and Uncle Bob, my Dad's half brother. One of my favourite childhood memories is of going out to visit them on their farm, I loved all of them.

Uncle Bob had been a pilot in World War II and had won the Distinguished Flying Medal and Richard and Jim used to go with him to Anzac services. Richard's interest in NZ military history led on to him writing 13 books related to this. It was only at his funeral that I found out that he has been responsible for detailing an accurately the number of NZ soldiers who fought in the war and this has now been validated. A segment from his obituary in the *Waikato Times* says:

Speaking at a standing-room-only farewell attended by uniformed representatives of the NZ Army, fellow historian Hugh Keane said Richard became an acknowledged expert on the campaign after the publication of his book *Bloody Gallipoli*.

"And he was the first historian to solve the puzzle of how many New Zealanders served on Gallipoli. The official number for almost 100 years was 8500 men. Richard's research confirmed the number was double that."

His *Bloody Gallipoli* book meticulously tells of the Gallipoli campaign and is filled with pictures. He gives very detailed lists including of those killed with many of these entries have details of next of kin. If you have any family involved in Gallipoli it is a book worth looking into.

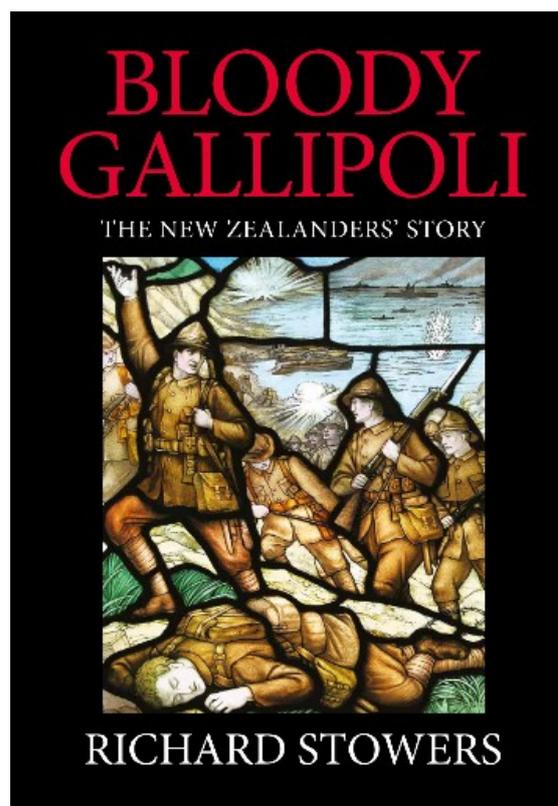
As for me, I've always been very proud of him, long before he was known as a historian who wrote books related to military history. He was a talented artist, and his pictures filled the walls at my aunt and uncle's home. Put simply, he was my cousin, family and I miss him.

Sharyn Guthrie

Bloody Gallipoli - The New Zealanders' Story

ISBN: 1-86953-596-0

Publisher: Auckland, N.Z.: David Bateman, 2005.



Library Roster: April

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

Sat 2 Apr Karen Crowe
Mon 4 Apr Charles Le Breton
Sat 9 Apr Gail Tanner
Mon 11 Apr Lorraine Austin
Sat 16 Apr Lea Bellini
Mon 18 Apr Annette Larsen
Sat 23 Apr Graeme Jury
Mon 25 Apr Jill Jackson
Sat 30 Apr Sharyn Guthrie
Mon 2 May Charles Le Breton
Sat 7 May Karen Crowe

Covid-19 Protection Framework

The society is operating 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).
- Wear a face mask when at the branch rooms.
- 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. A vaccine pass is not required after 4 April.



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;

Who Do You Think You Are
(March)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Feilding, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Riccarton, South Waikato, Stratford, Wellington, Whanganui

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

Newsletter

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