

New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated

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
Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

2024 Society AGM

The third annual general meeting of our society will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 7 May. The formal notice of meeting is distributed to members with this newsletter.

Nominations are open for committee members.

Our 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.



Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 2 Apr 2024

Care for your photos and photo albums

At our April meeting, Channele Carrick is going to explain the best ways to look after and store your photos and photo albums. She would like people to bring along any they would like guidance on as well.

Channele is currently the facilitator at New Plymouth District Council, formerly the Curator Pictorial Collection (art and photographs) at Puke Ariki Museum. She left the Museum in May 2023.



Convenor: Gail Tanner 027 376 0630
Secretary: Jackie Sewell
Treasurer: Sharyn Guthrie
Committee: Lorraine Austin
Lea Bellini
Karen Crowe
Jeff Grange
Peter Hewett
Graeme Jury

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at society rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre
access is off the Whiteley Street car park
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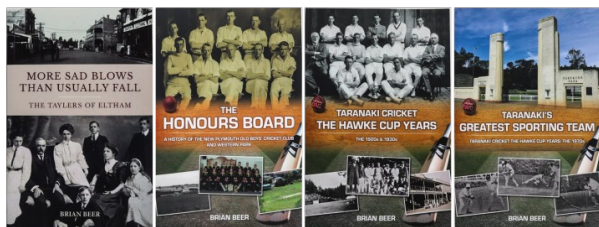
March meeting

The talk given by Brian Beer at our March meeting was very interesting. He's a self publisher with five books under his belt. He gave us some pointers on what to do and not do if you are self publishing, and said he is still learning along the process.

His biggest hint was to have a great editor, someone that can read your drafts, and not only correct grammar; but if necessary will suggest changes to where paragraphs may fit better etc. Though this can be costly, Brian felt it was worth the price in making his book more readable.

He talked about the amount of time that goes into writing, proof reading, interviewing people and choosing photos. It's not for the faint hearted. He had calculated one week that he spent over 70 hours working on his book.

His latest book is not the usual family history, there are no family trees and no long lists of descendants, just lots of good story's and photos.



Next month: Goodin Research

Last year, the society was commissioned to compile family history information for the Goodin family. The family had a lot of old documents and photos, and we supplemented this with genealogy research.

At our May meeting, we will take a look at this project. In particular, there will be examples demonstrating how to use public information and the resources in our library to find out more about your ancestors.



Convenor's Report

March is finishing and April is almost here. So, Autumn has arrived, bringing thoughts of winter with it. Don't fret – bad weather is just the time to do your genealogy research.

Our last meeting we had author Brian Beer talking about his experiences of self-publishing. It was an interesting and informative talk and got a lot of people thinking maybe, just maybe they can write that book they've been thinking about for years.

This month, we are hosting Chantelle Carrick. Her talk will be about caring for your photos, and photo albums. Bring along some photos and or albums and she could tell you how to care for it.

May's meeting on the 7th is our third Annual General Meeting. As you can see elsewhere in this newsletter, we will need to pass our new constitution. The new one is a lot wordier than the last, but the updates are necessary to keep in line with the Incorporated Societies Act that came into force on 5 October 2023. A copy will be sent out to everyone prior to the meeting.

From the 17th – 19th of May we are hosting Fiona Brooker, who is travelling up from Christchurch to give us all some help with the organising of our family history paperwork, photos and our computers. There will be more come out about this as it gets closer to the time, but we would like to get registrations underway very soon.

This year we are searching for members to join our Committee. Our long serving secretary Jackie Sewell is standing down, so we have a vacancy in that chair. Karen Crowe will also be standing down, having served many years, multiple times on our committee. We wish them both well. But we do need to replace them both. If you are interested in a Committee position talk to a current or past Committee member about what we do around that table. It's really not too onerous and we have a few laughs along the way. It's a great way to learn how we do things and keep up with what is happening. Being a newbie on the committee, your job won't be too hard. The secretary position has become more of a minute taker. Having no paper correspondence now, most things being done by email, the job of letter writer seems to have fallen to the Convenor or whoever happens to have received the email.

Call me for a chat about the committee if you'd like some more information.

Gail Tanner
Society Convenor

Our Constitution

Some amendments are needed to our society's constitution. The Incorporated Society Act 2022 is now in force, and all societies must reregister by April 2026. When our society was set up in 2021, the constitution was written then to comply with the new act, but some more amendments are still required.

The main changes include;

- more detail around certain matters like handling disputes, access to member's information, accounting procedures.
- the title of convenor has changed to chairperson
- each member must consent in writing to being a member of the society

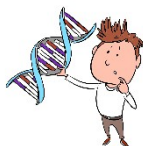
With this change, an additional section has been added to cover how the society's historical data and records are allowed to be used.

The current constitution was approved at the AGM in 2022. The amended constitution will be distributed to members and presented for approval at the 2024 AGM in May.

If you have any questions or suggestions in relation to the constitution, please contact any committee member, or send us an email at newplymouthgenealogy@gmail.com.

DNA Interest Group

The next DNA meeting will be at the society rooms on Sunday, 21 March at 13:00hrs. This will be about the My Heritage website.



Note the slightly earlier start time!

Additions to our library

We welcome donations of new material to our library and really appreciate the generous donations that many people have made. These need to comply with our library policy, which is that we focus on family history in the New Plymouth area.

Please put any material in the pink tray. Please don't file it away yourself, as then it won't be recorded and indexed, which means that our members won't be able to find it.

Weekend Workshop 17 – 19 May 2024

Our genealogy society is running this fantastic weekend workshop in May, presented by Fiona Brooker. See the attached programme for details.



It will be run over two venues. The Friday night is at our rooms and the Saturday and Sunday at the New Plymouth Bridge Club at 70 Hobson Street, New Plymouth.

This will be a valuable weekend of learning and opportunity to start or continue on organisation of both your physical and digital files.

The cost is \$25 for the whole weekend, this is whether you attend only part of it or all of it. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

To attend, you must register and pay by 3 May. To register, please;

1. pay \$25 via internet banking to our account 15-3942-0008448-000, with "workshop" in particulars and your name in reference, and
2. send an email to sharynjguthrie@gmail.com confirming payment and with your name, email address and phone number.

If you don't wish to use internet banking, please email Sharyn to arrange an alternative (like making a deposit at a TSB bank, or taking the cash to the rooms).

Fiona Brooker is a professional genealogist from New Zealand. She has been actively researching her own family history for over 35 years and has lectured to worldwide audiences, organised and led family history conferences and expos. She has also been a past president and treasurer for the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. Take a look at her website for lots more genealogy information.

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Library Roster: April

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

Mon 1 Apr closed Easter Monday
Sat 6 Apr Karen Crowe
Mon 8 Apr Lorraine Austin
Sat 13 Apr Gail Tanner
Mon 15 Apr Annette Larsen
Sat 20 Apr Lea Bellini
Mon 22 Apr Peter Hewett
Sat 27 Apr Sharyn Guthrie
Mon 29 Apr Graeme Jury
Sat 4 May Karen Crowe
Mon 6 May Charles Le Breton

Facebook

Our membership of our Facebook group continues to steadily grow and is now up to 230 members.



New Plymouth Genealogy Society

So many genealogy Facebook sites are full of helpful information, and you learn such a lot from reading people's questions and the answers.

Our Facebook group has members upload photos and ask questions – they could be talking about your family. Have a look, you might be surprised.

Sharyn Guthrie

A little help for our projects

Many of our most valuable resources are indices, transcriptions and databases that were transcribed by our member volunteers. We have several projects under way, and some more helpers would be great!

These tasks are not difficult. You can do this at home on your own computer. We provide any training and tools you need. You get to help our society and to learn more about genealogy data in our society.

For more information, just contact Lorraine Austin, or any committee member.

Internet Connection

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



Primo has supported us with internet connectivity since 2017. Please consider Primo for your internet service. Ring them on 0800 123 774 or visit their website:

primo.nz

Covid-19 Protection Framework

Covid-19 is still about and causing illness. Please follow the rules and keep everyone healthy.

- Stay home if you have any symptoms (flu, dry cough, short of breath, loss of smell, etc).
- You can wear a face mask at the society rooms.



There is more information at covid19.govt.nz.

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (April)

Who do you think you are (Jan, Feb)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Dunedin, Feilding, Hawera, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Matamata, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Porirua, Riccarton, South Waikato, Stratford, Wairarapa, 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.



THE ULTIMATE ORGANISING WORKSHOP



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NEW PLYMOUTH

Friday: NP Genealogy rooms, Moturoa
Saturday: NP Bridge Club, 70 Hobson St
Sunday: NP Bridge Club, 70 Hobson St

Registration required by 3 May 2024
Cost: \$25

Registration details at genealogynp.com

WHAT TO BRING

PHYSICAL FILING

- Box(es) with research to sort
- Ring Binder(s)
- Clear File Pages
 - My preference is premium quality
- Set of 10 tab dividers
 - Ideally extra wide dividers

DIGITAL FILING

- Computer

WORKSHOP HANDOUTS

A link will be given to you at the workshop to access the workshop handouts.



memories in time

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY

6.30 PM

RESEARCH A NEW ZEALAND FAMILY

From a marriage certificate, can you trace a family forward in time and build their family story in NZ?

SATURDAY

SUNDAY

Room opens at 10.00am

10.15 AM

EXCITING DISCOVERIES

Having a good organisation system for both physical and digital records is the key to progressing your research.

10.15 AM

SAVE YOUR PHOTOS

Stop worrying about losing your precious photos and learn how to organise and preserve them for the future.

Break 11.15am

11.30 AM

ORGANISE YOUR PHYSICAL RESEARCH

Organise some of your physical research.

11.30 AM

CREATE A DIGITAL FILING SYSTEM

Create a digital filing system that will work for your research and photograph storage.

Lunch 12.30pm

1.15 PM

SLOW DOWN | PLANNING YOUR RESEARCH

Finding new family can be exciting, but sometimes it pays to slow down and plan your research.

1.15 PM

ORGANISE TIME

Continue your physical or digital filing or start your photo organising. Create a research planner or a timeline.

2.30 PM

A STEP THROUGH TIME(LINES)

Timelines are a great tool for gathering your research on an ancestor and their family and getting organised.

2.30 PM

5 TOOLS FOR ORGANISING YOUR DNA

How do we remember where we're up to and what tools are there to help us stay organised with our DNA

Close 3.45pm