

New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated Newsletter



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Genealogy 2025!

Welcome to our first newsletter of 2025.

Now that the Christmas break is over, we can get right in to an exciting year of new genealogy discoveries.

The committee is lining up a great programme of events to help you with genealogy this year. If you have any ideas, suggestions or requests, please speak up. Just talk to any committee member, or [send us an email](#).



Next meeting: 6:00pm Tuesday 4 Feb 2025

TATATM

The first event for 2025 is a visit to TATATM on Kent Road (off SH3 south of New Plymouth).

TATATM is the Taranaki Aviation Technology and Transport Museum. TATATM preserves Taranaki's past for the enjoyment of future generations.

This event is a self guided tour of the exhibits.

The entry cost for members will be covered by the Society. Non-members are welcome, entry cost is \$7. Please arrange payment with Sharyn at the event.

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Last month: Christmas

Our last event for 2024 was the Christmas lunch on Saturday 14 December. It was a pot luck lunch, resulted in a great spread of food, much enjoyed by those who attended.

The raffles for the Christmas hampers were drawn at the lunch.



Christmas Hamper Raffle

The raffle for the Christmas hamper was drawn at the end of year lunch. The number of donations meant that we were able to make two hamper prizes. These were won by Malcolm Potts and Viv Baty.

A big thank you to everyone who contributed to the hampers. Malcolm sends his thanks and reports that he and his wife enjoyed the gradual discoveries of many things that they had not seen before, all varied and useful (if only, in some cases, to expand the waistline).

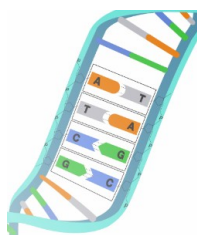
DNA Interest Group

A new year ahead of us and the first DNA meeting is on Sunday 9 February. I'm going to start the year by going over some of the basics of understanding DNA plus a few pointers of things to help you to get the most from Ancestry with your results.

As always, I would love to hear from you if you would like help on a particular aspect of DNA. Make sure you bring your laptop (and power cord!), tablet or your login information so you could use one of the computers at the rooms.

I will be away for the March meeting so Gail will run it for us.

Sharyn Guthrie



Chairperson's Report

Happy New Year everyone. I hope you are all looking forward to a great 2025 (not just genealogy wise).

As most of you will know myself, Sharyn and Hamish went on the 18th Unlock the Past Genealogical Cruise at the beginning of December. And I have to say it was fabulous. Most nights there were genealogy talks to attend, but the days were free, and we had plenty of shore time to explore new places.

The weather couldn't have been kinder to us (except Kangaroo Island that was 41 degrees – just a wee bit unbearable). But the skies were blue and the sea calm for the whole trip. And the food was divine!!!! Sharyn and I were going to give a talk on the trip in March, but she has decided to be off again, and will be away in the South Island, so the talk is being moved to the AGM in May.

Our first meeting each year is a visit to somewhere interesting. Usually a cemetery, but we are running out of close ones. So, on 4 February we are off to the Taranaki Aviation Technology and Transport Museum in Kent Road. I've recently been out there, and it blew my mind – the things they had, and oh the memories they invoked.

So, we hope you can come along – we plan to be there at 6pm. Society members are free, (NPGS is paying) but any non-members' that wish to come along will need to pay the \$7 door charge. But there is more about how to do that elsewhere in the newsletter.

The March meeting is planned to be a display of photographs from old New Plymouth. But for the April meeting, we'd love everyone to write their Anzac stories. If you don't want to read them out, that's ok. But we'd love to see a collection of these fascinating and often tragic stories turn up and be available for people to read. Telling their stories is a great way to honour them and make sure they are never forgotten.

After that is the AGM in May. So far we have one committee member standing down, so if you are interested in getting more involved, talk to me at the meetings, or ring me if you'd rather. It's really not too onerous a task, and we make the committee meetings fun rather than a chore.

Hope you are having a great summer, see you on Tuesday 4th Feb at 6pm.

Gail Tanner
Society Chairperson

Library Roster: February 2024

Monday 10 am to 12 noon
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Sat 1 Feb Karen Crowe
Mon 3 Feb Charles Le Breton
Sat 8 Feb Lea Bellini
Mon 10 Feb Lorraine Austin
Sat 15 Feb Jeff Grange
Mon 17 Feb Annette Larsen
Sat 22 Feb Sharyn Guthrie
Mon 24 Feb Graeme Jury
Sat 1 Mar Karen Crowe
Mon 3 Mar Charles Le Breton

Facebook Group

Our numbers slowly but surely increase for those in our Facebook group. I post various pieces of information related to genealogy and it is great when others also do this. It is for you, not me, and the more you ask others for help or share snippets of your own family history story the more you will get out of it.

Look at other Facebook groups also and think about joining them. I belong to multiple groups and read little bits every day that help my knowledge grow. Plus, you can help others by commenting on posts and adding things you might know.

Some of the groups I belong to are; Ancestry UK, The Friendly Family History Group, NZ DNA Users Group, County Tyrone Ireland Genealogy, Norfolk Family History Group, Isle of Arran Family History & DNA, Genealogy NZ and Beyond, Isle of Lewis Genealogy and many more.

Sharyn Guthrie

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Stories of Our Military Ancestors

Our April meeting will have an ANZAC theme. We are seeking members who can share a short story of an ancestor who was in the NZ military. This is just a few minutes, maybe with a photo or something.

Please contact Lois at a meeting or send us an email newplymouthgenealogy@gmail.com.

Library News

Magazines

Family Tree (Dec, Jan)

Newsletters received;

Hamilton, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Papakura, Papamoa, Porirua, Rotorua, South Canterbury, South Waikato, Southland

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.