



NZSG

New Plymouth

Branch Newsletter



Number 290

June 2015

Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.
Opening Hours: Monday: 10 am to 12:30 pm (closed 1 June for Queens Birthday)
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

2015 Branch AGM

Highlights of the 2015 branch AGM, held on 5 May 2015, include;

- Branch expenses exceed income, steps being considered include applying for operational grant and ceasing internet connection at the branch rooms.
- John Berntsen was re-elected as convenor, Fay Eaton as secretary and Neville Richards as treasurer.
- Branch committee elected; Judy Berntsen, Jill Jackson, Charles Le Breton, Ailsa McCrone, Bev Mulqueen and Jackie Sewell.
- Branch subscriptions set at \$35 single, \$45 double, \$25 outside Taranaki.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 2 June 2015

Mostly Before Our Time

At the June branch meeting, Bev Mulqueen will present some images depicting New Plymouth buildings and structures of yesteryear and a little of their history. It is likely long time residents can remember a number of the more recent buildings and you may be able to add to these stories.



Can you remember this building? Where was it? Does anybody know anything of its history? The Puke Ariki files have a very brief description of it. Perhaps you can add to that.

Convenor: John Berntsen 753 9188
Secretary: Fay Eaton 751 1045
Treasurer: Neville Richards

Committee: Judy Berntsen
 Jill Jackson
 Charles Le Breton
 Ailsa McCrone
 Bev Mulqueen
 Jackie Sewell

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Meetings: 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre access off Whiteley Street carpark

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Last Event: Family History Centre

After the AGM, the May branch meeting was held. Robyn Wilton talked about the New Plymouth Family History Centre. This has access to a wide range of genealogy resources. Details are included below.

The FHC has been a great benefit to NZSG members over the years and continues to provide research services. These include microfilm ordering service. Many historical records are not yet on line, and are only available on microfilm.

New Plymouth Family History Centre

320 Mangorei Road, New Plymouth

Open by Appointment, contact

Robyn Wilton	06 7532342	0223514614
Lois Smith	06 7512750	0274518282
Andrew Smith	06 7510136	0211337168
Rachel Mcllroy		0275047365

Many online databases are available;

19th Century British Library Newspaper Digital Archive

Ancestry.com – institution version

Findmypast.com – institution version

MyHeritage.com – library edition

Fold3.com – mainly military (WW1, WW2, US civil war), USA town records, naturalisations, newspapers, Massachusetts and Texas vital records

Kinpoint

Access newspaper archive

Paper Trail

ProQuest Obituary Listings – Atlanta Constitution, Boston Globe, Chicago Defender, Chicago Tribune, Los Angeles Times, New York Times, Washington Post

Puzzilla.org – premium services

World Vital Records

Open Day 2015

A public open day is being considered for September and we are seeking ideas. If you have suggestions for topics, events, activities, etc, please talk to a committee member.

Convenor's Report

Well, winter is here again, time to spend doing your research. Although a lot of research can be done on your computer, just come to our rooms and see what else you can find on your ancestors.

We are having a dilemma with the library roster, especially on a Monday afternoon. If you have spare time we would like you to volunteer to give your time. It is only one afternoon per month. If you would like to volunteer, please ring or talk to Charles Le Breton. For the time being, we have suspended the Monday afternoon opening (12:30-3pm).

The good news is that we have 2 new faces on the Committee. They are Jill Jackson & Jackie Sewell.

SUBS are due now and we would like them paid before the end of the month so we know where we stand with our finances and what we can do for you members.

We are planning on having Christine Clement and Michelle Patient coming down on Tuesday 1 December to give a talk or answer questions at our Christmas dinner on "genealogy and ancestry". More details later when it is all confirmed.

Well that's all for now folks. Have a good long weekend.

John Berntsen
Convenor

Next Meeting

At the July meeting, Neville Richards will talk about the immigration from Cornwall. Cornish immigrants made up about 40% of the passengers on the first six boats from the UK to New Plymouth. They played a big part in the 19th century history of New Plymouth.



Irish Interest Group – Research Day

Saturday 6 June 2015, 10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Kilwinning Lodge, 391 Church Street,
Palmerston North

Entry: \$5 per person

Tea & coffee provided, bring your own lunch

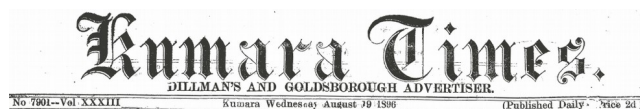
For information, contact Jenny Marton,
jenmartin@paradise.net.nz 04 4787621

TBI: Taranaki Biographical Index

The TBI has been updated and is now available on the branch computers. This now has over 670,000 records.

The [Taranaki Biographical Index](#) is an index of published and transcribed material on the history of the New Plymouth and Taranaki area. This is available for reference at the branch rooms. A mail order look up service is available for a donation. Details on [our website](#).

Kumara Times Project



This project has been established to digitise historical editions of the Kumara Times and make them available online at [PapersPast](#).

Kumara is a small town on the West Coast between Hokitika and Greymouth. The Kumara Times was published from 1876 to 1896. Some editions are missing, but there are 13,722 pages to be scanned at \$1.60 each. The National Library is covering half this cost, and donations are being sought for the balance. More information is available from the [project brochure](#).

If you would like to donate, check out [the brochure](#) or email davidverrall@clear.net.nz.

Cemetery Icons and Symbols

Alpha and Omega – the beginning and the end.

Anchor – well grounded hope.

Angel – a guide to Heaven.

Arrow – mortality or martyrdom.

Bell – religious faith or religion.

Bird – eternal life, peace and spirituality.

Boat – a voyage or journey to the other side.

Book or Bible – knowledge, open heart, or the deceased's lifetime accomplishments.

Cross – faith and eternity.

Circle – eternal life.

Crown – glory of life after death.

Clock – the passage of time.

Dove – innocence, love, affection and purity.

Dog – loyalty, fidelity and vigilance.

Finger (pointing upward) – pathway to Heaven.

Flower – immortality or fragility of life.

Flame – life or resurrection.

Harp – praise to God and hope.

Hourglass – passage of time.

Lamb – innocence.

Owl – wisdom and watchfulness.

Palm – victory over death and eternal peace.

Rose – love, beauty, victory, triumph, and purity.

Scroll – life and time.

Sun – the soul rising to heaven.

Tree – life or human fragility.

Trumpet – resurrection or entry into Heaven.

Urn – the soul, immortality or penitence.

Wheat – divine harvest.

Wheel – the cycle of life, enlightenment, spiritual power.

There are many more symbols described at thecemeteryclub.com.



Library Roster: May

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Mon 1 Closed – Queens Birthday
Tues 2 Branch meeting – 7:30pm
Wed 3 Fay Eaton
Sat 6 Mike Merrick
Mon 8 Lorraine Austin
Wed 10 Judy Berntsen
Sat 13 Elly Harrison
Mon 15 Peter Winter
Wed 17 Jill Jackson
Sat 20 Karen Crowe
Mon 22 Neville Richards
Wed 24 Jill Harvey
Sat 27 Ailsa McCrone
Mon 29 Charles Le Breton
Tues 30 Committee meeting 7pm

For those new to genealogy and/or want help knocking down those brick walls, this is an excellent time and place to have our experts help you. Our helpers can show you what is available in the library and how to go about finding what you are looking for.

Legacy Meetings

The 2015 dates for workshops on the Legacy family tree software are scheduled. These are hosted by Sharyn Guthrie at 1532 Carrington Road. They are on Sunday afternoons, from 13:30 to 15:30.

19 July

13 September

22 November

If you wish to attend, please let Sharyn know at 06 753 6311 or 027 447 7530.

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.



Branch Projects Coordinator

Nominations are open for our next branch projects coordinator.

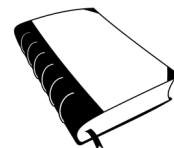
Many of our members do lots of good work on various projects. Usually these involve indexing or transcribing a variety of archive documents and records. The projects coordinator's role is to coordinate this work.

Marilyn Reid has done a great job as projects coordinator for many years. She has stepped down this year, so the role is available.

If you are interested or would like to know more, please just talk to a branch committee member.

Library News

The *Mahoenui School 85th Jubilee* has been donated by Judy Berntsen.



Magazines received;

Family Tree (May)

Memories (June/July)

Who Do You Think You Are (May, June)

Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Stratford, Tauranga, Wairarapa, Wellington

Brant County, Canada

Newsletter

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

