

# NZSG New Plymouth Branch 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

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

### **Branch Subs**

The branch annual subscription is now due. Thank you very much to everyone who have already paid their subs!

	Full annual subs
Single	\$35
Household	\$45
Outside Taranaki	\$25

Please use the subscription form. This is available for download from the branch website, or at the rooms. The methods for payment are detailed on the form.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 7 July 2015

## Cornwall

At the July meeting, Neville Richards will talk about Cornwall.

Subjects he will discuss are; Cornwall's history, St Piran, early life in Cornwall, mining, the decline in mining, emigration, Cornish settlers to New Zealand, Cornwall's impact on New Plymouth. He will also talk about the New Zealand Cornish association.



**Convenor:** John Berntsen 753 9188 **Secretary:** Fay Eaton 751 1045

**Treasurer:** Neville Richards

Committee: Judy Berntsen

Jill Jackson
Charles Le Breton
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Bev Mulqueen
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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: Mostly before our time

At the June branch meeting, Bev Mulqueen presented a great collection of old photographic images depicting New Plymouth buildings and structures of yesteryear. For each one, she covered a bit of their history.

On some cases, it was interesting to see the sequence of different buildings built on the same site. For example, what is now the Govett Brewster Art Gallery was previously a theatre. Before that, the site held a church, which was the second built on that site.

The presentation also included some of the major fires in New Plymouth's history.

#### **Internet Connection**

The branch has an internet connection at the rooms. This is convenient for members but is a significant cost.

What do you think? Do you think it is worthwhile and do you get use from it? How could we make better use of the internet connection?

If you have any comments, please advise a member of the branch committee.

#### 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.

#### **TSB Community Trust Grant**

The TSB Community Trust has awarded a grant of \$500 to the branch. This will be used for operating expenses and will be a great help towards covering our annual expenses.

This generous grant is gratefully acknowledged.

#### **Convenor's Report**

Gosh, another month over, Xmas is getting near & summer coming.

I hope you all got through the rain a couple of weeks ago.

We are holding an open day in September. If you can help please let a committee member know.

We have received a couple of boxes of books from Puke Ariki. We have not put them out as yet, but what we don't want will be sold to whoever wants them. More later.

Charles still wants some more helpers to do a couple of hours once a month in the library. If you can help please ring Charles or contact a committee member.

You all may have noticed we have changed our mailing address. The reason behind this is to save money. For the small amount of mail we get, it's a lot of money, so we are closing the P O Box.

There are still a few subs outstanding. Please give this urgent attention.

John Berntsen Convenor

#### **Next Meeting: 4 August**

At the August meeting, we will be holding a brainstorming evening. Bring along your tricky questions and difficult research challenges for other members to address. Usually there is someone else who will have information or know where to find it.

#### **Canon Ink Cartridge**

Do you have a Canon printer that uses cartridge type 512?

Barry Sefton has an unused cartridge and has donated it to the branch. This is available for a donation.





#### **Library Roster: July**

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

Wed 1 Jill Harvey Sat 4 Elly Harrison Mon 6 Ailsa McCrone Tues 7 Branch meeting - 7:30pm Wed 8 Judy Berntsen Sat 11 Mike Merrick Mon 13 **Neville Richards** Wed 15 Jill Jackson Karen Crowe **Sat 18** Mon 20 Lorraine Austin

Wed 22 Charles Le Breton
Sat 25 Bruce and Lea Bellini

Mon 27 Peter Winter

Tues 28 Committee meeting 7pm

Wed 29 Fay Eaton

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 dates for the 2015 workshops on the Legacy family tree software are listed below. These are hosted by Sharyn Guthrie at 1532 Carrington Road, and run on Sunday afternoons, from 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

19 July – locations and mapping

13 September

22 November

If you wish to attend, please let Sharyn know at sharyng@xtra.co.nz.

#### **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.



#### **New Book: Dickey Barrett**

The branch has purchased a copy of *Dickey Barrett: at the Siege of Moturoa* by A Hood. This was first published in 1890. It is also available online at Victoria University.

#### **Library News**

Magazines received; Family Tree ( June / July ) Genealogist ( June )

Who Do You Think You Are (July)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Stratford, Wanganui, Wairarapa, Wellington

#### Newsletter

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

