



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

Open Day

Saturday 12 September

The New Plymouth branch is holding an open day on Saturday 12 September.

Time: 10 am to 3 pm

Venue: branch rooms, Moturoa

Cost: free

This open day will feature information to help people who are beginning with genealogy, as well as resources and assistance for more experience researchers.

Scheduled events include demonstration of the Legacy family tree software, and demonstrations of on line resources such as ancestry.com and findmypast.

If you know anyone who might be interested, please tell them about this open day.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 4 Aug 2015

Brainstorming

At the August meeting, we will be holding a brainstorming evening.

There will be several groups with different resources available, including some of the online genealogy resources.

Bring along your tricky questions and difficult research challenges for other members to resolve. Across our branch, we have many experienced and knowledgeable genealogists, and usually there is someone else who will have the information, or will know where to find it.



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Last Event: Cornwall

At the July branch meeting, Neville Richards spoke on Cornwall's beginnings, and its origins

St Piran is the patron saint of Cornwall. The celebrations of St Pirans day are on 7 March each year.

Mining for tin, copper and arsenic was an important industry for Cornwall, but the miners endured terrible conditions underground. The decline of mining led to the emigration of Cornish people to all corners of the earth, seeking a better life.

There was significant immigration to New Zealand, and especially to New Plymouth.

Neville described several aspects of life today in Taranaki has origins in Cornwall.

Several people requested contact details for Neville's genealogy researcher in Cornwall.

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Convenor's Report

I hope the weather has not curbed your research too much. I'm heading to the Gold Coast on Monday for 2½ weeks. I hope it's warmer over there than here at present.

As I have some members of my extended family buried over there, I might go gravestone photographing.

We are now holding our Christmas Dinner on the Sunday 29 November at the Fitzroy Gold Club. Also on Tuesday 1 December (an extra meeting) we are entertaining Michelle Patient on a Question & Answer night, it should be interesting as she is very knowledgeable on genealogy subjects.

Our indexing co-ordinators would like some more people to assist with the projects. If you have some spare time on your hands please contact either Lorraine Austin or Pat George, at the meetings. Your indexing could help someone with their research.

Please continue with the donating of old ink cartridges HP & Cannon are the only ones acceptable. They must be the original cartridges, not the recycled ones that have been refilled. We got \$92 from the last lot I sent off.

John Berntsen
Convenor

Next Meeting: 1 September

At the September meeting, the branch will hold a quiz evening. This will use a special set of genealogy related trivia questions.

Christmas Dinner 2015

Yes, it is months away, but we have to plan ahead.

The branch Christmas dinner is planned for Sunday 29 November 2015.

Put this date in your diary. Details to follow later in the year.



Canon Ink Cartridges

Do you have a Canon printer that uses cartridge type 40?

Colin Shackleton has donated two unused printer cartridges to the branch. These are available for a donation.



NZSG – Rules Update

At the last regional meeting I reported that at its June meeting Council was to consider a report on rules review stage 1 covering Governance and Management that I was confident would be accepted. That turned out not to be the case!

While Council had no concerns with the documents it was concerned that a two stage process, as had been accepted until then, would be too drawn out. The Rules Review Working Group was asked to combine stage 1, and stage 2 that was to intended to cover Branch and Interest Group membership and structure, in to one combined document.

That work is now complete and will go before Council 29/30 August.

It is then anticipated advices will go out to members, and branches and interest groups, in early to mid September for a period of member input.

Peter Gibson

NZSG Councillor (and Facilitator, RRWG)

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.

Branch Projects

The projects coordination role has been taken over by Lorraine Austin and Pat George.

We have a number of projects under way, and we can always do with more volunteers. This work includes transcribing and indexing historic records. If you are able to help with these, please contact Lorraine (7534069) or Pat (7575434).

Historic Occupations

These unusual occupations are from old UK census.

HACK A person who hires himself out for any sort of literary work

HACKLER or **HACKMAN** or **HECKLER** One who separated the coarse part of flax or hemp with a hackle, an instrument with teeth in the linen industry

HAIR SEATING MERCHANT Dealer in horse-hair stuffing used in upholstery

HALBERT CARRIER A soldier or halberdier, armed with a halberd, a combination spear and battleaxe (a ceremonial officer)

HANKYMAN A travelling magician in Victorian/Edwardian England

HARMER BECK A parish constable or beadle

HEDGE LOOKER Supervised repairs of fence and enclosures

HENTER or **HENDER** A person who seizes or gets possession of something. Eg baliff, or thief

HOOFER A professional dancer, especially a tap dancer.

HOOKER A worker that hooks or uses hooks e.g. In woollen or cotton industry

HOWDY or **HOWDIE** A midwife (chiefly used in Scotland)

HURRIER One who draws a corf or wagon in a coal-mine. A young boy or girl employed in a coal mine to drag baskets or small wagons full of coal from the coal face, up to the surface.

HUSBANDMAN A tenant farmer

HUSH SHOP KEEPER Person who brewed and sold beer without a license (usually as a side line)



Library Roster: August

Monday	10 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday	12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday	10 am to 12 noon
Sat 1	Elly Harrison
Mon 3	Ailsa McCrone
Tues 4	Branch meeting – 7:30pm Brainstorming Night
Wed 5	Jill Harvey
Sat 8	Mike Merrick
Mon 10	Charles Le Breton
Wed 12	Jill Jackson
Sat 15	Bruce and Lea Bellini
Mon 17	Lorraine Austin
Wed 19	Neville Richards
Sat 22	Karen Crowe
Mon 24	Anne Brophy
Tues 25	Committee meeting 7pm
Wed 26	Judy Berntsen
Sat 29	Annette Larsen
Mon 31	Peter Winter

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.

Historic NZ Calendar

This website shows calendars for New Zealand in any given year, including those back in the 19th century.

www.timeanddate.com

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.

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.



Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Aug)

Memories (Aug/Sept)

Who Do You Think You Are (Aug)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Otaki, Palmerston North, Stratford, Waimate, Wairarapa, Wellington



Newsletter

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

