



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 1 Sep 2015

Quiz Night

We have a fun night lined up for September: quiz night! This will feature a special set of genealogy related questions compiled by NZSG.

Teams will be organised on the night.

No laptops, smart phones, smart watches or other connected devices.

Come along for a fun and entertaining night. There is a prize for the winning team.



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Committee: Judy Berntsen
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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: Brainstorming

At the August meeting, we held a brainstorming evening.

This involved discussing various challenges that members had brought along. Others suggested researching options for finding information that would solve the problem.

Next Meeting: 6 October

At the October meeting, John Pickering will tell us the story of restoration of the graves at St Mary's church.

Christmas Dinner 2015

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

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

Christmas Raffle

The branch is running a Christmas hamper raffle, similar to that run last year. Members are asked to bring along a donation of non-perishable goods to any monthly branch meeting.



Convenor's Report

Well another month has gone by and Xmas is nearly on us again.

We decided at the last Committee meeting to continue with the present library hours, ie not opening Monday afternoons.

We have had a request from the Papamoa Branch to visit our rooms, date not been decided as yet though, but we will need some helpers.

Next year we are planning to host Gail Riddell, a notable expert on DNA. Date to be organised.

We need non-perishable food for our Christmas raffle, so please drop off what you can at the rooms. Raffle tickets will be on sale later.

At our Open Day (Saturday 12 September), we need some helpers. Please give your names to the Committee ASAP.

Well that is all for now, hope to see you all next Tuesday meeting, it's a quiz night.

John Berntsen
Convenor

Canon Ink Cartridges

Do you have a Canon printer that uses cartridge type 521?

Len Jury has donated an unused printer cartridge to the branch. This is available for a donation.



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.



Boons Vospers Records

A print out of the Boons Vospers burial records is available at the branch rooms. This covers the period 1920 to 1960.

These records are indexed in the TBI (which is available on the branch computer).

This is the result of work by our branch projects team. More help is always welcome. If you can spare some time to contribute, please contact Lorraine (753 4069) or Pat (757 5434).

Genealogy on YouTube



YouTube has vast numbers of videos, including many on aspects of genealogy. Search YouTube for family history videos, and check out these videos.

Records of English Parish Church, Viv Parker

www.youtube.com/watch?v=Vht2mMLZkbg

Irish Place Names

www.youtube.com/watch?v=XxaQpv5To8k

Google Search Advice (in 2 parts)

www.youtube.com/watch?v=MUsaxTM7yrw

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2HOARtRHv74

Cemetery Conservation

The Historic Cemeteries Conservation Trust of New Zealand has the aim of identifying and preserving New Zealand's historic cemeteries.

The Trust's website has lots of information including guidelines on best practice for conservation of headstones and monuments.

Here are some tips for when working in cemeteries.

- Do as much as necessary, but as little as possible.
- Do trim long grass, and remove fallen leaves and debris.
- Transcribe inscriptions by hand, especially if they are not clear enough to photograph.
- Do not make rubbings. This can damage brittle or soft stone.
- Do use a soft clean cloth or soft brush (like a paint brush) with water to clean. Be gentle and patient.
- Do not use a wire brush or anything that could scratch or abrade the stone.
- Do not use any chemicals or detergents for cleaning. Don't use anything stronger than water. Depending on the type of stone and materials used, solutions and chemicals can cause a reaction that result is damage or discolouration.
- Do not attempt to repair, restore or interfere with a gravestone that you do not have connection with or do not have permission to work on.

More information is available at the trust's website.

www.cemeteries.org.nz



Library Roster: September

Monday	10 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday	12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday	10 am to 12 noon
Tues 1	Branch meeting: 7:30pm Quiz Night
Wed 2	Ailsa McCrone
Sat 5	Mike Merrick
Mon 7	Charles Le Breton
Wed 9	Jill Jackson
Sat 12	Karen Crowe
	Open Day - all welcome
Mon 14	Lorraine Austin
Wed 16	Charles Le Breton
Sat 19	Bruce and Lea Bellini
Mon 21	Anne Brophy
Wed 23	Judy Berntsen
Sat 26	Elly Harrison
Mon 28	Peter Winter
Tues 29	Committee meeting 7pm
Wed 30	Neville Richards

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.

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

A collection of historical records of the Lye family of Waitara, has been donated to the branch by John Pickering.



Magazines received;

Family Tree (Sept)

Genealogist (Aug)

Who Do You Think You Are (Summer)

Newsletters received;

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

Brant County (Ontario)

Newsletter

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

