



# 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 (closed 26 Oct, Labour Day)  
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm  
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

## Christmas Raffle

The branch is running a Christmas hamper raffle again this year. Members are asked to bring along a donation of non-perishable goods to the next monthly branch meeting.

Raffle tickets are just \$1 each and will be on sale at the October and November branch meetings. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas dinner.



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 6 Oct 2015

## Restoration at St Mary's

The graves at St Mary's cathedral New Plymouth are some of the oldest in the district and provide a valuable link to local history.

Recently, John Pickering has led a major project to restore headstones and memorials. This has included searching out descendants of those people buried there, and has uncovered some interesting stories from the past.



**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  
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### Last Event: Quiz Night

At the September meeting, the branch held a quiz night.

The questions were specially oriented to genealogy topics, and were provided by NZSG. Three teams were organised on the night.

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### Next Meeting: November

At the November meeting, Charles Le Breton will talk about the publishing of his book about the Wehner family.

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### Christmas Cake Raffle

Neville Richards has generously donated a Christmas cake to be raffled.

Tickets are \$1 each, available at the branch rooms. The cake raffle will be drawn at the December branch meeting.

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### New Member

The committee extends a warm welcome to Linda Read, who is rejoining our branch.

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### Internet Connection

The branch rooms have now had internet connection for a couple of years. The cost and use of this has been reviewed by the branch committee, who has decided to continue the internet connection as a benefit for members.

This will be reviewed at the 2016 AGM.

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### Convenor's Report

Firstly I must thank the members who turned up and helped at our Open Day. We had a few people come through and so far one has joined. There were a few applications given out, so we will wait and see what the outcome is on this one.

We are having 2 or maybe 3 raffles as our fundraiser for the end of the year, so please help us to make it pay by donating non perishable food and also by buying raffle tickets. There is a box on the table with the name badges for donations of food.

We are having another Christmas cake raffle, with thanks to Neville's wife.

Tickets for the above raffles are \$1 each. Tickets will be on sale at the door from next Tuesday.

Also there is a sheet on the table at the door for members to put their names down if they would like to come to our Christmas Dinner. It is at the Fitzroy Golf Club on Sunday 29 November. Time is 5.30pm drinks, dinner at 6pm. The menu is on display at the rooms. Cost is \$30 per head. Payable at the November meeting.

John Berntsen  
Convenor

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### Canon Ink Cartridges

Do you have a Canon printer?

Four unused printer cartridges have been donated to the branch. These are available for a donation.



- 1 Canon 521 yellow
- 1 Canon BCI-24B black
- 2 Canon PG 40 black



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### Christmas Dinner 2015

The branch Christmas dinner is planned for Sunday 29 November 2015, 5:30 pm for drinks and meal at 6:00 pm.

Please book using the sheet at the branch rooms. The price is \$30 a head. The menu is outlined below.



#### Main

Hot Ham on Bone with Honey Mustard Sauce

Roast Chicken Drumstick with Teriyaki Sauce

Fried Battered Fish

Accompanied by Fresh Bread Basket

With

Gourmet Potatoes with buttered parsley

Medley Roast Vegetables – Kumara & Pumpkin

Peas and Green salad

#### Dessert

Christmas Pudding and Custard

Fruit Salad and Ice cream

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### NZSG Regional Meeting

The next Taranaki region meeting will be on Saturday 13 February 2016, at the New Plymouth branch rooms.

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### NZSG AGM 2016

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the NZSG will be held at Papamoa on 4 June 2016.

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### NZSG Revised Rules

The Constitution Review Committee has proposed some rule changes. As well as changes at the national level, there are also some proposed changes to membership of branches and interest groups.

It is proposed to create more individual and branch membership classes. This includes more provision for people who are not full NZSG members to have branch membership and to participate on the branch committee.

Details are available from the NZSG website (login required).

[www.genealogy.org.nz/NZSG-Revision-of-Rules\\_823.aspx](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/NZSG-Revision-of-Rules_823.aspx)

The proposed changes are open for consultation until 4 December 2016. Input will then be considered, with the intention of putting changes to a vote early in 2016.

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### Consumer on Genealogy Services

Consumer NZ recently reviewed genealogy subscription services, including Ancestry, FindMyPast, The Genealogist.

The review is available at the Consumer website.

[www.consumer.org.nz/articles/genealogy-subscription-services](http://www.consumer.org.nz/articles/genealogy-subscription-services)



## Library Roster: October

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm

Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm

Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Sat 3 Mike Merrick

Mon 5 Anne Brophy

Tues 6 Branch meeting – 7:30pm John Pickering on restoration of St. Mary's graves.

Wed 7 Lorraine Austin

Sat 10 Annette Larsen

Mon 12 Ailsa McCrone

Wed 14 Neville Richards

Sat 17 Karen Crowe

Mon 19 Charles Le Breton

Wed 21 Judy Berntsen

Sat 24 Bruce and Lea Bellini

Mon 26 Closed – Labour Day

Tues 27 Committee meeting 7pm

Wed 28 Jill Jackson

Sat 31 Marilyn Armitstead

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.

## Lost your notes?

Some family history notes have been left at the branch rooms. These are family tree charts and notes handwritten in pencil on A5 sized paper.

Please contact Bev if these notes are yours.

## 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 ( Oct )

Memories ( Oct / Nov )

Who Do You Think You Are  
( Sept )

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Hutt Valley, Palmerston North,  
Stratford, Wairarapa, Wellington



## Newsletter

If you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Peter Hewett at [peter.hewett@gmail.com](mailto:peter.hewett@gmail.com).

