



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

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 November branch meeting. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas dinner.



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 3 Nov 2015

Jamjar, Wehner Family book and DNA

At the November meeting, Charles Le Breton will present a short talk on three topics.

- Demo of a photo book programme called Jamjar.
- Show a recently completed example – My *Wehner Family* book to show how programme can be adapted for such an exercise.
- Finally an up-date of DNA tests taken with examples of results, successes achieved to date and what lies ahead.

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Last Event: Restoration at St Marys

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.

At our October meeting, branch member John Pickering described a major project that he has led over the last four years to restore headstones and memorials at St Mary's.

The project included searching out descendants of those people buried there, and has uncovered some interesting stories from the past.

John's talk included several before and after photographs, showing the dramatic improvement achieved by this project.

Next Meeting: 1 December

For the December meeting, we are fortunate to have Michelle Patient as guest speaker. She will be running a question and answer evening, and talking about some selected genealogy topics.

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.

New Member

The branch warmly welcomes our new member: Matt Glasier.

Christmas New Year Break

The branch rooms will be closed over the Christmas - New Year period.

Last day for 2015 Saturday 12 December

First day for 2016 Monday 18 January

Convenor's Report

Looks like summer may be near, it's a pity the wind won't go away.

Well I hope you are all prepared for Xmas. We have two Xmas hampers and a Xmas cake raffles running. But to make things better we need some more non perishable food.

We still need some more people to come to the Xmas dinner at the Fitzroy Golf Club. We need a minimum of 30 heads, so please put your name on the list in the rooms. If we do not get 30 then we will have to call the event off. Now we don't want that to happen, do we!

We were given a lot of oldish books from Puke-Ariki and these have been catalogued and put on the shelves. Most are for borrowing.

I am considering throwing in the convenor's job at the next AGM, so it's time for someone else to take over this very arduous job, the hardest part is doing this report. So all you members who have not yet done a convenor's position here is your opportunity. I've done the job for 6 years and that's 5 more than the NZSG Rules say you are to do it.

So please give this some serious consideration over the holiday period.

John Berntsen
Convenor

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



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. If you haven't already paid, please bring your money along to the November meeting.

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

NZSG Regional Meeting

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

NZSG AGM 2016

The 2016 Annual General Meeting of the NZSG will be held at the Baypark Events Centre, Mt Maunganui on 4 June 2016.

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

The proposed changes are open for consultation until 4 December 2015. Input will then be considered, with the intention of putting changes to a vote early in 2016.

The Girl who stole Stockings

Radio NZ recently interviewed Elsbeth Hardie, who has recently published a book about her ancestors who were sent as convicts to Sydney.

This interview was broadcast on 16 October. If you missed it, the interview is available from the Radio NZ website.

www.radionz.co.nz/national/programmes/ninetoon/audio/201774907/the-girl-who-stole-stockings



Library Roster: November

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm

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Mon 2 Charles Le Breton

Tues 3 Branch meeting – 7:30pm Charles Le Breton on Photobook, his recently finished *Wehner* book and progress with DNA search

Wed 4 Jill Jackson

Sat 7 Mike Merrick

Mon 9 Ailsa McCrone

Wed 11 Judy Berntsen

Sat 14 Bruce and Lea Bellini

Mon 16 Charles Le Breton

Wed 18 Fay Eaton

Sat 21 Karen Crowe

Mon 23 Ann Brophy

Tues 24 Committee meeting 7pm

Wed 25 Elly Harrison

Sat 28 Marilyn Armitstead

Mon 30 Ailsa McCrone

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.

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.



Book donation

The committee thanks Michael Butler who has donated a book on the NZ Company to the branch library.

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Nov)

The Genealogist (Oct)

Who Do You Think You Are (Oct)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Riccarton, Stratford, Tauranga, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Wellington, Whakatane

Newsletter

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

