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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 the popular 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.

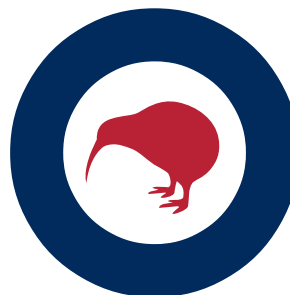


Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 6 Sep 2016

WW2 RNZAF Research

Thousands of New Zealanders served in foreign wars, and each of them has a story or two.

At our September branch meeting, Annette Larsen will be talking about some research she has done recently into an ancestor who was in the RNZAF and saw active service in WW2. He was involved in bombing raids over Germany.



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Last Event: Early New Plymouth settlers

At our August, meeting Mike Gooch from the Puke Ariki Research Centre came to speak to us. We were privileged as he brought with him 7 large volumes from Puke Ariki which contained the centenary registers (1841-1941) of the passengers of six of the early ships to New Plymouth and a volume containing a ship's manifest. The ships are William Bryan, Brougham, Amelia Thompson, Regina, Oriental, Timandra, Blenheim and Essex. The register was created by Agnes Wilson, E. Allen Douglas, Monica Brewster, Elsie Andrews and Iris O'Donnell as part of the New Plymouth Centennial Celebrations in 1941. The 8 ships are named with the dates of their arrival in New Plymouth. All the passengers are named with their trades. Each one has full details in the book which also lists their children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, etc. A wealth of information if your ancestors immigrated to New Zealand. The original register was a huge task pre-internet. A copy of this register was made by Fred Butler, and bound into separate volumes for each ship. Mr Butler also copied the Plymouth Company Ships' manifests. These copies were available at the meeting for us to peruse at our leisure after Mike's talk.

I was horrified to hear Mike say that at one time the register was freely available to the public to look at and people actually added annotations to the information! Thus they are now not out on display and a view must be requested. Mike drew our attention to the Fred Butler Collection at Puke Ariki. Fred had a great interest in local history and over many years gathered together a collection of archives, manuscripts, photographs and artefacts. Mike also mentioned the vertical file at the Research Centre where, as well as finding information, we can contribute information (rather than making annotations on existing material!!) Thank you, Mike, for lugging those amazing records of New Plymouth's early families to our rooms for us to see.

Annette Larsen

Convenor's Report

We had a reasonable turn out for our first daytime meeting, where I outlined my recent visit to the Hawke's Bay Branch of N.Z.S.G. meeting. Their guest speaker was from the Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank and he gave a very interesting explanation of his role as an oral interviewer. Both the Hawke's Bay Knowledge Bank and Branch of N.Z.S.G. share the historic Stonycroft homestead in Hastings.

At our meeting we looked at their website at hb.knowledgebank.org.nz. We also looked at some other websites of interest to genealogists and I hope the meeting was of some help to those who attended.

Christmas is fast approaching and you will see elsewhere in this newsletter details of our end of year function and that your Committee is again running a Christmas raffle which I hope will be as well supported as it was last year.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

October Meeting:

Our October branch meeting will be on Tuesday 4 October. The Battle of Waireka is an important event in Taranaki's history, and Len Jury will tell us about this and the subsequent events.

Daytime Meetings

The next in our series of winter daytime meetings will be held on Sunday 18 September.

Date: Sunday 18 September

Time: 1:30 pm

This meeting will also cover any computer or genealogy related questions you may have, so please bring them along.

Branch Christmas Dinner 2016

Yes, Christmas is only a few months away.

The branch Christmas dinner is planned for Sunday 11 December. This will be at the Fitzroy Golf Club, which has been a very popular venue for the last couple of years.

Mark this date in your diary. More details to follow.



Christmas Cakes

Neville Richard's wife, Faith, has been making our Christmas cake to raffle for several years now. These have been very well received and if anyone would like to order one, Faith is willing to make them.

The cakes are moist and well flavoured and contain no eggs. They can be made without nuts for those with allergies. The usual size cake is \$35, or a half size is \$20. A donation of \$5 will be made to NP Genealogy for each cake. Please talk to Neville at the meeting or phone 753 5051. Orders should be received by mid October to allow time to mature.

Woolmers Estate 200 years, Tasmania

Woolmers Estate is a farming estate established in 1817 by Thomas Archer. It now operates as a heritage site, presenting Tasmania's early history. It is one of the 11 Australian Convict Sites World Heritage listed properties.

www.woolmers.com.au

Special activities are being planned for the 200 year anniversary in 2017. The organisers are currently seeking any descendants who may wish to participate.

Interested parties are invited to contact Sue-Ellen Groer at sue-ellen@woolmers.com.au or PO Box 15, Longford, Tasmania 7301.

Branch Projects

Our branch projects team can always do with some more members to help with transcribing and indexing of historical records. If you are able to help, please contact Lorraine (751 1795) or Pat George (757 5434).

Legacy Help

The next in Marilyn's series of Legacy sessions will be on Sunday 11 September 2016 at 1:30pm in the Branch Rooms.

Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions. Phone: 757 2599 or email g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz

PapersPast

It is worth going back to [PapersPast](#), as new content is being added all the time. Some recent additions to newspapers (June 2016) are:

- Kumara Times 1877-1896
- Manawatu Standard 1921-1923
- Manawatu Times 1921-1923
- Nelson Evening Mail 1921-1922
- Patea Mail 1904-1920
- Pelorus Guardian and Miners' Advocate 1890-1910
- Temuka Leader 1878-1932
- Waihi Daily Telegraph 1918-1923
- Waikato Independent 1904-1920
- Waikato Times 1919-1921
- Waimate Daily Advertiser 1901-1919

Pioneers in Papers Past

For those with early settler ancestors, here are three very interesting lists on Papers Past:

- Auckland Pioneers (and some from Thames) with photos in the [Auckland Star 1 Dec 1898 page 13](#).
- History of the Otago settlement with biographical sketches of some early colonists in the [Otago Witness 17 Mar ch 1898 page 57](#).
- Early colonists who had arrived at Lyttleton on the first ships attended a large reunion in Dec 1900. See the [Press 18 Dec 1900, page 8](#) for a list of those who attended the reunion. The names are listed under the names of the ships. Women's maiden names are included. This may be just where the women were maidens at the time of their long journey.

Charles Le Breton



Library Roster: September

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm
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Sat 3 Mike Merrick
Mon 5 Charles Le Breton
Tues 6 Branch meeting – 7:30pm
Wed 7 Jill Jackson
Sat 10 Karen Crowe
Mon 12 Ailsa McCrone
Wed 14 Judy Berntsen
Sat 17 Lea and / or Bruce Bellini
Mon 19 Lorraine Austin
Wed 21 Neville Richards
Sat 24 Marilyn Armitstead
Mon 26 Anne Brophy
Tues 27 Committee Meeting
Wed 28 Elly Harrison

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.



Library News

The library copy of the book *Dicky Barrett: At the Siege of Moturoa* is missing. If you have this book, or know where it is, please let us know.



Magazines received;

Family Tree (Sept)

Genealogist (Aug)

Who Do You Think You Are (Summer 2016)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Dunedin, Feilding, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papamoa, Porirua, South Canterbury, Southland, Stratford, Te Awamutu, Wairarapa, Wellington

Newsletter

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

