



# 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 13 March, Taranaki Day)  
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm  
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

## Extraordinary General Meeting

Just before the start of the March branch meeting, we will hold an Extraordinary General Meeting.

This EGM is required to formally approve the current ammended rules of the NZSG, as these are adopted as our branch rules. The branch members who are members of NZSG can vote at this EGM.

Bruce says that the EGM shouldn't take too long. Our normal branch meeting will follow on straight afterwards.

**E.G.M.**  
 Notification of Extraordinary General Meeting

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 7 Mar 2017

## Pat's UK trip

At our March meeting, Pat George will tell us about her 2016 trip to the UK.

Pat will cover her genealogy research and finds in South England and Scotland. She promises to tell us some interesting things about a garden feature at Arundel Castle and the Royal Yacht Britannia in Edinburgh.

And she had two of her genealogy research theories blown out of the water:

1. James Watt
2. Who might have been my grandfather?

Come along to hear about the outcome of these issues!

**Convenor:** Bruce Bellini 758 0130  
**Secretary:** Jackie Sewell  
**Treasurer:** Neville Richards 753 5051

**Committee:** Lorraine Austin  
 John Berntsen  
 Jill Jackson  
 Annette Larsen  
 Charles Le Breton  
 Ailsa McCrone  
 Bev Mulqueen

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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: St Mary's Headstone Restoration

Our visit to St Mary's churchyard last month was again spoilt by wet weather but the intrepid amongst us ventured out anyway.

It was a thoroughly worthwhile visit, regardless of the weather, and our thanks go to John Pickering for relating the stories associated with those buried there and his account of the restoration of the headstones in which John played a very large part.



John explaining the headstone restoration project at St Mary's



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## Next Meeting: 4 April 2017

Our meeting in April will be about one of the important projects that our branch has recently undertaken. This project is to photograph the headstones of Te Henui cemetery and to update our transcription record.

The project was led by Pat George, who will tell us about the project and what genealogical information it provides for researchers.

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## Convenor's Report

I am sure that the twelve people that turned up for the St. Mary's cemetery walk last month enjoyed John Pickering's detailed descriptions, despite the dismal drizzling conditions. I would like to thank John for sharing his knowledge with our Branch members.

We have had to change the month that Len Jury is going to do his Omata Families presentation to our May meeting and I hope that this will not cause our members too much confusion. I really enjoyed Len's last presentation on the Battle of Waireka and subsequent events and am looking forward to his next one.

The Te Henui headstone photographing project is progressing well and Pat George has agreed to outline and demonstrate how this project is being put together for our April meeting.

Bruce Bellini  
Branch Convenor

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## Extraordinary General Meeting

The EGM is being held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 7 March. We need to have a quorum for this meeting, so if you are an NZSG member, please attend if you can.

Proxy voting is available. If you are unable to attend, are a current NZSG member and wish to vote by proxy, please advise the branch convenor, Bruce at 758 0130 or advise the acting secretary for the EGM, Peter at [peter.hewett@gmail.com](mailto:peter.hewett@gmail.com).

With your proxy vote, you can:

- vote for the motion
- vote against the motion
- give your vote to the Convenor.

The EGM is to decide on adopting the NZSG rules for our branch, with the motion

"That the New Plymouth Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists adopts as its own rules, the rules of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc. registered on 21 June 2016 and including a partial amendment registered on 28 September 2016, and all previous rules be rescinded."



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### Branch AGM 2017

The branch Annual General Meeting will be held on 2 May 2017 (just two short months away!)

Nominations are open for committee and office positions. Some committee members are standing down after several years on committee.

The committee member job is not onerous, and is a great way to be involved and see more of how our branch works. If you are interested, please talk to Bruce or Jackie.



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### Palmerston North NZSG Open Day 2017

Date: Saturday 11 March 2017

Time: 9:30am to 4:00 pm

Cost: \$15

Palmerston North Branch of NZSG is holding an Open Day with presentations by Linley Robinson, Prof Margaret Tennant and Mary Shadbolt. Lots of local resources will be available. For further information, please contact [roseanddavid.rohde@gmail.com](mailto:roseanddavid.rohde@gmail.com).

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### A stunning senior moment

A self-important college freshman walking along the beach took it upon himself to explain to a senior citizen resting on the steps why it was impossible for the older generation to understand his generation.

“You grew up in a different world, actually an almost primitive one” the student said loud enough for others to hear. “The young people of today grew up with television, jet planes, space travel, man walking on the moon. We have nuclear energy, ships and cell phones, computers with the light speed, and many more.”

After a brief silence, the senior citizen responded as follows. “You’re right son. We didn’t have those things when we were young, so we invented them. Now you little sh+t, what are you doing for the next generation?”

The applause was amazing!!

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### Legacy Help

The next in Marilyn’s series of Legacy sessions will be on Sunday 12 March 2017 at 1:30pm in the Branch Rooms. Future meetings are planned for every second month; 7 May, 9 July, 10 September and 12 November.

Please note that there is a \$2 door charge.

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



### Library Roster: March

Monday	10 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday	12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday	10 am to 12 noon
Wed 1	Jill Jackson
Sat 4	Lea and/or Bruce Bellini
Mon 6	Lorraine Austin
Tues 7	Branch meeting – 7:30pm
Wed 8	Judy Berntsen
Sat 11	Karen Crowe
Mon 13	Public holiday – Taranaki Day
Wed 15	Fay Eaton
Sat 18	Neville Richards
Mon 20	Anne Brophy
Wed 22	Elly Harrison
Sat 25	Marilyn Armistead
Mon 27	Annette Larsen
Tues 28	Committee meeting 7pm
Wed 29	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.



### A4 Envelopes Please

If you have any used A4 envelopes, please consider donating these to the branch library. They are used for filing library materials.

### Library News

Magazines received;  
Genealogist (Feb)  
Family Tree (Feb/Mar)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Dunedin, Hawke's Bay, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Papamoa, Porirua, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Southland, South Waikato, Stratford, Waimate, Wairarapa, Wellington

If you would like an email copy of newsletters from another branch, please contact John Berntsen. Many of the newsletters are also available from the NZSG website.

[www.genealogy.org.nz/branches--area-contacts\\_55](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/branches--area-contacts_55)

### 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).

