



# NZSG

## New Plymouth

### Branch Newsletter



Number 317

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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 Lunch

Date: Sunday 3 December 2017.

Time: From Midday.

Place: Our Branch Rooms,  
 Moturoa.

Cost: \$35 per person.



Tea & coffee provided. Cutlery and crockery provided. You are welcome to bring drinks (and glasses) of your own choice.

A catered Christmas meal will be delivered to our rooms, similar to the one delivered to the Golf Club last year.

If you would like to attend this event, please put your name down on the registration form that will be at our next meeting.

Or you can email Lea Bellini ( [brucebellini@gmail.com](mailto:brucebellini@gmail.com) ) and pay by internet banking.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 7 Nov 2017

## Genealogy by DNA

At the branch meeting on 7 November, Charles Le Breton will present a DNA Demo on his experiences with Family Tree DNA (FTdna) and Ancestry DNA over the last three years.

A practical and graphical display with explanations including some successes, failures and possibilities. Also time for questions and answers. Others are welcome to add their experiences if time permits. Charles will also be on library duty the next day to answer any follow-up queries.

**Convenor:** Bruce Bellini 758 0130  
**Secretary:** Jackie Sewell  
**Treasurer:** Lea Bellini 758 0130

**Committee:** Lorraine Austin  
 Judy Berntsen  
 Jill Jackson  
 Annette Larsen  
 Bev Mulqueen  
 Neville Richards

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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: Taranaki Land Wars

At our October meeting, Rob Green of [Heritage Taranaki](#) explained the new Taranaki land wars app for mobile devices (smart phones, tablets, etc). Rob has been part of a group which has developed a free App that guides you through an exploration of the Taranaki Wars.

The app enables people to follow various historic trails around our region and to get to grips in an exciting way with local history.

Rob talked about early New Plymouth and the lead up to the outbreak of the Taranaki Wars.

The app is available now for iOS and Android devices. This includes the first of the history tours, covering 1860-1861, Waitara to Waireka. A further four tours are planned, covering various phases of the land wars in Taranaki, up to the invasion of Parihaka in 1881.



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### Funeral Sheets

Our branch library collects funeral sheets as part of our local history record.

Thank you to everyone who has provided copies of funeral sheets. In particular, thank you to John Pickering who recently donated 40 sheets for our records.

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### Convenor's Report

You will read elsewhere in this newsletter about the PrimoWireless sponsorship of the Internet access at our Branch Library. I wish to sincerely thank Charles Le Breton for the time he has devoted to achieving this outcome for our Branch. I am sure our members will appreciate your efforts Charles and it will no doubt help the financial situation of our Branch in the future, so thanks again Charles.

I have received my DNA results back, but Lea is still awaiting hers. It would seem that my Danish decent has been confirmed, but the Italian part is very small or possibly non – existent! Seems that there may be more investigation required to solve that mystery?

At our last Taranaki Regional meeting of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, it was confirmed that the former Stratford and Inglewood Branches of the Society have combined and decided to cease being branches of the Society, opting instead to become an Incorporated Society. I understand that they are asking to be affiliated to the N. Z. Society of Genealogists.

With Christmas looming up fast, I would like to remind our members of the catered luncheon being arranged for the 3rd of December of which you will find details in this newsletter. We will be drawing the Christmas raffles at the luncheon so please make sure you buy your tickets at our meeting on Tuesday. The luncheon will be our last function for the year, and there will be no meeting in January 2018.

Our Best Wishes for Christmas from Lea and I.

Bruce Bellini  
Branch Convenor



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### Computer Group Meeting

At the meeting on 8 October, we looked at charts that can be produced for family trees.



There are a few options for showing hundreds of people on one chart. Showing the families and their relationships on a big chart is a good way of displaying information, such as for family reunions.

We looked at some of the different examples of what is possible and where to get printing on very large pieces of paper.

The next genealogy computer group meeting will be on Sunday 21 January 2018. At this meeting, we will be looking at anything to do with computers and genealogy.

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### Christmas Cakes

Neville Richard's wife, Faith, is making more of her popular Christmas cakes again this year. If you would like to order one, please get your order in very soon!

The cakes are moist and well flavoured and contain no eggs. They can be made without nuts, on request. The usual size cake is \$45, or a half size is \$28. A donation of \$5 will be made to NP Genealogy for each cake. Please talk to Neville at the meeting or phone 753 5051.

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### Legacy Help

The next in Marilyn's series of Legacy sessions will be on Sunday 12 November 2017 at 1:30pm in the Branch Rooms. 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)

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### 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 November branch meeting.

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



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### Internet Connection

The internet connection for our branch rooms is now generously sponsored by Primowireless.

Based right here in Taranaki, Primowireless provides internet connections and ISP services for residential and business customers. As well as the usual ADSL and fibre connections, Primowireless also provides broadband internet over a wireless link for customers who are not in an area served by the other types of internet. This is great for people who live outside the main centres.



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CONNECTING TARANAKI

Please consider Primowireless for your ISP. Ring them on 0800 123 774 or visit the website:

[primowireless.co.nz](http://primowireless.co.nz)



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### Library Roster: November

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm  
Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm  
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Wed 1 Ailsa McCrone  
Sat 4 Karen Crowe  
Mon 6 Charles Le Breton  
Tue 7 Branch meeting – 7:30pm.  
Wed 8 Charles Le Breton  
Sat 11 Mike Merrick  
Mon 13 Ann Brophy  
Wed 15 Judy Berntsen  
Sat 18 Lea and Bruce Bellini  
Mon 20 Annette Larsen  
Wed 22 Jill Jackson  
Sat 25 Elly Harrison  
Mon 27 Lorraine Austin  
Tue 28 Committee meeting 7pm.  
Wed 29 Fay Eaton

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### Bereavements

With regret, we acknowledge the recent passing of two branch members; Phyl Haarer and Myk Davis.

Our sincere condolences go to their respective families and friends at this time.

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### 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.



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### 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.

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### Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree ( Dec )

Genealogist ( Oct )

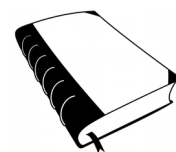
Who do you think you are ( Oct )

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Dunedin, Fielding, Gore, Hawkes Bay, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papamoa, Porirua, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Southland, South Waikato, Stratford, Wellington

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



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### 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).

