



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 2 April, Easter Monday)
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm (closed 25 April, Anzac Day)
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

2018 Branch AGM

The branch AGM will be on Tuesday 1 May. The formal notice of meeting will be distributed to branch members with this newsletter.

Nominations are open for committee members.

The branch relies on volunteers to keep things running. We just need a few more people to join the committee. Please talk with any current committee member if you can help or have any questions.

Documents for the AGM (such as financial report and minutes of the 2017 AGM) will be distributed with the May newsletter.

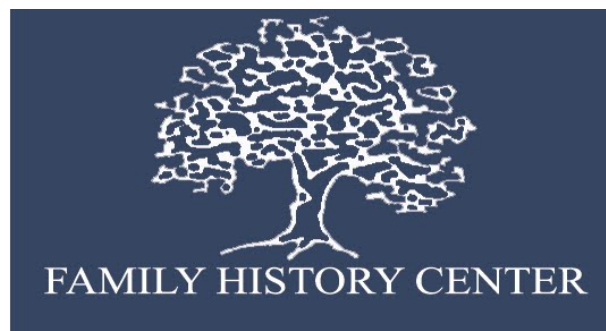
AGM

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 3 Apr 2018

Family History Centre

The LDS church has one of the greatest collection of family history records in the world. And there is a LDS family history centre here in New Plymouth!

Our speaker for the April branch meeting is Robyn Wilton from the New Plymouth Family History Centre. She will speak on the family history resources that they have available.



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Secretary: Jackie Sewell
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Committee: Lorraine Austin
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Last Event: Puke Ariki

At our March meeting Kathryn Mercer spoke to us about resources at the Taranaki Research Centre at Puke Ariki library. She began by emphasising the importance of indexes.

MANUSCRIPT INDEXES and INVENTORIES

A good place to start is the Heritage Collection database (<http://pukeariki.com/Heritage-Collections>).

The Maori Land Court minute book is NZ wide and is indexed.

The Log of Logs is three books indexing ships' diaries. (Our group has this index on microfiche.) These were ships between 1788 and 1990 travelling into Australian and NZ waters.

The Australian Joint Copying Project, 1945-1997, is material relevant to the South Pacific area. (Its website is at nla.gov.au) Thousands of collections of Australian, New Zealand and Pacific records have been located, described and filmed and indexed in eleven handbooks free to download through the [Trove website](#). One can request films via interloan stating the film number.

NEWSPAPERS AND SCRAPBOOKS

D.R. Harvey's Union List of NZ newspapers (before 1940). This is a bibliography of newspaper titles arranged geographically. It is useful for seeing what papers were running in the area you're interested in.

Fred Butler's huge collection spanning up to the 1960s and his index are available out the back at the Research Centre. It is necessary to phone first to advise you wish to look at these as some of this collection is getting a little fragile. Taking a camera to photograph this material is a good idea. This collection is valuable for street names research but there is a huge assortment of material.

BACK OF THE BOOK INDEXES-RETROSPECTIVE

H.E.M. Hildes has published a selective index of books relating to early NZ (1875- 1937)

Kathryn said that 86% of non-fiction books published in NZ in 2005 did not have an index. The problem is that, if books are indexed retrospectively, how is duplicated effort to be prevented? An answer to this is the Index of

Indexes developed by [AFFHO](#) (Australian Federation of Family History Organisations).

What is happening in NZ? There is an Indexing Community in NZ. The Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers (ANZSI) (www.anzsi.org) is working on remedying this problem.

The [NZ Electronic Text Centre](#) is also worth a look. It has digital versions of a number of books.

Kathryn's informative talk gave us a different look at research and resources and we appreciated her knowledge.

Annette Larsen

Convenor's Report

It was pleasing to see a number of our branch members at the book launch of the Book Battle of Waireka by Graeme Kenyon, at Puke Ariki on Wednesday night. This began with a Mihi, followed by Kelvin Day from Puke Ariki who gave us a bit of history around the sites of the Land Wars. After this Graeme spoke on the reason for writing this book and how it changed from his original intentions.

At our AGM next month, it would be nice to see some fresh faces on the committee, as our numbers have reduced from last year. New faces – fresh ideas which we need.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

Next Meeting: Te Henui Project – 1 May 2018

A team of branch members has been transcribing and photographing headstones of the Te Henui cemetery. This is an update to the transcriptions done a few decades ago.

This project has been led by Pat George, and at our May meeting, she will tell us about the project and how the information it has collected can be useful for your genealogy research.



Branch Committee

The branch Annual General Meeting will be held on 1 May 2018 (just a few short weeks away!)

Nominations are open for committee and office positions.

The committee member job is not onerous, and it 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.



Legacy Users Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 8 April 2018 at the Branch Rooms from 1.30pm.

These sessions are hosted by Marilyn Armitstead and are aimed at helping you to better use the Legacy genealogy software.

The 2018 meetings are planned for 10 June, 12 August and 7 October. There is no meeting in December. These dates alternate with the Computer Group Meetings.

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

Computer Group Meeting

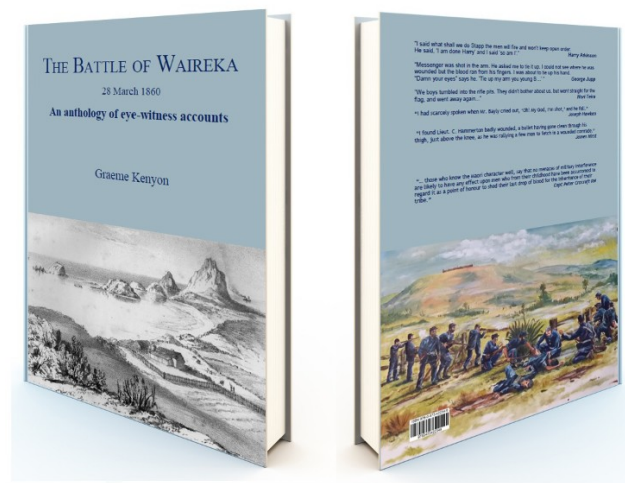
A meeting of the genealogy computer group was held on Sunday 18 March 2018.

We talked about images – all those different formats like jpg, png, svg, gif and others. This discussion covered what the differences are between these formats, and when you should use which type of image format (because it does matter!).



The Battle of Waireka

Graeme Kenyon's new book was launched just before Easter, on the 158th anniversary of this battle. The book is an anthology of first-hand accounts and primary source material, including diaries, letters, news articles and other documents from the time. If you have Taranaki ancestors, they probably feature in this book. Copies are available from Puke Ariki for \$55.



Internet Connection

The internet connection for our branch rooms is 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 just great for people who live outside the main centres.



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Library Roster: April

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

Mon 2 Public holiday – Easter Monday
Tue 3 Branch meeting
Wed 4 Elly Harrison
Sat 7 Neville Richards
Mon 9 Annette Larsen
Wed 11 Mike Merrick
Sat 14 Karen Crowe
Mon 16 Lorraine Austin
Wed 18 Jill Jackson
Sat 21 Lea and Bruce Bellini
Mon 23 Ann Brophy
Tue 24 Committee meeting 7pm.
Wed 25 Closed – Anzac Day
Sat 28 Lea and Bruce Bellini
Mon 30 Annette Larsen

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

Magazines received;

Family Tree (April)

Who do you think you are (April)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Fielding, Gore, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papamoa, South Waikato, Wairarapa, Wellington, Whanganui

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

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.

