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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 (closed 4 June Queens Birthday)
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

2018 Branch AGM

The branch AGM will be on Tuesday 1 May. The formal notice of meeting was distributed to branch members with the April 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 (the financial report and minutes of the 2017 AGM) will be distributed with this newsletter.

AGM

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 1 May 2018

Te Henui Project

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. 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.

The transcriptions and photographs of headstones are available on the computers at the branch rooms.

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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Last Event: Family History Centre

At our April meeting our speaker was Robyn Wilton, director of the LDS Family History Centre at Mangorei Rd. She talked about the Centre as a community resource and "without walls".

There have been a number of changes to the LDS genealogy service recently, so it was good to get an update. To access the FHC, one needs to phone and organise an appointment, letting the help person know what you are interested in finding. The Centre is usually open on Thursday mornings and the helpers are happy to be available.

The computers there provide a portal to LDS resources, as well as websites that the LDS has agreements with. These change from time to time but generally there is free access to:

- * 19th century British newspapers
- * Ancestry.com
- * Digital Archive (Sweden)
- * FamNet
- * Findmypast (except 1939 census)
- * MyHeritage
- * American Civil War data
- * Fold3 – military data
- * Geneanet – genealogy in France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden and Germany.

As well as the portal, their library has a number of old resources, eg newsletters; films, fiche; some Scottish records; St Cath's Index, etc.

Robyn explained about the new FamilySearch site as films are longer available from the LDS. Instead these records are being digitised and are growing daily. To use the site, one now has to log in. Robyn encouraged us to put our family tree on to the familysearch site. She said it was a safe place to keep your records, photos etc.

A warning was given about genealogies on familysearch. They may have errors. (If no sources are given for a fact, I do not give it too much credence until I have checked it out.) Also there are books available on familysearch but many are American-based.

Robyn Wilton: Contact no- 0223514614

(My advice when using familysearch is to go to the map of the world on the SEARCH page and click the area you are interested in. You can then find what is available for that particular country.)

Annette Larsen

Convenor's Report

You may be aware that the New Zealand Society of Genealogists has changed the national Family History Month from August to September, to highlight 125 years of Suffrage and there are details of the proposed celebration of this event elsewhere in our newsletter.

Following our Annual General Meeting next Tuesday evening, Pat George will demonstrate the results of the Te Henui Cemetery Photographing project and how it will work on our Branch Computers. I would like to record our Branch's appreciation to Pat and her team of photographers and transcribers for the many hours they have devoted to complete this large project. I understand that they have decided to continue on and photograph the headstones in other cemeteries around New Plymouth and I look forward to seeing the results of their hard work.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

Next Meeting: – 5 June 2018

Our focus for the June meeting is historical newspapers. These are a great resource for family history research, and many are available on line, including:

- PapersPast (New Zealand)
- Trove (Australia)
- British newspaper archive

What are your best finds in old newspapers? What have you found that is useful, interesting, amusing, weird?

Get together any examples that you have come across in your research, and bring them to the June meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Annette (or any committee member).

Computer Group Meeting

The next genealogy computer group meeting will be at the branch rooms, at 1:30pm on Sunday 20 May 2018.



This is a general discussion and help session, covering anything vaguely related to genealogy and computers. Bring along your problems, questions and exciting finds!



Branch Committee

The branch Annual General Meeting will be held on 1 May 2018. 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 10 June 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 other 2018 meetings are planned for 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

Pearl Gwendoline CHILDS nee MAWKES

Maureen Read of Paeroa, is trying to find out what happened to Pearl Mawkes who married Percy Joseph CHILDS in 1921. After the wedding, Percy went to Australia and remained there until he died.

Pearl had their son Donald Stanley Childs on 21 January 1922 in Stratford. Pearl then seems to have fallen off the planet. She was in Stratford for a while and she lived with her parents Sam & Sarah Mawkes. There doesn't appear to be any remarriage, divorce or death.

Maureen is asking if anyone in our area has any knowledge of Pearl. If anyone can help, please e-mail me at brucebellini@gmail.com or ring me on 7580130.

Lea Bellini

Women's Suffrage 125

This year, we celebrate 125 years since NZ became the first country to give all women the right to vote, with the Electoral Act passed on 19 September 1893. Many events are planned to commemorate this historic event.



Suffrage 125 is supported by NZSG and will be the focus for family history month in September.

Branches will be holding events featuring biographies of women who signed the petition or who voted in 1893.

All members are encouraged to submit biographies to either or both the Ministry of Culture and Heritage NZ History website or Archives NZ He Tohu.

The New Plymouth Branch intends to celebrate this event in September 2018 and further details will be supplied in due course. We would like to have a collection of mini biographies, so if you have any ancestors who are on the petition or voted in the 1893 election, could you please start collecting information with a view to having a wee biography ready in August.

Internet Connection

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



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

primowireless.co.nz



Library Roster: May

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

Tue 1 Branch AGM
Wed 2 Elly Harrison
Sat 5 Karen Crowe
Mon 7 Charles Le Breton
Wed 9 Jill Jackson
Sat 12 Neville Richards
Mon 14 Lorraine Austin
Wed 16 Ailsa McCrone
Sat 19 Lea or Bruce Bellini
Mon 21 Ann Brophy
Wed 23 Fay Eaton
Sat 26 Mike Merrick
Mon 28 Charles Le Breton
Tue 29 Committee meeting
Wed 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.

Correction

In last month's article, I erroneously said our branch library had a copy of the Log of Logs. We do have, however, on microfiche, a guide to first-hand shipboard accounts, published by Marsha Donaldson.

Annette Larsen

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 (May)

Genealogist (April)

Who do you think you are (May)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Fielding, Gore, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papamoa, Porirua, South Waikato, Southland

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.

