



# NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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**Branch Library:** Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.  
**Opening Hours:** Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm  
Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

## Our Branch Library

The New Plymouth branch has lots of resources that are useful to your family history research. These include books, magazines, CDs, microfiche, computer databases and others. Did you know that we have historical school records available for reference. The library also has copies of recent genealogy magazines that you can borrow.

When the rooms are open, a branch member is on duty to assist with using these resources.

This is a great collection of resources, available right here in New Plymouth with more being added all the time. Be sure you take advantage of it for your research!



Next meeting: 6:45 pm Tuesday 4 Feb 2020

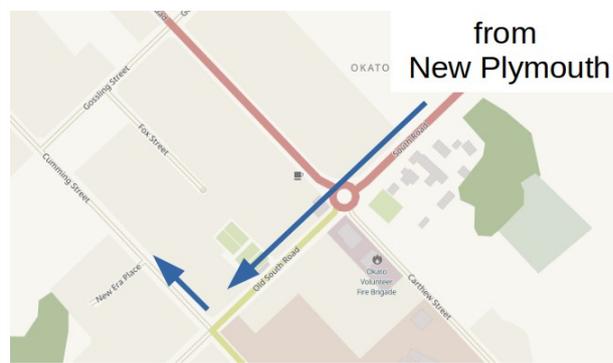
## Okato Historical Society

Our first branch event for 2020 is a trip to the Okato Historical Society.

The society hold a large collection of historical records of the Okato area and of coastal Taranaki.

Please meet at the branch rooms in Moturoa at 6:45pm. This is to organise car pooling to Okato. Entry: \$2 door charge.

The OHS is in Cumming Street, Okato. From New Plymouth, go straight ahead at the round about, then turn right into Cumming Street.



**Convenor:** Bruce Bellini 758 0130  
**Secretary:** Jackie Sewell  
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**Meetings:** 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month  
at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre  
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**Website:** [www.genealogynp.com](http://www.genealogynp.com)

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### Last Event: NZ Wars: Stories of Waitara

For the last branch meeting of 2019, our quiz master Gail ran a fun genealogy quiz. Then we watched the recent [RNZ documentary](#) about the battles between the British army and Maori in the 1860s, focusing on the beginning of the wars near Waitara and Waireka.



The documentary included interviews with Te Atiawa descendant Dr Ruakere Hond and historian Dr Vincent O'Malley, together with animations and re-enactments of key battles. It showed the story of Te Atiawa and their unsuccessful attempts to defend their homeland against the army of the British Empire.



Extended interviews with the people from this documentary are available [from the RNZ website](#).

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### Next Event: 3 March 2020

Cyber security and internet safety

Computers and the internet are used for everything these days, especially genealogy. There is some risk of fraud, scams or other criminal activity over the internet. We are lining up a local specialist to tell us some practical measures that we can use to keep safe with our modern technology.

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### Convenor's Report

I hope that you all have had a very enjoyable Christmas and New Year break and are ready to tackle the new decade of genealogy discoveries.

Our Branch Committee have met already and have spent sometime planning this years programme and we have some interesting speakers and visits, beginning with our visit to the Okato Historical Society this month, the details of which you will see elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you have any ideas of an interesting guest speaker, or place our group could visit, please let one of our committee members know, as we are always on the lookout for an interesting topic.

Lastly, several of our current committee members have indicated that they will be standing down at our A.G.M. I would like to ask you to consider serving on our Branch committee and let me know if you are willing to join us - the A.G.M. is only three months away!

Bruce Bellini  
Branch Convenor

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### Legacy Users Group

These interactive sessions cover how to use the Legacy family tree software, including how to use features, troubleshooting, tips & tricks and sharing of experiences and thoughts.

The sessions are held at the branch rooms, and are run by Marilyn Armitstead. The dates planned for 2020 are 9 February, 5 April, 7 June, 9 August and 4 October. Each is on a Sunday afternoon at 1:30pm. Door charge \$2.



## Ancestor's Commandments

Thou shall use the same forenames for at least one person from every generation preferably at least once in every family on every generation just to cause confusion.

Thou shall wait the maximum amount of time before registering births and deaths, or better still forget to get them registered at all.

Thou shall have two forenames and use them both separately on official records but never both together.

Thou shall change your forename at least once during your lifetime

Thou shall use every conceivable spelling for your surname and make up a few as well

Thou shall never use the same year of birth or birthdate. Always vary it adding on a couple of years here and taking away a couple of years there.

Thou shall use the house name and county as your place of birth and not the village or town.

Thou shall completely disappear without trace for at least 15 years of your life and suddenly turn up again.

Thou shall use at least two versions of your father's name

Thou shall not use family members as your witnesses at your wedding

Thou shall get married somewhere that neither of you live

Thou shall not have all of your children baptized and shall not always use the same church.

Thou shall move between counties at least once every ten years.

Thou shall move hundreds of miles from your home town at least once. Better still would be to move to another country.

Thou shall make life as difficult as possible for your descendants when they decide to research you.

Thou shall use as many of these commandments as is possible during your lifetime, but not all are necessary.

From Grant County Heritage Aug 2019

## Researching Resources Open Day

Where: Palmerston North  
Kilwinning Lodge, Church Street

When: Saturday 14 March, 9:30am – 4:00pm

Entry: \$5

Speakers include:

- Archives NZ: Richard Foy
- National Library: Joan McCracken
- Papers Past: Emerson Vandy
- NZSG: Sarah Hewitt
- Manawatu Land Records: Down Chambers
- Palmerston North Library: Maria Shiva

The open day will have stands for English, Irish and Scottish resources, Maori Services, Feilding archives and Levin Library genealogical resources.

For more information, contact Rose at 06 359 1952 or email [randd.rohde@gmail.com](mailto:randd.rohde@gmail.com).

## Computer Group Meeting

The genealogy computer group meeting was held on Sunday 19 January. We looked at the new headstone transcriptions for the [St Mary's cemetery](#), and at cemetery databases in general.



Many websites and email services now provide additional security. We discussed what it means when you browser warns a site is not secure, and what you can do about it.

We also covered some tips and tricks for gathering info and images from web pages for genealogy research. These included taking screenshots with **Win shift S**.

Windows 10 comes with a built-in clipboard manager. Press **Win V** to use this (it may need to be turned on if you haven't used it yet).

Additional software can be installed to do screenshots and clipboard managers, but the ones built into Windows are more reliable and less risky in terms of malware.



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### Library Roster: February

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

Sat 1 Karen Crowe  
Wed 5 Charles Le Breton  
Sat 8 Jill Jackson  
Wed 12 Ailsa McCrone  
Sat 15 Annette Larsen  
Wed 19 Neville Richards  
Sat 22 Marilyn Armitstead  
Wed 26 Fay Eaton  
Sat 29 Bruce & Lea Bellini

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.

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### 23andMe DNA Reduces Staff

Genetic DNA testing company 23andMe has announced [it is reducing staff by 14%](#) (100 people) due to sales decline. Its CEO has cited privacy concerns as a potential reason for declining sales.

In 2018, concerns were raised when 23andMe sold customers DNA data to pharmaceutical company GlaxoSmithKline.

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### Safer Internet Day 2020

Tuesday 11 February is safer internet day 2020.

Online safety is more important than ever, so this day is dedicated to promoting a safer online world. For information and resources, visit the Netsafe website:

[www.netsafe.org.nz/safer-internet-day/](http://www.netsafe.org.nz/safer-internet-day/)

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### Cemetery Transcriptions

Headstone transcriptions of many local cemeteries are available on [our website](#). Recently, the headstone transcriptions for the cemetery at the [Taranaki Cathedral of St Mary's](#) have been uploaded.

This is part of our branch project to update the transcriptions that were made in the 1980s.

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### Internet Connection

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



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### Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Jan, Feb)

Genealogist (Dec)

Who Do You Think You Are (Dec, Jan, Feb)

Newsletters received;

Balclutha, Dunedin, Gore, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Nelson, Papamoa, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Southland, South Waikato, Wairarapa, 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](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).

