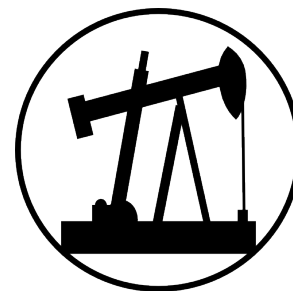




# NZSG

## New Plymouth

### Branch Newsletter



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**Branch Library:** Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.  
**Opening Hours:** Monday: 10am to 3pm  
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3pm  
 Saturday: 10am to 12 noon  
**Computer Group:** every third Sunday every 2nd month at 1:30pm at the Branch Rooms  
 Open to everyone - \$2 door charge. Convenor – Bruce Bellini

### 2011/12 Subscriptions

Thank you to everyone who has paid their subscription for the current year. We try to keep these to the minimum, but the branch needs some funds to operate.

If you have not yet paid, please do so by the 6 August cut-off date. If not paid by that date, you will be still be able to use branch library resources, but will have to pay the \$5 fee on each occasion.

The 2011/12 subscription rates are;

- \$30 for single membership
- \$40 for household membership
- \$20 for associate membership (living outside Taranaki).

If you no longer wish to be a member of the branch, please advise by email to [newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz).

The subscription form is available from the branch website, and is attached to this newsletter.

Next meeting: 7:30pm Tues 2 August 2011

### McNair Family History

This month, Tony McNair will present some of his family history research.

Tony is a former merchant seaman, teacher and headmaster, and his research covers South America, England and New Zealand.

Come along and hear what Tony's research has found and see how he has presented it.

### Newsletter Layout

Our more perceptive readers will have noticed that we have a different look to the newsletter this month.

The photo of the mountain was grand, but it used up a lot of ink when people printed out the newsletter. Also, the NZSG was encouraging us to feature the society's logo more prominently.

We hope you like the new layout, and if you have any comments, please let us know.

**Convenor:**  
**Secretary:** Fay Eaton 751 1045  
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 Charles Le Breton  
 Ailsa McCrone  
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**Meetings:** 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre access off Whiteley Street carpark

**Email:** [newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz)  
**Website:** [www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz)

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**Last Meeting** – Tuesday 5 July 2011

At the July meeting, the topic was heirlooms and treasures. Some branch members presented notable stories from their research.

It is always interesting to hear special stories from others' research. Grateful thanks to all of those who brought along material to share with the branch.

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**Next Month**

Next month's meeting is on Tuesday 6 September, when our guest speaker will be Ruth Harvey, Curator of Pictorial Collections at Puke Ariki. She will be talking about pictorial collections and copyright issues.

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**Introducing: Ailsa McCrone**

I'm a McCrone named Ailsa Janet, the eldest daughter of a Scottish father and third generation New Zealand mother. With four generations of inherited 'green-thumb' genes, horticultural activities have played a big part in my life, and the Fernery at Pukekura Park was where I spent 45 years of my working life.

The reason I took up genealogy, was to trace Mum's grandfather, who came to NZ in 1860 with the 70<sup>th</sup> Surrey Regiment of Foot. His 100 year old granddaughter who died four years ago, was my very best source of information.

My research is mainly Irish, English and Scottish. I enjoy gardening, photography, writing stories and travel. My genealogy programme of choice is Brother's Keeper. Yeah!!

Ailsa McCrone

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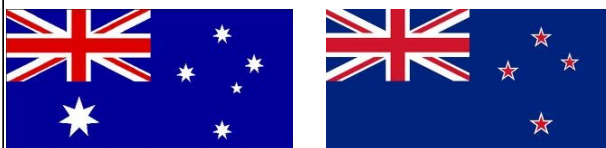
**NZ Family History Fair 2011**

The 2011 Family History Fair will be held on Friday 26 and Saturday 27 August 2011, at the Claudeland Events Centre at Hamilton.

There will be 40 seminars presented over the two day event. A full list of the seminar topics and presenters is now available on the Family History Fair website.

[www.nzfamilyhistoryfair.org.nz](http://www.nzfamilyhistoryfair.org.nz)

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**Australia & New Zealand Heritage Day**

When: Saturday 13 August 2011

Where: Alexander Heritage & Research Library, Queens Park, Wanganui

Time: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Entry: free

Wanganui District Library staff and NZSG - Wanganui Branch members will be available to help you.

We will be joined by Deborah Shuker, of the NZSG - Australian Interest Group with their resources.

Be the first to see the Wanganui Founders' Society Wanganui Portrait Collection at the official launch.

Beginners welcome!

There will be two computers with Ancestry Library Edition and two computers with FindMyPast UK and Australasian Editions available. Bring your wireless enabled laptop for free access to the Internet and to Ancestry Library Edition in the Library. There will be a charge for any printouts from the computers.

Enquiries: [heritage@wanganuilibrary.com](mailto:heritage@wanganuilibrary.com) or phone (06) 3491000.

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**NPDC Archive Storage**

The New Plymouth District Council is planning for a \$1.9 million, 800 m<sup>2</sup> climate controlled storage facility. This will be used to archive local government records as well as Puke Ariki artefacts, art and council computer systems.

It is good news for future historians and genealogists that these records are going to be appropriately archived. NPDC report that the existing record storage facilities are not well suited for this purpose.



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### UK Deceased Online

The deceasedonline website is adding more records from cemeteries and crematoria across the UK. Searches are free, but a fee is charged to view records.

[www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com)

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### FamilySearch updates 55 Collections

[FamilySearch.org](http://FamilySearch.org) has added 25 million new records to their online collections. The new records were added for Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Czech Republic, England, Italy, Netherlands, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Switzerland, U.S., and Wales.

[www.familysearch.org/node/1251](http://www.familysearch.org/node/1251)

The New Zealand records include 44,794 probate records from Marlborough and Nelson. An index is available on the Archives NZ website.

[www.archway.archives.govt.nz](http://www.archway.archives.govt.nz)

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### GCG Road Show Postponed

The Genealogy Computer Group road show has been postponed. This had been scheduled for 24 September 2011.

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### Library News

The library has a copy of the Proceedings of the NZSG Annual Conference 2011, recently held in Dunedin.



Magazines received;

Family Tree (August),  
Memories (Aug/Sept)

Newsletters received;

Blenheim, Hutt Valley, Otaki, Wairarapa, and  
Brant County (Canada)

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### Computer Group

The next computer group meeting is at 1:30 pm, Sunday 18 September 2011, at the branch rooms.



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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).



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**2011/12 SUBSCRIPTION IS NOW DUE**

Please complete this form and return with your payment by 6 August 2011 to:

New Plymouth Branch NZSG

P O Box 429

NEW PLYMOUTH 4340

NAME: .....

PHONE NUMBER: .....

ADDRESS: .....

POSTCODE: .....

AMOUNT: \$30.00 (single) or \$40.00 (joint) \$20.00 (living outside of Taranaki)

Payment may be made by Cheque, Cash or Direct Credit to: 1539 42 0008448 00

ARE YOU A MEMBER OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF  
GENEALOGISTS? YES / NO

NZSG NUMBER: .....

DO YOU OWN A COMPUTER? YES / NO

EMAIL ADDRESS: .....

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