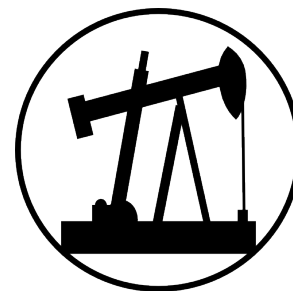




# NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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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 (but not open Waitangi Day, 6 February)  
 Saturday: 10am to 12 noon

## 2013 Meetings

The branch committee is compiling the programme for 2013. We would like to include topics that are of interest or use to members.

Any ideas are welcome; local New Plymouth history, internet research, computer related topics, special research areas, whatever.

If you have any suggestions or requests, please contact a committee member.



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 5 Feb 2013

## Old Photos

And now for something completely different; a bit of fun with old photos!

For our first branch meeting of 2013, bring along a photo of a bearded ancestor, or an old family photo with an interesting story or some unusual feature.



You can bring it along as a printed photo, or on a USB memory stick so that it can be displayed on the screen with our projector.

If you have any questions, please contact Charles Le Breton.

**Convenor:**  
**Secretary:** Fay Eaton 751 1045  
**Treasurer:** John Berntsen 753 9188

**Committee:** Judy Berntsen  
 Anne Brophy  
 Margaret Gregory  
 Charles Le Breton  
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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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**Regional Meeting:**

The next NZSG Taranaki regional meeting will be held:

Date: Saturday 23 February 2013.

Time: 9:30 am for morning tea  
10:00 am for the meeting

Where: Hawera branch, 48 Union Street

Bring a plate for the shared lunch.

For more information and to coordinate travel, please contact John Berntsen.

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**Wine Boxes**

The branch library uses cardboard wine boxes for storing various items such as magazines.

If you have any of these, please bring along to the branch rooms. Keep an eye open over the Christmas period, as wine consumption has been observed to increase 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 at present.

These will be recycled to generate some income for the branch.

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**New Members**

The branch extends a warm welcome to new member Gwen Davis and to returning member Marilyn Armitstead.

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**Acting Convenor's Report**

Hi All

I hope everyone has recovered from the hot weather we had over Christmas time and you all have had a good break from genealogy.

Before Christmas we had the sudden death of Murray Smith, husband of Jocelyn. Judy represented the branch committee at the funeral.

This year we now have got our slide negative scanner and at present I am learning how to use it. I should be able to show you all next week. It will be available for hire @ \$5 per week, maximum 2 weeks. A help manual is supplied.

Bev and her workers have processed most of our donated books, so please make use of them. Charles Le Breton has donated 2 books – other Anne Bromell publication *Tracing your Family History*. Probably a second copy for library.

We have a blank space for March for a speaker, so if anyone has any ideas please contact John Berntsen, Phone 7539188.

Remember in May we are having our AGM and if you are an NZSG member we would love to see you on our small committee. It is not an onerous job so please give it your utmost attention. Michael Gooch from Pukeariki has agreed to speak at our AGM. Subject to be advised later. If anybody is aware of a potential Pukeariki topic that would be of interest to our wider membership please let John Berntsen or Charles Le Breton know.

The next Regional Meeting is being held on 23 February in Hawera branch rooms, starting 10am.

John Berntsen

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**Donations**

The branch acknowledges and thanks the local genealogy computer group, which donated \$490 to the branch, on winding up of the GCG.

Charles Le Breton has generously donated two books (*West to the Fiords*, reviewed below, and *Tracing Family History in New Zealand*) and some facsimiles of old Taranaki newspapers.

J Slater of Christchurch has sent a copy of the book *The Reeds Frederick and Annie in New Zealand*.



## Book Review - "West to the Fiords" (The History of Western Southland) – FWG Miller

A different tack from my last two reviews on DNA development books but no less interesting if you have any ties to the deep south.

Written in 1954 when memories of our early days were still relatively fresh, this book was published by a kindred organisation – The Western Southland Historical Committee. Apart from a general history from the time of Captain Cook; whaling, gold prospecting, transportation, early country runs and town development are all covered together with some interesting pioneering tales. Unlike many such books however which are very generalist in their nature, the names of many of the participants are listed together with detailed histories of some of the more dominant families and other characters.

Districts / towns covered include Orepuki, Round Hill, Riverton, Thornbury-Waimatuku-Wild Bush, Fairfax, Nightcaps, Ohai, Clifden, Drummond, Gladfield, Mossburn, Lake Country and Wallace County and many others. Some chapters are also dedicated to important commercial aspects and social development such as institutions, the Press, doctors, churches, sawmills and forests.

Just one random example over four pages contains more than 100 names of settlers and businesses. Some of the individuals are listed in a short subject index at the back of the book but many more are revealed if this book looks like an interesting read.

The subject publication has just been donated to the NP Genealogy Group library so will shortly be available for borrowing.

Charles Le Breton

## 2013 ANZSI Conference

The Australian and New Zealand Society of Indexers is holding its 2013 conference in Wellington 13 to 15 March 2013.

This will be the first time an indexing conference has ever been held in New Zealand. ANZSI see



this as an excellent opportunity for indexers, publishers, editors, technical writers, historians, genealogists and other allied organisations to come together.

The conference theme is *Intrepid indexing: indexing without boundaries*. Ebooks and publishing are changing the way we index, edit and publish. The conference will host experienced speakers in these fields and is an excellent opportunity to keep up with the changing technology.

Details about the conference programme and how to register are on the website.

[www.anzsi.org/site/2013Conf.asp](http://www.anzsi.org/site/2013Conf.asp)

## Slide / Negative Scanner

The branch has purchased a negative / slide scanner.

This is available for hire to members for use at home. The cost is \$5 a week for up to two weeks.



To hire (or book) this scanner, please contact the person on duty at the rooms during normal opening hours.

John Berntsen will demonstrate the scanner at the February branch meeting.

## Library News

Magazines received;

Memories (Feb/Mar 2013)

The Genealogist (Nov/Dec 2012)

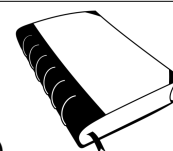
Your Family History (Dec 2012, Jan 2013)

Family Tree (Xmas 2012, Jan 2013, Feb 2013)

Newsletters received;

Hutt Valley, Otaki, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Stratford, Wanganui, Wellington

The book *Showcase Taranaki* has been added to our library.



## 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).

