



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 23 October for Labour Day)
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

Christmas Raffle

The branch is running the popular Christmas hamper raffle again this year. Members are asked to bring along a donation of non-perishable goods to the next monthly branch meeting.

Raffle tickets are \$1 each and will be on sale at the branch meetings. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas lunch.



Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 3 Oct 2017

Taranaki Land Wars

Rob Green of Heritage Taranaki has been part of a group which has developed a free App exploring the Taranaki Wars.

At our October meeting, he will introduce us to the app. It enables people to follow various historic trails around our region and to get to grips in an exciting way with local history. Rob will talk about early New Plymouth and the lead up to the outbreak of the Taranaki Wars.

The app is available now for iOS and Android devices. This includes the first of the history tours, covering 1860-1861, Waitara to Waireka. A further four tours are planned.



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Last Event: Police Gazettes Online

At the September meeting, I talked about using the digitised Police Gazettes for research. They are a great tool, particularly in conjunction with articles from the [Paperspast website](#). All police gazettes 70 years old and over are open and the gazettes from 1878 to 1945 are freely searchable on the Archway website. From 1877 the Gazettes are fully indexed, except for police appointments. On the Archway site there is also an Info Sheet on the Gazettes.

Police gazettes were published weekly from 1861 to 1990, with some gaps for some areas of NZ. They were distributed to police stations throughout the country to disseminate information relating to the daily work of the police and prison officials. In them you will find offences/incidents, including missing persons, deserters from ships, forgery ("uttering"), absconding husbands, unsolved crimes, etc, police appointments, promotions, dismissals. If you are looking for people who were in the force it is more complicated as this information is likely to be closed and you will have to seek permission.

One of the useful features for the researcher is the photos of prisoners. However, there is not a photo of every prisoner. (I used the Windows snipping tool to take out and save photos.)

In the Returns, you can get the following info: person's name, where and when tried, offence, sentence, nationality, trade, birth year, height, complexion, hair and eye colour, nose, mouth, chin, and extra remarks. The remarks section can be very useful as it states whether there are previous convictions and how many. Also we are given information on any distinguishing features such as scars, tattoos, disabilities, etc.

Working your way around the site

- 1) Google "Archway" and go on to [the site](#)
- 2) Type in "New Zealand Police Gazettes" (Make sure you type it exactly this way)
- 3) Click "search"
- 4) Click on "go" button to right of 909
- 5) At the bottom of the screen, change the "1" to a "7".
- 6) Click the >> button
- 7) Scroll down to the year you want and click, then click on "view record".

8) There are indexes down the left side to search on with a name.

Hints

It is good to have a year to search on. This year will probably come from some article you have discovered on the paperspast site, where a person has been in court or fallen foul of the law.

There are various indexes down the side of the page so if you don't find the person in one, try another.

Note the arrows (found with your cursor) on either side of a downloaded page – they are a quick way to get to the next page or the previous page.

To change your search to a different year simply go up to the top of your screen and click on the "x" to get back to page 7.

Above all you may need some patience! The results are well worth the effort as you can find new information that was not in the newspaper on the person for whom you are searching. This may help you ascertain whether someone in a news article is your person, particularly if the person has a common name.

Warning – you may find out something disturbing about a family member. Even from the distance of time the knowledge you have obtained could be upsetting. I prefer never to judge.

Happy searching! Hope this is useful!

Annette Larsen

Christmas Lunch

Date: Sunday 3 December 2017.

Time: From Midday.

Place: Our Branch Rooms, Moturoa.

Cost: \$35 per person.

Tea & coffee provided. You are welcome to bring drinks of your own choice.

A catered Christmas meal will be delivered to our rooms, similar to the one delivered to the Golf Club last year.

If you would like to attend this event, please put your name down on the registration form that will be at our next meeting.

Or you can email Lea (brucebellini@gmail.com) and pay by internet banking.



Convenor's Report

This month we report that Ann Evans has now donated us a number of genealogical CDROMs which are currently being catalogued. Once again we thank Ann for her generous donations.

Following the session by Michelle Patience, Lea and I have sent off our DNA tests. Lea to Living DNA (which she won at Michelle's talk) and me to Ancestry. These were sent on 12 September. Lea's test went to the Netherlands (and has arrived). Mine went to Ireland (has it arrived??). We await the results with bated breath.

We are in negotiations at present for a better deal with our internet costs. Hopefully this will be successful and we will advise the outcome in due course.

Although we had no response to our request for information regarding descendants of Gerald PAUL (see our last newsletter), we did manage to discover that Gerald had a sister as well as 3 brothers. The sister married, had a daughter who then married in India to an English man. We managed to track down her descendants in England and the medals are being sent to their new home, much to the delight of their recipients who are a military family. A great success we think. Medals Reunited, founded by Ian D Martyn who contacted us for information, is a 100% Not-For-Profit, self-funded free service dedicated to reuniting military medals with families. Ian has kindly listed my grandfather's Boer War medal which was stolen in the 1970s on the Medal's Reunited website.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

November Meeting

At the branch meeting on 7 November, Charles Le Breton will be talking about his use of DNA for genealogy research.

Salt Lake City 2 NZ

Hooked on Genealogy Tours is hosting a genealogy research weekend in Auckland over Labour Weekend. For more information, email SLC2NZ@genealogy.net.nz.

Book review: How to do local history

In his introduction to this book, Gavin McLean outlines a brief history of local histories from Maori place names, whakapapa and legends through to colonial and centennial publications.

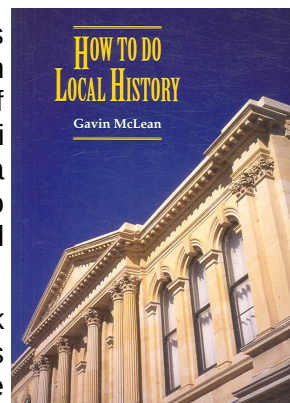
Throughout the book many of the publications and sources that he refers to are cited and there is a good index. The book is illustrated with interesting photographs and is written concisely and clearly with an attractive layout.

He discusses what ideas and questions to consider in deciding the format, outlines research methods and resources, talks about the writing process and then the publishing timeline and requirements.

I am not intending to write a book, but nevertheless I found this book interesting and easy to read. It was published in 2007, so in the way of print publications some details have changed. However I found the book full of useful information and ideas.

This book is in our branch library and also available at Puke Ariki.

Marilyn Armitstead



The end of Vodafone email

Vodafone NZ is shutting down its email servers. This affects email addresses such as clear.net.nz, ihug.co.nz, paradise.net.nz and vodafone.co.nz will not work after the end of November.

Vodafone are advising their customers to change to a different email address, and they are suggesting to use gmail or outlook.

If this affects you, please let us know of your new email address so that we can update our membership list.



Library Roster: October

Monday	10 am to 12:30 pm
Wednesday	12 noon to 3 pm
Saturday	10 am to 12 noon
Mon 2	Annette Larsen
Tues 3	Branch meeting – 7:30pm.
Wed 4	Ailsa McCrone
Sat 7	Lea / Bruce Bellini
Mon 9	Ann Brophy
Wed 11	Neville Richards
Sat 14	Karen Crowe
Mon 16	Charles Le Breton
Wed 18	Judy Berntsen
Sat 21	Mike Merrick
Mon 23	closed – Labour Day
Tues 24	Committee meeting
Wed 25	Jill Jackson
Sat 28	Elly Harrison
Mon 30	Lorraine Austin

Legacy Help

The next in Marilyn's series of Legacy sessions will be on Sunday 12 November 2017 at 1:30pm in the Branch Rooms. Please note that there is a \$2 door charge.

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

Christmas Cakes

Neville Richard's wife, Faith, will be making more of her popular Christmas cakes again this year. If you would like to order one, please get your order in soon!

The cakes are moist and well flavoured and contain no eggs. They can be made without nuts. The usual size cake is \$45, or a half size is \$28. A donation of \$5 will be made to NP Genealogy for each cake. Please talk to Neville at the meeting or phone 753 5051.

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.



Computer Group Meeting

The next genealogy computer group meeting will be on Sunday 8 October.

At this meeting, we will be looking at some of the types of charts that can be produced of your family history data.



A4 Envelopes Please

If you have any used A4 envelopes, please consider donating these to the branch library. They are used for filing library materials.

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Oct)

Memories (Oct/Nov)

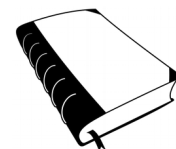
Who do you think you are (Sept)

Newsletters received;

Balclutha, Canterbury, Gore, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papamoa, Riccarton, South Waikato, Stratford, 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



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If you have any comments or suggestions for the newsletter, please contact Peter Hewett at peter.hewett@gmail.com.

