



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

Christmas / New Year Break

The branch rooms will be closed over the Christmas / New Year period.

Last day for 2017 Saturday 9 December
 First day for 2018 Monday 15 January



Next meeting: 7:00 pm Tuesday 6 Feb 2018

Merry Christmas

The branch committee would like to wish all members and their families a very Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2017!



Please note that there is no branch meeting in December.

The next branch meeting will be held at 7:00 pm on Tuesday 6 February 2018.

Convenor: Bruce Bellini 758 0130
Secretary: Jackie Sewell
Treasurer: Lea Bellini 758 0130

Committee: Lorraine Austin
 Judy Berntsen
 Jill Jackson
 Annette Larsen
 Bev Mulqueen
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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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Website: www.genealogy.org.nz

Last Event: Genealogy by DNA

At the branch meeting on 7 November, Charles Le Breton presented a DNA demo on his experiences with Family Tree DNA (FTdna) and Ancestry DNA over the last three years.

Charles gave us a practical and graphical display with explanations including some successes, failures and possibilities. His chart was especially impressive!

Funeral Sheets

Our branch library collects funeral sheets as part of our local history record. If you have any spare funeral sheets, please leave them at our branch rooms.

Computer Group Meeting

The next genealogy computer group meeting will be at 1:30pm on Sunday 21 January 2018. At this meeting, we will be looking at something or anything to do with computers and genealogy.



Convenor's Report

Last month I reported on my DNA results. Just recently Lea received her results back from Living DNA. Her Haplogroup is H, the most common one of all and her ancestors all came from Great Britain. No surprises for her but she is most sad there is nothing else – common as could be is she! Following Charles talk last month, Lea uploaded her results into Gedmatch Genesis. Some more learning is required before she can make use of this upload.

Christmas is almost upon us, and our end of year lunch and social get together is only a few days away. The success of our Branch depends on the time and efforts that our members are prepared to give and I wish to thank all of you that have given time over the past year to make it the success that it has been.

Your Committee is now focussed on next year's programme and we are always grateful for any suggestions.

Lea and I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and our best wishes for 2018. Take care on the roads if you are travelling and we look forward to seeing you all in 2018.

Happy researching!

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor



Annette's Ramblings

The last time I was on library duty at our rooms, someone came in with a number of questions, one being about passenger lists. He wanted to know when his ancestor came out to NZ and on what ship. He did not know the gentlemen's date of death, but thanks to the NZSG Index and the fact that the man in question had a middle name and a distinctive surname it was not difficult to find him.

Finding early passenger lists can be a difficult exercise! However, I suggested we look on the [paperspast site](#) for an obituary for this early settler as often obituaries for early settlers include the name of the ship and date of arrival in NZ. Success! I believe this should be one's first move. Also passenger lists often just have "Mr" and "Mrs" and not first names, assuming you can even find the appropriate list.

Recently, I found the occupation: "Holder-up", in a 1925 NZ Electoral Roll. What was this job? Was he, perhaps, a highwayman?!

- 1) Riveter's Mate - whilst the red hot rivet head was formed by the riveter, he would hold a heavy hammer or dolly against the other end of the rivet.
- 2) Assistant to a forger of chains or shackles by holding up the work.
- 3) Machinist's assistant, holding up work to the various machines.

This comes from a very useful internet site: Hall Genealogy – Old Occupation names. rmhh.co.uk/occup/

Two further sites of interest I have just explored are: www.thegazette.co.uk and cymru1914.org .

The first one is the UK's official public record since 1665. It can be searched (for free) with a name or keyword. There are wills and probate notices, insolvency notices, individual company profiles, military and civilian awards. Worth a look.

The cymru1914.org website is worth a look if you have Welsh research. A project of the National Library of Wales, there are a number of Welsh newspaper articles, archives, and photographs. It is searchable by name but some

of the newspaper articles are in Welsh! (But not all!)

Happy hunting!

Annette Larsen

NZ Births, Deaths and Marriages

This [website](#) is designed to make it easier to discover information in the NZ Births, Deaths & Marriages registers for the purposes of genealogy research. Input fields are provided for details of a male and/or female. One surname must be entered as a minimum. The Male/Father surname serves as a married surname for the female when searching for death records. The maximum date range for each record type is searched by default. Visit the [official DIA BDM website](#) to confirm what this range is.

bdm.psopho.co.nz

Internet Connection

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

Based right here in Taranaki, Primowireless provides internet connections and ISP services for residential and business customers. As well as the usual ADSL and fibre connections, Primowireless also provides broadband internet over a wireless link for customers who are not in an area served by the other types of internet. This is great for people who live outside the main centres.



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Library Roster: December / January

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

Sat 2 Karen Crowe
Sun 3 Christmas lunch at branch library
Mon 4 Charles Le Breton
Wed 6 Fay Eaton
Sat 9 Mike Merrick

Christmas/New Year break

Library closed – Have a great festive season everybody

Mon 15 Annette Larsen
Wed 17 Jill Jackson
Sat 20 Lea / Bruce Bellini
Mon 22 Lorraine Austin
Wed 24 Judy Berntsen
Sat 27 Charles Le Breton
Mon 29 Anne Brophy
Tues 30 Committee meeting
Wed 31 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.

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.



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 ()

Genealogist ()

Who do you think you are ()

Newsletters received;

Balclutha, Canterbury, Gore, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Oamaru, Palmerston North, Papamoa, Riccarton, South Waikato, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wellington

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.

