



# 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  
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## Branch Subs

The branch subscription for 2019/20 is now due. Thank you to everyone who has already paid their subs.

	Annual subs
Single	\$35
Household	\$45
Outside Taranaki	\$25

Please use the subscription form. This is available for download from [the branch website](#), or you can get a printed form at the rooms. The methods for payment are explained on the form.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 2 July 2019

## 30 Months on Top of the World

Branch member Sharyn Guthrie is now back in New Plymouth after travelling the world!

At our July branch meeting, Sharyn will give us a whistle stop guide to her 30 months in the UK and her marvellous travels, mostly around Europe. She will also talk about the journey home through Russia and China. Included will be some genealogy and DNA highlights plus photos.



**Convenor:** Bruce Bellini 758 0130  
**Secretary:** Jackie Sewell  
**Treasurer:** Lea Bellini  
**Committee:** Lorraine Austin  
Graham Cowling  
Jill Jackson  
Annette Larsen  
Neville Richards  
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**Meetings:** 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre access is off the Whiteley Street car park

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### Last Event: Tikorangi Cemetery

At our June meeting, Peter Wilson talked about his research of the Tikorangi cemetery. The cemetery is about 23 km east of New Plymouth, and was established in 1882.

Peter has photographed the headstones and compiled records for the burials in this cemetery. Researching some of the earlier burials has been difficult, particularly for those from before the cemetery was gazetted and the Trust board set up. Some of these older burials were not in plots, and were in random orientation and some across pathways.

The area for the cemetery was surveyed in 1865 and the first burial was in 1869. The cemetery was gazetted in 1885.

Peter is writing a book of the Tikorangi area, covering the school, cemetery and families of 19<sup>th</sup> century Tikorangi.

The branch projects team has transcribed and photographed the Tikorangi cemetery. This is [available online](#).



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### Next Event: 6 Aug 2019

The influenza pandemic of 1918 to 1920 was a world wide flu pandemic, with approximately 500 million people infected, resulting in 50 to 100 million deaths.

Also known as the Spanish Flu, it had a major effect New Zealand with approximately 9,000 deaths.

At our August branch meeting, Jackie Sewell will describe the Spanish flu in New Zealand. With such widespread impact, the Spanish flu touched many families and is probably relevant to your family history.

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### Convenor's Report

Hello,

You will note that there is a formal notice in this newsletter (below) for an Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at our August Meeting.

This has come about as our current Branch Treasurer Lea Bellini has tendered her resignation from that position, giving one month notice. This is due to Lea's increased workload, since she took over as the Branch Research Officer.

The good news is that Gail Tanner has indicated that she is prepared to take on the job as Branch Treasurer, a job she is well qualified to do.

The Extraordinary General Meeting should only take a few minutes.

I was very pleased with the performance of the new data projector and screen at our last meeting. The larger screen and brighter projector makes for better viewing and this makes it easier on our eyes.

Thanks,

Bruce Bellini  
Branch Convenor

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### Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the New Plymouth Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists will be held at 7:30pm on Tuesday 6 August 2019 at the New Plymouth Genealogy Branch Library and Meeting rooms at Moturoa.

The purpose of this meeting is to:-

- a) Call for nominations and appoint a Treasurer for the Branch.
- b) Appoint Lea Bellini as a Branch Committee member.

Note: Only members of NZSG are entitled to vote at this Extraordinary General Meeting.

Bruce Bellini,  
Convenor,  
New Plymouth Branch of  
The New Zealand Society of Genealogists



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## Births & Deaths for England and Wales

The indexes for these can be located in two places, one being The General Register Office (GRO).

<https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/default.asp>

The other is FreeBMD

<https://www.freebmd.org.uk>

The General Register Office (GRO) Index is similar to Free BMD in that it lists government records of Births and Deaths in England and Wales for the following year ranges:

Births: July 1st 1837 – Dec 31st 1918

Deaths: July 1st 1837– Dec 31st 1957

FreeBMD has the following years:

Births: July 1st 1837 – Dec 31st 1992

Deaths: July 1st 1837 – 31st Dec 1992

You may wonder why the GRO Index is more appealing than FreeBMD, but they both have their advantages and together they can be a powerful research tool.

The GRO Index now adds some information not included in FreeBMD: Mother's maiden name for all births up to 1916 (FreeBMD covers the continued years) and death ages to 1957.

FreeBMD does not include mother's maiden name until 1911 and death ages only from 1866.

The main issues with search on the GRO index is that you must choose the gender (male or female), and a year, but you can only search for up to 2 years on either side. However on FreeBMD you can select what period you want to search for. One suggestion is to use FreeBMD first, locate names you are interested in, with dates and then use the GRO index for those names.

The additional information on the GRO Index, especially the mother's maiden name, is a HUGE advantage. It can make the search for popular surnames easier. In addition, by searching with the maiden name and without a first name, you can find family groups. Also, with the addition of age on the death index, it is easier to identify if you have the correct record.

You do need to register at GRO to search the

indexes, but there is no cost in this. There is no requirement to register on FreeBMD.

Lea Bellini

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## Branch 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

We are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our branch on Saturday 23 November 2019, so keep that date free.



Our keynote speakers are Mary Shadbolt, NZSG Chairperson and well known genealogist Jan Gow Q.S.M.

Information on the anniversary events is available on the [branch website](#). This website page has a downloadable programme and registration form. [Register now using the booking form](#).

On the Saturday, there will be presentations about genealogy and the history of our branch at the branch rooms. The celebratory dinner will be held at the Autolodge Motor Inn on the Saturday evening. On Sunday, presentations on genealogy and computers will be made at the branch rooms.

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## Computer Group Meeting

The next genealogy computer group meeting will be at 1:30pm on Sunday 21 July 2019.



This is a general discussion and help session, covering anything vaguely related to genealogy and computers. Bring along your problems, questions and exciting finds!

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## Legacy Users Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 11 August 2019 at the Branch Rooms from 1.30pm. These sessions are hosted by Marilyn Armitstead and cover topics about the use of the Legacy genealogy software.

The last of the Legacy meetings planned for 2019 meetings will be on 6 October. Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions. Phone: 757 2599 or email [g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz](mailto:g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz)



## Surplus Equipment For Sale

The branch has some equipment that is surplus to our requirements, and is offered to anyone who wants them, in return for a small donation to the branch.

- overhead projector
- roll-up display screen

This equipment is over ten years old, and each was working ok when last used. If you are interested, please talk to Bruce.

## Internet Connection

The internet connection for our branch rooms is 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 just great for people who live outside the main centres.

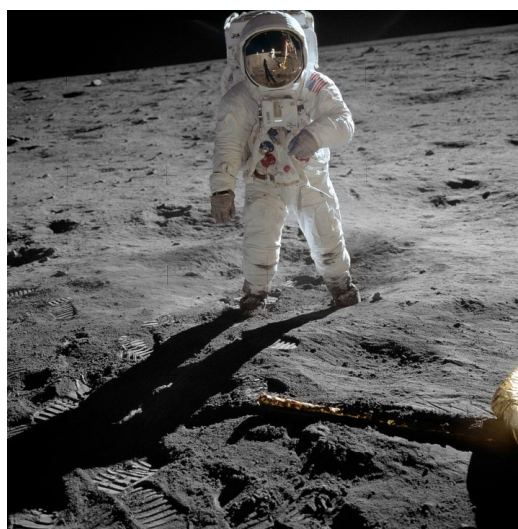


Please consider Primowireless for your ISP. Ring them on 0800 123 774 or visit the website:

[primowireless.co.nz](http://primowireless.co.nz)



The beginning of our branch wasn't the only important thing that happened in 1969.



The first humans to land on the moon were Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin in Apollo 11. The lunar module landed on 20 July 1969, and they first walked on the moon on 21 July.

The lunar landing was broadcast live on radio across New Zealand. The video tape of the landing was flown over from Sydney and shown on TV a few days later.

In 1969, New Zealand's Prime Minister was Keith Holyoake. The population of New Zealand then was 2.8 million.



In 1969, drink driving laws were introduced, bringing in limits on blood alcohol and breath testing procedures.





## Library Roster: July

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

Mon 1 Charles Le Breton  
Wed 3 Ailsa McCrone  
Sat 6 Karen Crowe  
Mon 8 Annette Larsen  
Wed 10 Jill Jackson  
Sat 13 Neville Richards  
Mon 15 Lorraine Austin  
Wed 17 Jill Jackson  
Sat 20 Bruce & Lea Bellini  
Mon 22 Charles Le Breton  
Wed 24 Fay Eaton  
Sat 27 Janice Goldsworthy  
Mon 29 Peter Winter  
Wed 31 Sharyn Guthrie

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.



## Cemetery Transcriptions

Headstone transcriptions of many local cemeteries are available on our [website](#). The online pages now have maps showing plot and block layouts for several of the cemeteries.

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

## Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (July)

Genealogist (June)

Who Do You Think You Are (June, July)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Dunedin, Feilding, Gore, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, 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).

