



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

50 Years !

We are celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of our branch on 23 November 2019.

There will be some presentations during the Saturday afternoon at our branch rooms. Keynote speakers are Mary Shadbolt (NZSG Chair) and Jan Gow QSM.

The celebratory dinner will be held on Saturday evening. Please register using the form available from our website, or at the rooms.

genealogynp.com/50years.html

On Sunday 24 November, there will be presentations about genealogy and computers at the branch rooms.

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Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 1 Oct 2019

South Taranaki

Jacq Dwyer, President of the Patea Historical Society will be speaking about the society and Ian Church's new Taranaki Land Wars history book *Salutary Punishment*. Members of two Maori tribes, Pakakohi and Parihaka, were sent to prison in Dunedin for treason in 1869-72 and 1879-81. Their very interesting stories are told.



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Annette Larsen
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Last Event: Quiz Night

Our September meeting was a quiz night!

This was a series of short quizzes, prepared by our genealogical quiz master (Gail Tanner) to be fun and educational.

The topics included

- occupations (corsair, suttler, peruker)
- medical terms (ague, dropsy, morpew)
- genealogy (what relation are you to your grandfather's sister's daughter?).

These were prepared as multi-choice, so there was much hilarity selecting the correct answer.

Next Event: 5 November 2019

Many families have old stories that have been told and retold over the years – but are they true? Gail Tanner had two such stories told to her many times about relatives that fought in WW1, and decided to confirm these odd sounding “facts”.

There's no smoke without fire as they say, so she did some research, starting with their World War One personnel files – full of tiny gems of info, that put together tell a larger story.

Come along to our November meeting, listen and learn how to decipher and expand on the information that you can glean from these fabulous snapshots of your ancestors lives. You might solve your own family puzzle.

Computer Group Meeting

A genealogy computer group meeting was held on Sunday 8 September 2019.

We talked about:

- [Wikitree](#) the free, online family tree
- genealogy apps for your phone
- [PapersPast](#) recent addition of police gazettes
- [UK wills and probates](#)

The next meeting is on 17 November, and Sharyn Guthrie will be giving us a practical guide to genealogy research using DNA.



Convenor's Report

Hello,

On behalf of our Branch members, I would like to congratulate Carolene Norgate-Crandall on being awarded the Kevin McAnulty award for 2018.

The Kevin McAnulty award is awarded on the recommendation of an Evaluation Panel to a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists who has published and deposited a copy of a family history in the NZSG Library, within the past year.

Arrangements are being made for Carolene's award to be presented to her by Mary Shadbolt, NZSG Chairperson, at our branch 50th birthday celebration on 23 November 2019.

It is pleasing to note that Carolene is the second branch member to receive the Kevin McAnulty Award in recent years. The previous winner was Michael Bulter, for his family history *The Family History of Raymus and Martha Butler*, in 2004.

Cheers

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

Funeral Sheets

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

Legacy Users Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 6 October 2019 at the Branch Rooms from 1:30pm.

Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions.
Phone: 757 2599 or email
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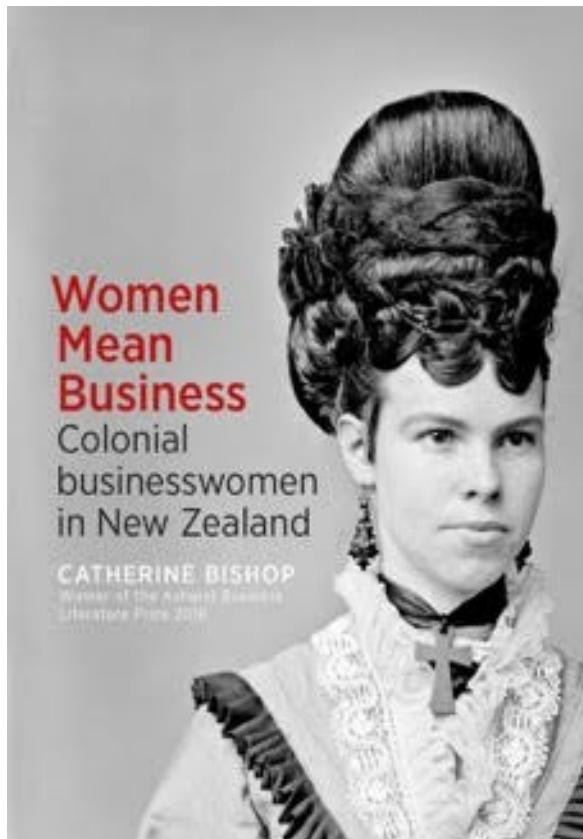


New Zealand's Businesswomen

Puke Ariki, New Plymouth

5:30pm, Wed 30 October 2019

Dr Catherine Bishop is a history author and in October and November, she is presenting a [series of talks](#) across New Zealand to promote her new book.



The lady on the book's cover (above) is Jemima Pollock (nee Potto) of Whanganui. Many of her descendants are in Taranaki and Catherine is keen to meet up with any descendants when she is in New Plymouth. If you are interested, please contact newplymouth@genealogy.org.nz or talk to any committee member.

This book has stories of hard-working milliners and dressmakers, teachers, boarding-house keepers and laundresses, colourful publicans, brothelkeepers and travelling performers, along with the odd taxidermist, bootmaker and butcher – and Australasia's first woman chemist. There was no typical businesswoman. They were middle and working class; young and old; Māori and Pākehā; single, married, widowed and sometimes bigamists. Their businesses could be wild successes or dismal failures, lasting just a few months or a lifetime.

Cwltrin: an Aid for Hen-Pecked Husbands

The 'y ceffyl pren' or Cwltrin is thought to have evolved from an ancient Welsh Law that was abolished during the Tudor times. The 'y ceffyl pren' was a common humiliation tool used during both the eighteenth and nineteenth century. This form of humiliation involved the offender being bound to a wooden frame or wooden horse and being paraded through the streets of his/ her community.

A description of 'y ceffyl pren' from the papers of the Mathias family of Pendelio:

'Wooden horse: a ladder used as a stretcher in former years for carrying a person, tied thereon, around the district so as to expose them for some great sin, or disgraceful act which they had committed. The leading carriers were all masked so as to disguise their identity, and it was part of their programme to stick pins in the person tied on the wooden horse, as well as to torture them in other ways. It was the same in principle as the ducking stool of olden times, and was in later years replaced by a burning of a person's effigy, which consisted of an image made with a stick and old rags (a kind of Aunt Sally) which was saturated with oil or tar and then put fire to - the crowds around singing loudly, "We'll hang old ---- on the sour apple tree", using the name of the person desired to be exposed.'

One example of this punishment happening is in Craig-y-Borion, Pembrokeshire. The paper goes on to describe what happen in Craig-y-Borion:

'The last wooden horse carried in Amroth was that of Miss ---- who had betrayed her trust as a Governess, with Mrs Severn of Great Craig-y-borion; the wooden horse proposed emanating from Mrs Severn and her lady companions in the district, who well paid the gang of men who in disguised attire carried the ladder around from Gt Craig-y-borion up around the Folly cross, thence to and through Amroth village, around Summer Hill to her home, or rather lodgings, at C.borion.'

'As a result, Mr Severn eloped with the Governess on the following day and never returned to Amroth again. This was about the year 1852. Several effigies have been burnt since in Amroth, the last being in Oct. 1892.'



From biopage of Louvain Rees | 26 | Historian & Churchcrawler. Specialises in Social History and Death in Wales.

Mr Severn and the Governess went to Ireland where they had some children. They then immigrated to New Zealand, where more children were born. They were pillars of society here.

Research by Lea Bellini

Library Roster: October

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

Wed 2 Jill Jackson
Sat 5 Karen Crowe
Mon 7 Charles Le Breton
Wed 9 Ailsa McCrone
Sat 12 Janice Goldsworthy
Mon 14 Lorraine Austin
Wed 16 Sharyn Guthrie
Sat 19 Lea & Bruce Bellini
Mon 21 Annette Larsen
Wed 23 Fay Eaton
Sat 26 Elly Harrison
Mon 28 Peter Winter
Wed 30 Neville Richards

Internet Connection

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



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

primowireless.co.nz

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.

Recently, the headstone transcriptions for the [Waitara cemetery](#) have been uploaded.

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

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Oct)

Who Do You Think You Are (Sept)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Feilding, Gore, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papamoa, Riccarton, Southland, South Waikato, Wairarapa

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.

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Newsletter

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

