



# NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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**Unite  
against  
COVID-19**

**Reduce risk – keep safe**

**Branch events cancelled until alert level 1**  
**Branch rooms are open: Saturday 10am to noon**

New Zealand Government

**LEVEL 2**

New Zealand is currently at Alert Level 2.

## COVID Level 2

Please observe the COVID-19 rules at the branch rooms.

- Please don't come to the rooms if you have any symptoms (dry cough, short of breath, fever, recent overseas travel).
- Wash your hands and any surfaces you touch.
- Maintain 1m distance from anyone else at the rooms.
- Bring your own pen, paper, laptop, etc.
- Use the COVID-19 app with the QR code.
- Ensure your name is recorded in the attendance book.

Our branch rooms are open on Saturday mornings, from 10am to noon.

Next meeting: 1:30pm Sunday 20 Sept 2020

## DNA Leeds Method

What do you do with those dozens of DNA matches? The Leeds method is a colourful way of sorting these out into the various branches of your tree that they belong to.

Due to COVID level 2, we can't do our regular branch meeting in September. But the afternoon meeting on Sunday 20 September is going ahead (unless the alert levels change again).

So come along, and Sharyn Guthrie will explain how the Leeds method works, and she will show us how to get your DNA matches organised.

<b>Convenor:</b>	Gail Tanner	027 0376 0630
<b>Secretary:</b>	Jackie Sewell	
<b>Treasurer:</b>	Sharyn Guthrie	
<b>Committee:</b>	Bruce Bellini	
	Lea Bellini	
	Karen Crowe	
	Annette Larsen	

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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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**Website:** [www.genealogynp.com](http://www.genealogynp.com)

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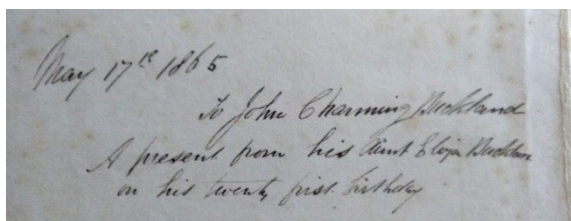
## Convenor's Report

Well, Covid has managed to put another spanner in the works and make life just that much harder. Because of this, after much discussion, the Committee has reluctantly decided to postpone the September meeting. Hopefully by October things will have returned to the old new normal and we will be able to finish 2020 without Covid interfering again.

Just a note that the library is still open on Saturday mornings from 10am till 12. We will keep it at Saturday's only for the rest of this year at least. At the moment committee members are manning it but if there is anyone else that would like to volunteer for the odd Saturday, please let myself or Lea know.

As previously reported, we recently received a donation of books that had belonged to Ron Stretton. Many of them have been integrated into our library, but two of these books caught my attention. They are a two volume set of books entitled *Castles and Abbeys of England*, by William Beattie MD. They are beautiful old books published mid 19<sup>th</sup> century, and are in wonderful condition considering their age.

But the main thing that caught my eye, was the notation on the inside cover of both saying: "May 17<sup>th</sup> 1865, To John Channing Buckland, A present from his Aunt Eliza Buckland on his twenty first birthday".



My first thought was: Who is John Channing Buckland? My second thought was if these books belonged in my family, I'd want them back. So I set out to discover who this family was. Here is his abbreviated life:

### JOHN CHANNING BUCKLAND

John Channing Buckland was born in Auckland on 17 May 1844 to Susan (nee Channing) and William Thorne Buckland. He was the eldest of their ten children. He was educated at Dr Kinder's Grammar School and St John's College. He served in Colonel Nixon's Mounted Rifles in the Waikato Wars.

On 17 Dec 1867 he married Caroline, daughter of the Rev W Fairburn in Auckland. They settled in Otahuhu where they were farming.

By 1875 the family had moved to Otago where they took up the Tumai Estate near Waikouaiti, and subsequently Lake Taieri Station. John was a member of the Waikouaiti County Council and also represented Waikouaiti in Parliament from 1884 – 1887. In 1899 he sold his Otago Interests and bought the Mount Bossu estate sheep farm at Wainui. He served on the Akaroa Council for four years before ill health prevented him from standing again.

John and Caroline had seven children. John died on 4 April 1909, six weeks short of his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday at his homestead *The Glen*. Caroline died on 9 April 1934. They are buried at Akaroa along with their daughter Caroline Mariamne who died in 1930.

The Buckland family was prominent in New Zealand affairs with John's father William Thorne and his brother William Francis also becoming Members of Parliament in the late 1800s. William Francis also served as Mayor of Cambridge for about ten years.

If there are any family members out there who would like to recover these books, I would be delighted to return them to their rightful owners.



Gail Tanner  
Branch Convenor

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## Next month's meeting: 6 October 2020

Our October branch event will be about our branch library. We have an extensive range of electronic and printed resources to help you with your genealogy research. The focus is on New Plymouth and Taranaki historical records, but we also have lots of material from New Zealand, the UK, and other locations.

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## Help with Library Duty

Can you help by volunteering for our library roster? We need a few more people so that we can open the rooms on more days. Training is provided, and it is typically just one session a month. This is a great way to meet people and be more involved in our branch. For further information, just talk with any committee member.



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## In Memoriam. Michael BUTLER

Convenor of NP Branch NZSG, 2002-2005



This month we were sad to learn of the death of a much respected member of our group who gave his time enthusiastically over a number of years to the New Plymouth Branch of the NZSG. Unfortunately he was unable to participate over the last couple of years due to ill health. Our heartfelt sympathy to his wife, Heather, and the children and grandchildren.

As well as his time as Convenor, he was a committee member for about 11 years.

Michael wrote two well-researched books on his and Heather's family history: *Family History of Raymus and Martha Butler* and *The Luxford Saga*, one of which won the prestigious NZSG Kevin McAnulty award.

He was an accomplished genealogist, and for our branch, he ran a number of genealogy courses for beginners. Other leisure activities enjoyed by Michael were war games and an interest in history.

Whatever Michael did, he did it well! He will be sadly missed.

Annette Larsen

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## Legacy Users Group

The next Legacy meeting is planned for Sunday 4 October. This is at 1:30pm, with the usual door charge of \$2.

These interactive sessions cover how to use the Legacy family tree software, including how to use features, troubleshooting, tips and tricks. They are held at the branch rooms, and are run by Marilyn Armitstead.

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## Last Meeting

Our August meeting was a visit to Eagars Funerals at the Te Henui cemetery. Casey Martin hosted our visit, and explained the processes that they use. She explained some of the different options available and how funerals have changed over the years.

Casey also talked about the development and building of their new facility, located in the grounds of the old cemetery.



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## Branch Subscriptions

The branch subscriptions are now due for the 2020/21 year. The AGM determined to keep these are the same rates as previous years.

- \$35 single membership
- \$45 double membership
- \$25 living outside Taranaki

The subscriptions are used for branch funds, such as rent, power, etc. Please pay your subs now using the [subscription form](#) from our website. You can fill this in on your computer and pay by bank transfer. Payment details are on the form. Please remember to send an email to Sharyn when you make your payment: [sharynjguthrie@gmail.com](mailto:sharynjguthrie@gmail.com).

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## LIBRARY NEWS AND GIVEAWAYS

In March we reported that we had received a large donation from the estate of the late Ron Stretton including a cabinet full of microfiche. We have now sorted, catalogued and are ready to dispose of duplicate fiche. See list attached.

If you have a microfiche reader and are interested in any of the microfiche on the attached list then please contact Lea Bellini on <[lilybellebellini@gmail.com](mailto:lilybellebellini@gmail.com)> or 06 7580130 to arrange collection. You do not need to take them all, only those you are interested in.

I will also be at the branch library on Saturday morning between 10 am and 12 noon if you wish to call in.

Some of the fiche we are wanting to give away include NZ cemetery records and NZBDM indexes from 1840 up to 1940. Some of these are, of course, available on line but not all of them.

Lea Bellini



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## Library Roster: September

Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Sat 29 Aug Annette Larsen

Sat 5 Sep Karen Crowe

Sat 12 Sep Sharyn Guthrie

Sat 19 Sep Bruce & Lea Bellini

Sat 26 Sep Gail Tanner

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## Te Puke Cemetery Records and Bay of Plenty Family Notices

Te Puke branch has indexed the two cemeteries at Te Puke and has extracted the family notices from the Bay of Plenty Times.

To request copies from these records, please send an email to [tepukegenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:tepukegenealogy@gmail.com) and in the subject line indicate whether it is a cemetery or family notice request, giving as much information about the requested extract as possible. A donation is requested.

Family notices from 1872 to 1920 have been indexed from Papers Past and are available from Christine Clement's web site:

[www.sooty.nz/Te-Puke-BOP-NZFrame1Source1.html](http://www.sooty.nz/Te-Puke-BOP-NZFrame1Source1.html)

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## Robert Loveridge 1828 – 1863

Are you a descendant of Robert Loveridge? He died in an accident at New Plymouth in 1863, aged 35. His grave is in the graveyard of St Mary's Cathedral.

If you are a descendant, or know someone who is, please contact John Pickering on 06 758 4952 or email [spick@xtra.co.nz](mailto:spick@xtra.co.nz).



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## 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.



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

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

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## Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Sept)

Genealogist (August)

Who Do You Think You Are (Summer)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Dunedin, Gore, Hutt Valley, Papamoa, Porirua, South Canterbury, 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.

[www.genealogy.org.nz/branches--area-contacts\\_55](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/branches--area-contacts_55)



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## 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).

