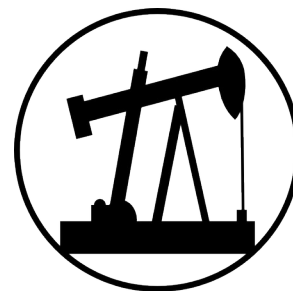




# NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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**Be prepared – keep safe**

New Zealand Government

**Branch events have resumed at alert level 1  
Branch rooms are open: Monday and Saturday**

**LEVEL 1** New Zealand is currently at Alert Level 1.

## COVID Level 1

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.
- 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:

Monday mornings, from 10am to 12:30pm

Saturday mornings, from 10am to 12 noon.



Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 6 Oct 2020

## Genealogy is Good for You

Do you know about the health benefits of genealogy? At our October branch event, we will take a brief look at how genealogy really is good for you.

It can really help your well-being, and hence your mental and physical health. But you have to participate in branch activities – staying at home on your computer doesn't produce these benefits. So come along to the branch meeting to hear how genealogy is good for you.



<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	

New Plymouth Branch  
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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

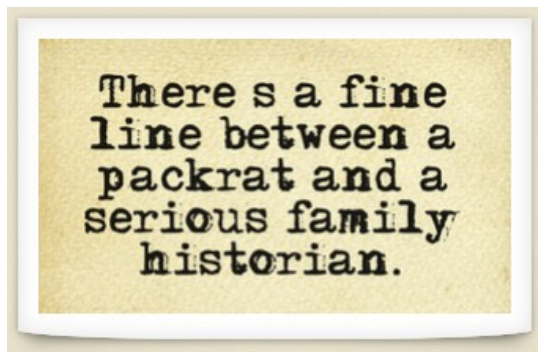
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### Next month's meeting: 3 Nov 2020

Find out how you can get more benefit from our branch resources.

Our branch library has 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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### Roots Tech 2021 is online and free

RootsTech is a big genealogy conference, conducted annually in the USA. It is attended by thousands and is famous for all the genealogy experts, know-how and new products on show. For 2021, it is online and free to attend.

The dates are 25 - 27 February 2021.

For more information visit their website, where you can register to attend.

[www.rootstech.org](http://www.rootstech.org)



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### Legacy Users Group

The next Legacy meeting is planned for Sunday 4 October. This meeting 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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### 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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## Genealogy on a budget!

Being able to use the Ancestry Library Edition free at home thanks to Puke Ariki Library is really good, especially when I was in lockdown during the early levels of Covid. This opportunity is still available as long as you are a member of the library. Your password will be your library number. Just go to the Puke Ariki Library website.

Remember that Ancestry continue to put up more and more databases. When I accessed the Ancestry Library edition during lockdown, I was very excited to find that Ancestry had a new database: **Victoria, Australia, Divorce records, 1860 – 1940.**

I had known for a long time that my father's half-brother, Reginald Goldsmith, divorced just before WW2 and that he had been living in Victoria. I was totally gob-smacked to see his testimony in detail on this database. It gave years and occupations and places of occupation over the period of the marriage. Also there was detail as to dwelling places during this period. (Sometimes he was living with extended family.) He testified as to how much money he gave his wife each week and the comings and goings of his wife as she left Reginald from time to time.

The account is a sympathetic account of a faltering marriage.

The report ends with this. "The Respondent has without just cause or excuse wilfully deserted me your petitioner and has without any such cause or excuse left me continuously so deserted during three years and upwards as herein before appears."

There was a huge amount of detail and the report gave me a better picture of this relative. I was astounded at how many jobs Reg had had and they were good jobs too.

Do keep an eye from time to time on Ancestry, Find my past, Paperspast, etc as new material is constantly being added.

Annette Larsen

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## Library News and Giveaways

Firstly, a reminder that we still have some microfiche to give away. The list of these was attached to last month's newsletter. Please contact me if you are interested in any of these.

Since last month we have added to the library catalogue (Athenaeum) and our shelves, 45 of the books donated to us from the estate of the late Ron Stretton. Attached to this newsletter is a list of these books. There are a wide variety of topics. Quite a few relate to Taranaki, some to the rest of New Zealand and there are family histories.

Even if you do not have a genealogical link to these books, they can be really interesting reading. One that I read, with which I have no connection, was *Earlier days on the coast*. The Egmont Public library Friends of the Library at Opunake celebrated 1990 with a short story contest based on true earlier happenings on the Egmont Coast. There are a selection of 45 local stories stories by local folk. Well worth a read.

Another set of books worth mentioning is Petticoat Pioneers books 1, 2 and 3. They contain biographies of North and South Island pioneer women.

There are a small number of duplicate books from the above collection available to give away. These are on the table near the white boards. Help yourself!

Please use our library.

Lea Bellini

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

The Wellington branch of NZSG is celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary from 11am to 3pm on Saturday 31 October 2020.

The organising committee would like to hear from past members of the branch.

Registration is required for catering purposes. Please email [wtgnbranch@gmail.com](mailto:wtnbranch@gmail.com) . The organising committee would like registrations by 30 September.



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## Library Roster: October - November

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

Sat 3 Oct Karen Crowe  
Mon 5 Oct Neville Richards  
Sat 10 Oct Gail Tanner  
Mon 12 Oct Charles Le Breton  
Sat 17 Oct Sharyn Guthrie  
Mon 19 Oct Lea Bellini  
Sat 24 Oct Annette Larsen  
Mon 26 Oct Jill Jackson  
Sat 31 Oct Bruce & Lea Bellini  
Mon 2 Nov Neville Richards  
Sat 7 Nov  
Mon 9 Nov Charles Le Breton  
Sat 14 Nov Bruce & Lea Bellini  
Mon 16 Nov Annette Larsen  
Sat 21 Nov  
Mon 23 Nov Jill Jackson  
Sat 28 Nov  
Mon 30 Nov

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

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## Extended Library Opening Hours

Now that we appear to be stable at Covid alert level 1, the committee has decided to trial having the library open two days a week. From Monday 5 October, the library will also be open on a Monday morning from 10 am to 12.30 noon each week. This is additional to our usual Saturdays. Although we had previously been open on a Wednesday we have decided to try Mondays again instead.

This Monday opening will be reviewed having regard to the number of people who visit this day AND having enough librarians to cover two days a week. We really need more people to both visit and man the library. We only have a small pool of people so if you are able to be a librarian, please let us know. We can arrange training for any new librarians or refresher if you have already been a librarian in the past. It is a really good way to learn what resources we have.

Our library is the envy of other branches in New Zealand, so please take the opportunity to use our facilities.

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## Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Oct)

Genealogist (Oct)

Who Do You Think You Are (Aug, Sept)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Riccarton, 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).



NAME	AUTHOR	COMMENTS
An Encyclopedia of NZ Vol One	A H McLintock	
An Encyclopedia of NZ Vol Two	A H McLintock	
An Encyclopedia of NZ Vol Three	A H McLintock	
Milkfoods for the market of the world	Kiwi Coop Dairies Ltd	
Auckland the queen city	Photos by Winkelman	
The Castles and Abbeys of England Vol 1	presented to John Channing 1865	for his 21st in 1864
The Castles and Abbeys of England Vol 2	presented to John Channing 1865	
The Island Race	Winstone Churchill	
The sea is my neighbour	T A Clarke	A lighthouse keepers story
Erewhon or over the range	Samuel Butler	
The golden road to Cape Reinga	David More	
Tavern in the town	James McNeish	
Policing in the mountain shadow	Margaret Carr	
Spurdle Heritage 1842 - 1992	Janette Howe, Robyn Spurdle	New Plymouth family
History of the Polish settlers in NZ	a polish name rather long	
No name - Butlers, Fischer, Fabish Dodunski	Maryanne Butler	some in Taranaki
Earlier days on the coast	M K Harvey	2 copies - Opunake
Adventure in NZ Vol 1	E J Wakefield	A facsimile edition
Adventure in NZ Vol 2	E J Wakefield	A facsimile edition
Tales of the Anglers Eldorado	Zane Grey	A facsimile edition
Station Amusements in NZ	Lady Barker	A facsimile edition
Narrative of a voyage to NZ Vol 1	J L Nicholas	A facsimile edition
Narrative of a voyage to NZ Vol 2	J L Nicholas	A facsimile edition
My simple life in NZ	Adela Stewart	A facsimile edition
Military History of Waverley 1886	Patea Historical Society	
Allen Family Tree	Jocelyn Fisher	
The early Canterbury runs	LGD Acland	Good order
Landfall Nelson 1642 - 1842	June E Neale	
Pioneer Passengers	June E Neale	passengers to Nelson.
Guards of the sea	Don Grady	Guard family PortUnderwood etc
When the boys were away	Eve Ebbett	NZ Women in WWII
The Perano Whalers of Cook Strait 1911 - 1964	Don Grady	Tory Channel whalers
100th Annual Egmont A&P summer show Hawera		Catalogue of entries
Origin of HaweraSt names		
BNZ Hawera A Century of service 1877 - 1977		
Hawera Fire Brigade 1882 - 1982		A centennial history
Welcome to Opunake & districts		2 copies
Centennial History Knox Church patea		1878 - 1978
Dairy Enterprise - a history of Whenakura -		Waverley Co op dairy co
Centennial History of Egmont A & P Soc		1883 - 1983
Memories of the past	Michael Fitzsimons	McEwens etc
The Tunncliffe family	Jean Sutton	
Researching Family History	Auckland Public Library	1987
Getting the Coal (UK?)	Jean Carswell & Tracey Roberts	20th century mining community
The Abbiss Family History		Family reunion 1985 in PN
The Watterson Pioneer Scots family		1841 - 1941
Centennial History of Manaia & Manaia School	John C Hosie	1882 - 1982
Ratahi reunion		Orimupiko Marae Opunake 2003
The Gum Digger	A H Reed	The story of kauri gum
The colonial frontier tamed	Richard S Hill	
The history of policing in NZ Vol 2	Richard S Hill	
Sealers & Whalers	Don Grady	NZ waters
Petticoat Pioneers book 1	Barbara Harper	
Petticoat Pioneers book 2	Miriam McGregor	
Petticoat Pioneers book 3	Miriam McGregor	
Bibliography of NZ literature	T M Hocken	
NZ National bibliography Vol 2		
NZ National bibliography Vol 3		
NZ National bibliography Vol 4		
The Richmond Atkinson papers Vol 1		
The Richmond Atkinson papers Vol 2		
The Doomsday book	Thomas Hinde Ed	How to read it etc
Map of the borough of Derby 1852	Derbyshire Archeology Society	
Burdetts Map of Derbyshire 1791	Derbyshire Archeology Society	