

New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated Newsletter



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against
COVID-19

Reduce risk – Stay safe

New Zealand Government

All events are under Covid-19 protection framework
Society rooms are open: Monday and Saturday

2022 Society AGM

The first annual general meeting of our society will be on Tuesday 3 May. The formal notice of meeting was distributed with the April newsletter.

Nominations are open for committee members. The society relies on volunteers to keep things running. There are lots of different ways that you can help. Please talk with any current committee member if you can help or have any questions.

Documents for the AGM (constitution, annual report and financial statement) are distributed to members with this newsletter.

AGM

Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 3 May 2022

YouTube Genealogy

YouTube is an enormous collection of videos, and just some of them are interesting or useful. In particular, there are lots of videos about genealogy.

There are videos about how to do various types of research, how to record the information that you find and the experiences that other people have had researching their family history.

Come along to the May meeting to see a sample of what is available, and get some tips on things in YouTube that will really help your research.



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	Lea Bellini	
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April Meeting

Our April speaker talked about his career in New Plymouth and nearby areas in the demolition industry. I am sure that people present who were brought up here would have remembered with nostalgia certain buildings that are now no more. I grew up in Auckland so couldn't appreciate fully some of the buildings he mentioned.

Graeme's demolition career started in 1984, with retirement in 2000, so he saw a lot of changes in that time.

One of these changes nowadays is more stringent health and safety requirements. He talked about asbestos and how there wasn't the same concern when he was pulling down a building. There were no fences round demolition areas like there are now.

In 1984 Gill St was the main street and Devon St was a mall. Graeme and his team cleared the site for Centre City. This took 6 weeks. There was no recycling but Frank Amor, a colourful figure in New Plymouth history, took material to recycle.

Graeme was involved in clearing the railway station and sheds so that Molesworth St could go further. This was one of many changes he helped with. Others were the ANZ Bank building, Taranaki Herald, Kawaroa Close, changes to Taranaki Farmers site to make way for the Top Town Cinema complex, our City Council building and many others. With the latter there was initially a problem over the insurance indemnity.

A colourful career over many years and not without its risks.

Annette Larsen



June Meeting

7:30pm Tuesday 7 June 2022

The [Ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) website is one of the largest online genealogy services. It has lots of features and resources. At our June meeting, we will be looking at how you can make the best use of these.

Convenor's Report

Well, here we are in the new financial year and about to hold our first AGM as the New Plymouth Genealogy Society Inc. It's been a momentous year for our group as we grappled with Covid rules, and the big one – disaffiliation from the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

I'd like to thank all our members for the faith they showed in our committee as we grappled with the decision to disaffiliate and also how we were to carry this out. But we've come through the other end. We are a stand-alone Incorporated Society, and at the beginning of April, we were granted Charitable Status with the Charities Commission, which means we are exempt from tax obligations.

So as Covid restrictions ease (even though Covid doesn't seem to have eased at all), hopefully we can have a full year of group meetings, DNA meetings, and Legacy meetings.

I'm guessing almost everyone has had some contact with Covid, either contracting it themselves, or having a family member sick. Hopefully no one was very sick and it was just the inconvenience of a bad cold. As my grandson said - "I've had worse colds." I don't mean to make light of it as I know that it has made some people very sick, and hospitalised, so if that was anyone in your family, I do hope they have recovered and are on the mend.

I am looking forward to seeing a great turnout at our AGM. We promise it won't go on too long. And then you'll have the pleasure of listening to me show you how to make the most of YouTube to learn more about how to advance your family history.

We will also be having supper this time, so stay and have a cuppa with us afterwards.

Gail Tanner
Society Convenor

DNA Interest Group

The next DNA Interest Group meeting is planned for Sunday 22 May at 13:30hrs.

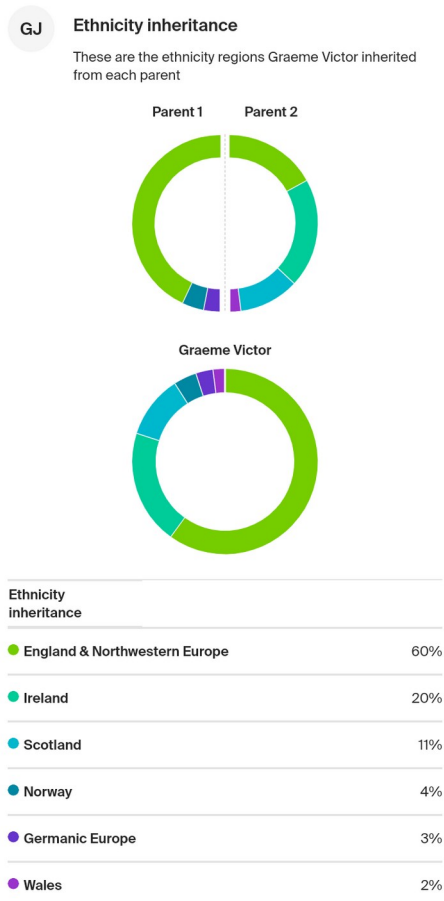
You must be double vaccinated and boosted, and wear a mask for this meeting.

Sharyn Guthrie

Ethnicity Inheritance

There is a new innovation from Ancestry.com whereby you can see from which parent you inherited your ethnicity. This is different from the traditional tree analysis and it is not even necessary to have an on line tree. The pool of DNA at Ancestry is now so large that the results can be determined from this alone and has an accuracy of 95% which is pretty amazing. The feature is not being publicised as it is still in development and at present can only distinguish between parent 1 and parent 2 but future innovations will show Maternal or Paternal parent and will also extend to certain DNA matches.

Below are screenshots of my ethnicity and you can see which parent some of my ethnicities came from. Naturally most of us will inherit to some degree the same ethnicity from both parents but in some cases the ethnicity is clearly from one parent or the other.



You can clearly see that I inherited Irish, Scottish and Welsh from only one parent and I inherited Norway, Germanic Europe from the other. England and Northwestern Europe is inherited from both parents.

GJ Ethnicity inheritance

These are the ethnicity regions inherited from each parent

Region	Parent 1	Parent 2	GJ
Total: 6	50%	50%	100%
England & Northwestern Europe	43%	17%	60%
Ireland	0%	20%	20%
Scotland	0%	11%	11%
Norway	4%	0%	4%
Germanic Europe	3%	0%	3%
Wales	0%	2%	2%

For those who have done DNA with Ancestry, this data can be accessed from the normal DNA tab at the top of the page. From there navigate to the left hand side and click on "Discover Your DNA Story", where you will be taken to an overview of the new facility. An excellent video has been produced by Connie Knox which will guide you through the process and fill in a lot of information.

www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gyQIwDgabY

Graeme Jury

FindMyPast

Findmypast has made more than one million British newspaper pages available to view free. This comprises 158 newspaper titles dating from 1720 to 1880.

Ancestry

Ancestry provides some databases for free. Create a free account to access them (which also lets you build family trees, preserve and share photos and stories, connect with other researchers.)

To see a list of free databases, search the card catalogue or the keyword "free". Or you can search all the free databases at once, including selected censuses for USA, UK and Australia.

Library Roster: May

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

Mon 2 May Charles Le Breton
Sat 7 May Karen Crowe
Mon 9 May Lorraine Austin
Sat 14 May Annette Larsen
Mon 16 May Annette Larsen
Sat 21 May Gail Tanner
Mon 23 May Graeme Jury
Sat 28 May Sharyn Guthrie
Mon 30 May Jill Jackson

Covid-19 Protection Framework

The society is operating under the Covid-19 traffic light system. Please follow the applicable rules.

- Stay home if you have any symptoms (dry cough, short of breath, loss of smell, etc).
- Wear a face mask when at the branch rooms.
- Record your name in the attendance book.
- Keep at least 1m from anyone else at the rooms.
- Bring your own pen, paper, laptop, etc.
- Please get vaccinated. A vaccine pass is no longer required when you visit the rooms.



There is more information on the Covid response at the official website covid19.govt.nz.

Internet Connection

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



Based right here in Taranaki, Primo provides internet connections and ISP services for residential and business customers. As well as the usual fibre and ADSL connections, Primo 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 Primo for your internet service. Ring them on 0800 123 774 or visit their website:

primo.nz

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (March, April)



Newsletters received;

Dunedin, Feilding, Gore, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Matamata, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Papamoa, Porirua, Riccarton, Rotorua, Southland, South Waikato, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wellington

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Newsletter

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