

New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated Newsletter



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December 2022

Branch Library: Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.

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

Christmas Lunch

Our last event for 2022 is the Christmas lunch!

Date: Saturday 3 December

When: 11:30 for 12 noon

Venue: Society rooms, Moturoa

Cost: nil

This is a pot luck lunch, so please bring some food along. And BYO cutlery, crockery and drinks.



Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 7 Feb 2023

Merry Christmas

The society committee wishes everyone a great Christmas and best wishes for the new year.

We are taking a break over the Christmas / New Year period and the society rooms won't be opening on the usual days.

Last day 2022

Saturday 17 December

First day 2023

Monday 16 January

Enjoy your time over the summer break, and we will see you all in 2023 for lots more new discoveries in genealogy.



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Meetings: 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month
at society rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre
access is off the Whiteley Street car park

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November Meeting – Facebook

Last month's meeting was about Facebook. Sharyn Guthrie gave the talk, giving us tips on how to set up a page safely with the right security settings, to make sure you are safe online. Facebook can be a big help with genealogy. Sharyn showed how to join other groups. There are many groups you can join about your favourite subject, area or even family Facebook pages. I am a member of two such pages, and old photographs, birthdates and information is often shared. There are user groups for places like Ancestry and Family Search – places you can ask questions about things you don't know how to do, or a problem you've encountered. There are many Facebook pages about DNA, history and fun pages like "You know you lived in New Plymouth" which often has old photographs posted which bring back many memories for people. You can also use Facebook to try and find relatives and make contact.

If you aren't already a member of the group Facebook page, have a look and ask to join. We'll be happy to have you and it is an easy way for us to communicate with our members. The New Plymouth genealogy group on Facebook is at [this link](#), or search on Facebook for New Plymouth Genealogy Society.



Gail Tanner

Christmas Hamper Raffle

The society is running the popular Christmas hamper raffle again this year. The hamper has lots of Christmas goodies donated by members.

Tickets are on sale at the society rooms, \$5 for 3 tickets. The raffle will be drawn at the Christmas lunch on Saturday 3 December.



Convenor's Report

It's almost Christmas again, and I can't believe how fast this year has passed by. As a group we have had a very busy year. What with regular DNA meetings, starting our Beginners Genealogy Classes and hosting Donna Rutherford last month, as well as our usual monthly meetings. And covid didn't manage to upset our get togethers too much.

Our numbers are also growing – we now have 104 members, so that is a great sign that genealogy is a growing hobby boosted by being able to have your DNA tested, which introduces you to new family members and potentially far more information about your ancestors. I know many of the people getting DNA tested do it mainly for the ethnicity estimates, but curiosity about how some of the ethnicity results appear can plant a seed of wonder and they set off on the course of discovery.

I've used it to help people discover their birth parents, which, even though that parent may have passed is still an exciting find and a way to learn about ancestors they didn't know anything about. I've found it very rewarding to help these people and lay some of the questions they've had most of their lives to rest.

Instead of our monthly meeting, this Saturday 3rd Dec we are having a pot-luck Christmas lunch at our rooms, about 11:30-12:00. ALL members are invited to attend, and we'd love to see you. You don't have to bring much, just a bite to eat, maybe some cutlery/ plates and yourself and have a great time.

Hope to see you all this Saturday.

Gail Tanner
Society Convenor

Christmas Lunch

This year, our end of year event is a Christmas lunch on Saturday 3 December.

This is a pot luck lunch, so please bring along a dish of food. Also, please BYO cutlery and plates.

If you have any questions, please ask any committee member, or [send us an email](#).



DNA Group: Sunday 20 November

We were privileged to hear a presentation by Donna Rutherford, UK genetic genealogy specialist. Donna is from New Plymouth originally, and she is now living in the UK. While in New Plymouth visiting family, she generously gave us an inspiring talk on "Solving Genealogical Puzzles with DNA".

Donna explained how to do the three steps to research with DNA.

- cluster DNA matches to create genetic networks
- build research trees, quick & dirty to explore relationships and possibilities
- solve genealogical puzzles to verify relationships to common ancestors

She outlined a recommended strategy for approaching your DNA research, and also went through some cases to illustrate how these techniques were applied to find biological parents and solve genealogy puzzles.

You can find out more from her [blog page](#) and her [YouTube channel](#).

RootsTech 2 – 4 March 2023

The largest family history conference in the world is free and online. This massive conference has all the biggest names in genealogy presenting the latest and greatest information, techniques and gadgets.

Click the link below to find out more and to register.

www.familysearch.org/rootstech



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Henry Bishop 1848 – 1927

Are you able to help identify the people in these photos?



The older man is understood to be Henry BISHOP (born 26 Sept 1848 at Bell Block, died 16 July 1927 at Inglewood) and his wife Sarah Ann (nee ARMITAGE). They lived in Bell Block and had one daughter, Lucy Ethel BISHOP, born 1873.



Please contact Lea Bellini or Peter Hewett if you are researching this family, or if you are able to help identify these people. Larger versions of these photos are available.

Library Roster: November

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm
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Sat 3 Dec Karen Crowe
Mon 5 Dec Charles Le Breton
Sat 10 Dec Gail Tanner
Mon 12 Dec Lorraine Austin
Sat 17 Dec Lea Bellini
Mon 16 Jan Annette Larsen
Sat 21 Jan Lea Bellini
Mon 23 Jan Graeme Jury
Sat 28 Jan Sharyn Guthrie
Mon 30 Jan Jill Jackson
Sat 4 Feb Karen Crowe
Mon 6 Feb Charles Le Breton
Sat 11 Feb Gail Tanner

Tables Available!

Four wooden tables from our rooms are available for a donation. Each approx 6 x 2 ft. If you are interested, please contact Gail or Sharyn, or send an email to newplymouthgenealogy@gmail.com.



Internet Connection

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



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primo.nz

Covid-19 Protection Framework

Covid-19 is still about and causing illness. Please follow the rules and keep everyone healthy.

- Stay home if you have any symptoms (flu, dry cough, short of breath, loss of smell, etc).
- You can wear a face mask at the society rooms.



There is more information at covid19.govt.nz.

Library News

Newsletters received;

Ashburton, Canterbury, Feilding, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Papamoa, Porirua, Riccarton, 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.