

New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated

Newsletter



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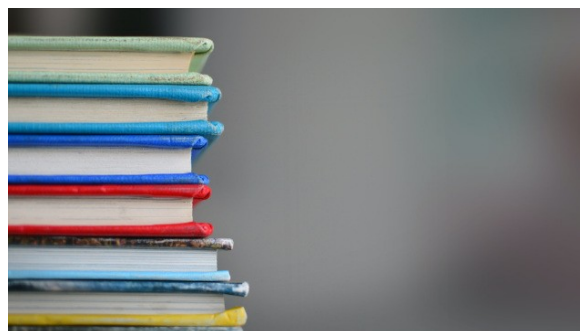
Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 7 Mar 2023

Publishing

Have you ever thought about publishing your genealogy research?

There are lots of options. Come along to our March meeting and see what some others have done for publishing their family history.

This is about getting all the results of your research into a form that others in your family can use and appreciate. We will look at some examples of the different options available, and what is involved to get there.



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Bell Block Cemetery

Our February meeting was a site visit to the St Luke's Lawn Cemetery in Bell Block. This is an independent cemetery operated by the St Luke's church. The cemetery has been here for well over 100 years, with records kept since 1908.

The weather was good (certainly compared to what other parts of the country have suffered recently) so everyone had a good look around one of our smaller local cemeteries.

The [headstone transcriptions](#) for this cemetery are on our society website.



Planned Events

Note these upcoming events in your diary.

DNA for Genealogy

Sunday 19 March, 1:30pm

This month, Sharyn Guthrie will explain how to use those colour dots on DNA matches to help your genealogy research. We will also have a workshop, so bring along your laptop or your DNA login details.

Taranaki Research: One Family at a Time

Tuesday 4 April, 7:30pm

Carolyn Adams is from New Plymouth and now lives in Wellington. She recently published a book on her family history in the Taranaki area, and it won the NZSG award in 2021. Carolyn is in New Plymouth in April, and will be at our April meeting to tell us about her research and her award-winning book.

Convenor's Report

It's March already and we have had a busy start to the year. Our visit to Bell Block Cemetery was a great success, beautiful weather, and great company.

Sharyn Guthrie and I have been very busy the last few weeks. Last Sunday we took a trip up to Mokau to give a talk at the Mokau Museum. It was a lovely day (no rain and no road stoppages) and we had a small but interested audience.

Sharyn's last DNA meeting was run along different lines to usual. Instead of a PowerPoint and talk, Sharyn gave everyone a task to try to complete. Everyone got stuck in to the task while a few of us went around and helped explain or show people what they needed to do. By everyone's comments, it was a popular way to run the class, so will be something we carry on doing. Learn by doing!

On Wednesday 1 March, we ran an appointment day for people who wanted one on one help for their DNA or just general questions, about programs or anything Genealogy related. We had 11 members who hopefully went away happy with what we were able to show them.

My beginners classes have begun again for the year. They are two weekly now, as a month between was too long. If you are new to the group and are interested in taking the beginners classes, I will be starting another new course in a couple of months. Please don't hesitate to let me know you are interested.

The meeting this month is all about books – books you may have written yourself on your family. If you have done this, bring your book along, you don't have to speak, just let us see what you've done and how you did it. Or come and see what others have done, it may inspire you to do it yourself.

Our April meeting, we are having a visitor from Wellington, Carolyn Adams who will be talking about her book that she has just published. As it includes Taranaki families, she has kindly agreed to come and give us a talk about it. So that is something to look forward to.

Our May meeting if of course our AGM. If you are keen to be more involved, have a think about joining the committee.

See you Tuesday night.

Gail Tanner
Society Convenor

Mokau Trip

Gail and I had a very enjoyable day trip up to Mokau to give a talk at the Mokau Museum related to 'Beginning Genealogy'. It was not a large gathering but those who attended were very interested to hear how to start and build your family tree and some of the resources that are available. Both Gail and I did a presentation, Gail's talk was an introduction to genealogy, and myself a smaller one related to using DNA in genealogy.

We were warmly welcomed and enjoyed discussing our favourite topic of family history plus being treated to both a delicious lunch and afternoon tea with them. We also had a look around their fascinating museum, well worth visiting. It's a busy place with over 10,000 visitors a year and while we were there, several people came and went.

Following this we had a little drive around Mokau to see their cemetery and a little of the town before stopping to buy an ice cream, which we then enjoyed before travelling back home.

Sharyn Guthrie

Esau and Sarah Marsh

Esau Marsh (1838 – 1929) and Sarah (nee Stockman, 1849 – 1929) had a large family around what is now Motunui, with over 130 grandchildren. So they have lots of descendants in Taranaki!

Are you researching this family? Peter Hewett is compiling a tree with as many of their immediate descendants as we can find. There is lots of missing and conflicting information, so any input is welcome. Please contact Peter Hewett, or [send us an email](#).

DNA and other Help Day

It's been a busy time for Gail and I with us also running a 'DNA or other Genealogy Question Help' day on Wednesday 1st March. We had five 1 hour sessions, and 11 people come along for help. We each took one person to individually assist them with their queries, apart from one instance of two sisters for me.

We plan to run it again in a few weeks, when we've had some time to recover!

DNA Interest Group

The February DNA meeting saw 20 people attending and it was a little different this time. I started with a written questionnaire to help me work out a little more exactly what stage people are at. Thank you to those that filled this out, it has given me more insight into the group.

The next meeting is on Sunday 19 March 2023 at 13:30hrs, \$2 door entry and bring your laptop or tablet. If you don't have one, then bring your login name and password so that you can use one of the computers.

Firstly, we will have any queries that you may have followed by a little demonstration of using the colour dots on Ancestry. You can do the same on My Heritage as well. I'll show you how you can then filter them to help you search for that elusive ancestor.

Sharyn Guthrie

Facebook

We now have 153 members on our New Plymouth Genealogy Facebook Group. Here Sharyn posts interesting tidbits of information related to genealogy. Events, webinars, podcasts, meetings and other details are put up there e.g. access to a free Scottish handwriting help booklet.

Other members also post queries to ask for help in finding information or people related to Taranaki research or other queries.

You can join our group – just answer a few questions (these are there to reduce spam).

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/949196718907560>



Library Roster: March

Monday	10 am to 12:30 pm
Saturday	10 am to 12 noon
Sat 4 Mar	Karen Crowe
Mon 6 Mar	Charles Le Breton
Sat 11 Mar	Graeme Jury
Mon 13 Mar	Lorraine Austin
Sat 18 Mar	Lea Bellini
Mon 20 Mar	Annette Larsen
Sat 25 Mar	Sharyn Guthrie
Mon 27 Mar	Jill Jackson
Sat 1 Apr	Karen Crowe
Mon 3 Apr	Lorraine Austin

Waitara Area Research

Local historian Graeme Duckett has generously offered access to his historical resources. He specialises in the Waitara to Awakino area, and lots of Taranaki families have history around there. You can contact Graeme by email at fantailkiwi54@gmail.com

Ann Wilson passengers to New Zealand

The *Ann Wilson* arrived at Wellington in 1857, carrying [220 passengers](#) from Liverpool. Ken Morris is researching these families in the years after their arrival. This is for a book he is writing on this ship. Ken is also interested in the ship's arrival in 1864.

If you have any research of families who are from this ship, Ken would like to hear from you. You can contact him via [his Humbug website](#), or [send us an email](#).



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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

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