

New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated

Newsletter



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

2023 Society AGM

The second annual general meeting of our society was held on Tuesday 2 May. The main outcomes are:

Convenor: Gail Tanner

Treasurer: Sharyn Guthrie

Secretary: Jackie Sewell

Committee: Karen Crowe, Lea Bellini, Lorraine Austin, Graeme Jury, Peter Hewett, Jeff Grange

The annual subscription remains unchanged. The \$2 door charge for regular meetings has been scrapped, but remains for other meetings.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 6 June 2023

Old Photos

We have lots and lots of old photographs in our library collection. These include;

- Roll of honour for service men and women
- Photo News magazines
- Old New Plymouth buildings

Come along to see the range of photos available, and how these can help your family history research.

For example, there is the roll of honour. This has mugshots of servicemen who went to WW1 over a hundred years ago.



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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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Getting your DNA tested

At our May meeting, Graeme Jury gave a talk about things you should consider before getting a DNA test for genealogy.

Graeme explained what you can expect from a DNA test. He summarised the various companies that provide DNA tests, and some of the key features provided by each of them.

DNA testing doesn't replace traditional genealogy methods, but it is a great way to confirm relationships and to find distant cousins.

But be prepared to uncover some unexpected results. DNA tests might show that some people don't have the biological parents that everyone thought they had. This can be upsetting for some people, so be careful out there.



DNA for Genealogy

Sunday 18 June, 1:30pm

This month, the meeting is on Sunday 18 June at 13:30hrs.

I'm currently doing a Y DNA course with Diahan SOUTHARD that I am loving. Really going to learn a lot about Y DNA and already on the way.

I've not anything planned just yet for our Sunday afternoon meeting on Sunday 18 June, so if you have any particular questions or anything that you would like covered, please email me on sharynjguthrie@gmail.com.

If you are not receiving my emails, then you may not be on my list. Please send me an email to sharyndna@gmail.com if you would like to be added.

Sharyn

Convenor's Report

I'm sitting in front of the fire frantically writing my report, as I am off to Australia at 6:40am in the morning, and it is required for the latest newsletter.

It seems to have been a long month, our last meeting having been almost 5 weeks ago. Unfortunately, I will be missing this meeting, which is a pity as I'm interested in seeing the photos that we have in our collection. I'm also away for the July meeting. But I'm looking forward to the August meeting

Some of you may know that Sharyn Guthrie and I were involved in the filming of an episode of the Australian version of Who Do You Think You Are, last year, and finally it has appeared on Australian television. We will be showing a video of the episode at the August meeting. It was an exciting and interesting experience. And we got our few moments of fame.

Our DNA monthly meetings are still attracting a good number of people. And the one-on-one sessions we've been running are proving popular as well.

Our group is growing, which is great news. My beginner's classes have stopped for a while – I seem to be doing a lot of travel away from home making it hard to do continuous lessons at the moment. But once things settle down, they will begin again. The committee has also talked about holding a get together for our newer members, to have a meet and greet, a cuppa and a show around of our library and resources. There will be more about when this will happen in the next month or so.

So, enjoy the photographs we have on show at the meeting, and I'll see you soon.

Gail Tanner
Society Convenor

Papers Past

The website [Papers Past](#) has digitised scans of historic New Zealand newspapers. It is free to use, provided by the [National Library](#).

This is a great resource for genealogists, and also for historians, researchers and lots of others.

The old newspapers are searchable, so you can look for your ancestors across different regions and time periods. This is great for finding

- birth, death and marriage notices
- court reports, inquests
- sporting events
- social events
- ship passenger lists

The type of information that gets into newspapers varies over time, so it can be a bit of a lucky dip as to whether your ancestors were documented in the newspaper.

Be sure to go back and check if you didn't find what you are after. More newspapers are added all the time. In May 2023, the following additions were made:

- Grey River Argus (1936-1949)
- Hauraki Plains Gazette (Aug 1921-1950)
- Hawke's Bay Tribune (Oct 1936-Jan 1937)
- Manu Rere (Cook Islands) (Nov-Dec 1870)
- Otago Witness (1927-Jun 1932)
- Press (1980-1989)
- Samoan Reporter (Mar 1845-May 1862)



2023/23 Subscriptions

The society subscriptions were set at the AGM and these remain the same as previous years. The annual subscriptions are due by 4 July 2023.

\$35 for single subscriptions

\$45 for joint (two people living at the same address)

\$25 for members living outside Taranaki

An email was sent to society members on 12 May with details of how to pay your subscription. Thank you very much to everyone who has paid so far.

If you haven't paid, the details to pay were on that email, and also on the [membership form](#).

If you aren't sure if you have paid, please don't pay again! Just send an email Sharyn at sharynjguthrie@gmail.com. Please don't pay twice!

If you prefer to pay by cash, then bring it to the rooms on a library day or a society meeting. Put it in an envelope with your name and details inside so Sharyn knows who has paid.

Library Roster: June

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

Sat 3 Jun Karen Crowe
Mon 5 Jun Charles Le Breton
Sat 10 Jun Sharyn Guthrie
Mon 12 Jun Lorraine Austin
Sat 17 Jun Marilyn Armitstead
Mon 19 Jun Annette Larsen
Sat 24 Jun Lea Bellini
Mon 26 Jun Jill Jackson
Sat 1 Jul Karen Crowe
Mon 3 Jul Charles Le Breton

NP Genealogy Facebook Group

The Facebook group is quite active, with 175 members now. Recently, the group pages have been busy with many members adding photos and asking questions.

And remember that there are lots of other genealogy Facebook groups that can help you in your genealogy.



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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;

Canterbury, Feilding, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Mosgiel, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, South Waikato, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wellington

If you would like an email copy of newsletters from another genealogy society or branch, please contact Peter Hewett.

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