

New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated

Newsletter



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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



A Night out at the Movies!

TMA

Next General meeting July 4 here at Moturoa 7.30pm

The Taranaki Media Archive are presenting a selection of historic films from their web site collection introduced by their coordinator Hamish Guthrie.

Featured will be highlights from the 1911 Eltham Axemans carnival, the aero clubs train excursions through the Central Nth Island, the BBC's take on Ranfurly shield rugby, beach racing at Oakura, and much more



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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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Website: www.genealogynp.com

Old Photographs

At the June meeting, we looked at a small sample of the large numbers of old photographs in our library collection. These include;

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

The photos of local buildings, places and events over the last 100 years or so were of great interest. The subjects of many of the photos are long gone, but still in living memory. Everyone present enjoyed the old photos, including the challenge of figuring out just where and when the photo was taken.



Our collection also includes the roll of honour. These are thousands of portrait photos of servicemen from WW1.

DNA for Genealogy

Next meeting is Sunday 16 July 2023 at our rooms, 13:30hrs (1:30pm). I've not received any queries of topics to cover so would welcome any queries you have or any areas you would like to know more about.

Would you like to know more about ThruLines or why you have so many unassigned people in your DNA matches or how does Ancestry decide which are Parent 1 and Parent 2. What about a demonstration of some of the features of My Heritage, have you looked at their Theory of Relativity? Do you know how to search by location e.g. to see all your matches that live in Ireland, or Germany, do you know what is meant when it says you share 75cMs and it's 3 segments?

There's lots of questions I'm sure many of you have. Let me know, if you aren't sure there will be others feeling the same.

Sharyn

Convenor's Report

Well, winter has finally arrived with a bit of a bite. The temperatures are a lot lower than I experienced on my trip to North Queensland where the day norm was 28 degrees. But frankly I prefer the cooler temps as you can always put more clothes on, but its hard to take more off, when you have little on anyway. At least with the cooler weather you have an excuse to stay indoors and do your research.

I'm sorry I missed the last meeting with the photo screening. It sounds like it was an interesting exercise, with the audience participating with interest and discussion.

I am, unfortunately, going to miss this month's meeting as well, as I'm off to Wellington to see the show Kinky Boots – I have no idea what it is about, except boots, so it will be an interesting night.

For this meeting we are having a NIGHT OUT AT THE MOVIES. Hamish Guthrie is showing us the new Taranaki Media Archive that he and a board have set up to help preserve our local history, in audio/ visual form. You will see some great old films, and maybe you have something hidden away at home that you could contribute to the collection.

The August meeting (can't believe I'm talking about August already), we will have a demonstration of some UK websites that can help with finding baptisms, marriages and deaths. The FreeREG, FreeBMD and the FreeCEN sites are part of the FreeUKGenealogy project. It is a charity that utilises volunteer workers and undertakes transcriptions across the United Kingdom. At present, they have 288 million records on FreeBMD, 44.5 million records on FreeCEN and 55 million records on FreeREG. These are websites I use regularly and are very easy to navigate.

We are still receiving your membership payments. Our Treasurer Sharyn will be contacting you if you haven't paid recently, but we do understand that as the cost-of-living crisis worsens, some things just have to go by the board, and sometimes it is the club memberships that have to go.

We have also dropped the \$2 door charge for our meetings, but don't forget to bring some change for the raffle.

With that said, I wish you all a great July, keep warm and continue on your genealogy journey.

Gail Tanner
Society Convenor

NZ Births, Deaths, Marriages

The criteria for historical BDM records have recently been relaxed a little, meaning that more records are available for searching.

The registry of births deaths and marriages for New Zealand is administered by Internal Affairs. Historical records can be searched on their website, and a print out of a record can be ordered.

The database can be searched for free, which provides useful information for genealogy. The database of historical records has approximately

- 900,000 births
- 2 million deaths
- 400,000 marriages.

The criteria for historical records are now

- birth over 100 years ago
- birth of a deceased person who died 50 years ago or was born 80 years ago
- still birth 50 years ago
- marriage 75 years ago
- deaths 50 years ago, or the deceased birth was at least 80 years ago.

www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/search

Salvation Army Book Fair

Thursday 10 August, 9am – 6pm

Friday 11 August 9am – 9pm

Saturday 12 August 9am – 2pm

Exciting!!! New venue at East End Skating Rink, Nobs Line, East End Beach.

It will business as usual quality books sorted into many categories.

All novels are sorted alphabetically. All kids books are still \$1.

A great range of collectables.

This year a \$2 room of unsorted books at the Surf Club just up the same street. The doors will open there from 10 – 4 each day, closing at 12 on the Saturday.

All venues will have Eftpos and a big smile on arrival.

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.

Auckland Family History Expo 2023

Presented by Auckland Libraries and the Genealogical Computer Group, this is a weekend of seminars, workshops, displays and presentations.

Dates: 11 – 13 August 2023

Venue: Fickling Convention Centre, Auckland

Price: free (\$25 for opening event)

Presentations by international and NZ speakers.

Exhibitions by ancestry.com, Family Search, FamilyTreeDNA, Family Tree Maker, FamNet, Memories in Time, NZSG, My Heritage and many more.

www.aucklandlibraries.govt.nz/AFHEXpo



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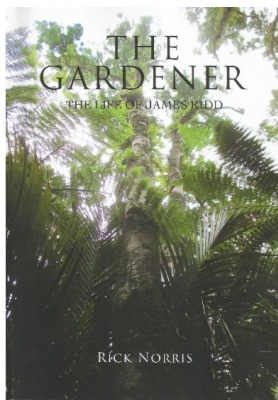
Library Roster: July

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm
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Sat 1 Jul Karen Crowe
Mon 3 Jul Charles Le Breton
Sat 8 Jul Karen Crowe
Mon 10 Jul Lorraine Austin
Sat 15 Jul Lea Bellini
Mon 17 Jul Annette Larsen
Sat 22 Jul Sharyn Guthrie
Mon 24 Jul Gail Tanner
Sat 29 Jul Graeme Jury
Mon 31 Jul Jill Jackson
Sat 5 Aug Karen Crowe
Mon 7 Aug Charles Le Breton

The Gardener – The Life of James Kidd

This book tells the story of James Kidd (1822-1894), as told by his gg-grandson. James Kidd was born in Colne, Lancashire, grew up in Gargrave, Yorkshire, and worked as a landscape gardener before emigrating to New Zealand with his wife and family in 1865. He lived and worked at Cheviot Hills and Oamaru, creating the Oamaru Borough Gardens. He then bought a farm near Inglewood, Taranaki, calling it "Airedale". He farmed it with his sons and retired there.



Copies of this book are available from Raewyn Dakers ldrjd2@gmail.com Ph: 021 038 2785 NZ\$30 plus postage.

Raewyn would like to contact any descendants of James Kidd, or his daughter Mary Jane who married Richard Price.

Internet Connection

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



Please consider Primo for your internet service. Ring them on 0800 123 774 or visit their website:

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;

Balclutha, Canterbury, Dunedin, Feilding, Hawera, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Mosgiel, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, South Canterbury, Southland, South Waikato, Stratford, Wairarapa, Wellington, Whanganui

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