

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

New Video

Local multi media journalist Bryan Vickery has produced a short video introducing our genealogy society.

Three members (Peter, Graeme and Sharyn) show what is available in our library and talk about what our society does.

There is a link to the video on the NP genealogy facebook group, and it is also available on [YouTube](#) and at the [Taranaki Media Archive](#).



Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 1 Aug 2023

Who Do You Think You Are?

The Australian series of this popular TV series recently produced an episode where the subject had roots in Taranaki. This TV show follows well known people to trace their ancestry, discovering secrets and surprises from their past.

The film crew came to Taranaki to record the show. This included interviews with Gail and Sharyn from our society, who were able to help them with local research for the show.

This episode has been shown on TV in Australia, so we are now able to show it at our society meeting. Come along to the August meeting to see a show featuring local places and two of our members!

Convenor:	Gail Tanner	027 376 0630
Secretary:	Jackie Sewell	
Treasurer:	Sharyn Guthrie	
Committee:	Lorraine Austin	
	Lea Bellini	
	Karen Crowe	
	Jeff Grange	
	Graeme Jury	

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Old Photographs

At the July meeting, we had a presentation by Hamish Guthrie from the [Taranaki Media Archive](https://www.taranakimediaarchive.co.nz/).

The Taranaki Media Archive was formed to preserve Taranaki's historical video and audio media. This includes audio recordings, historical film, videos, images, documentaries and other material.

Hamish Guthrie is coordinator for the TMA. He explained the archive and played us some of extracts of items from it. These old movies included the 1911 Eltham axemen's carnival, the 1971 New Plymouth floods, a rail trip around the North Island organised by the Stratford aero club, and several others.

There are hundreds of videos and audio clips to view, and it is constantly being updated. If you have any old video footage or audio clips of Taranaki please email him at hamishg1@gmail.com. Preservation of our Taranaki history is the aim.



*Taranaki
Media Archive*

DNA for Genealogy

On Sunday 20 August 2023 at 13:30hrs at our rooms, I will give a demonstration of the Leeds Method of sorting out your DNA matches. This is a way to have a list of matches and grouping them into family lines.

On Ancestry and My Heritage this can be done using the colour dots but the advantage of the Leeds method is that you end up with a chart showing you in one view who shares with you and each other.

I'll be sending out a Leeds chart in a pdf and Excel format to those on my DNA Interest Group mailing list today so if you did not receive this email and would like to have the chart and explanation then please email me at sharyndna@gmail.com and I can send it to you. I am hoping that some of those attending may give it a go before the meeting and we can look at how theirs turned out. I'm also hoping that some may try it while at the meeting.

No.	Match Names	cM's	Rel	Tree	Anc F/M	Cluster 1 MURPHY	Cluster 2 GARDNER	Cluster 3 CROFT	Cluster 4 MARTIN
1	Theresa	376	1/2SIB	7	F				
2	Miriam	283	1/2SI	NC	M				
3	Maureen	276	2C	4395	F				
4	Carol	237	2C	F.1e	M				
5	Harold	221	2C	NC	M				
6	Berry	221	2C	UJ28	M				
7	John	200	2C	2687CA	M				
8	Paul	197	2C	3712CA	M				
9	Stephens	187	2C	2	F				
10	Nebi	183	2C	NC	M				
11	DAVID	181	2C	2687CA	M				

Sharyn

Gail Tanner
Society Convenor

Convenor's Report

Wow, August is upon us and hasn't winter decided she's here. The mountain is looking stunning with her winter coat.

I have unfortunately missed the last two meetings, but this month I am one of the "stars" of the TV show Who Do You Think You Are Australia, that we are showing at this month's meeting. Sharyn and I had the privilege of being able to be part of the filming of the show for New Plymouth born and raised journalist and politician Derryn Hinch. The show has screened in Australia but won't be screened here until next year. So, we have been given a copy so that we can see it without waiting another 12 months. I hope you enjoy our cameos.

In my last report I said that this month we would be looking at Free BMDs but I had forgotten about our TV show, so that talk has been moved to next month. My apologies for giving the incorrect information.

In this newsletter Lea Bellini has written a lovely piece about our long serving member, Committee Member and Past Convenor, Annette Larsen. I'd like to say that I echo Lea's sentiment that Annette has had a long association with our group, and we thank her very much for her time and efforts that she has put in over the years. She will be missed on our committee.

On the 10th August, Sharyn Guthrie, Karen Crowe and I head off to Auckland for the Auckland Family History Expo. We've been the last couple of years, it's a big weekend with lots of presentations on all things genealogy, DNA, and research related. There are also stands where you can buy DNA kits, books, and family history programmes at great price.

And don't forget that same weekend is also the Salvation Army's book fair, being held at the East End Skating Rink, Nobs Line. If I wasn't going to be in Auckland, I would definitely be heading off there to have a look.

Have a great month – the winter weather is a great time to stay inside and research, write and complete projects!

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/AFHEexpo



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, New Plymouth.

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.

Library News

12 months ago I had a research enquiry which I wrote about in the August 2022 newsletter. The person who contacted us wanted to know the whereabouts of a property called *Airedale* on Junction Road near Inglewood. I provided as much information as I could and this week our society was lucky enough to receive a free copy of the book about the owner of that property. The book is called *The Gardener, the life of James Kidd* and is now held in our library.

We have also purchased a set of five books from the Onward Project. These books consist of photos of WW1 soldiers. The Onward Project seeks to locate and publish a photograph of every member of the New Zealand Expeditionary Force who served overseas during the First World War 1914 – 18. These photographs are collated into volumes, with each volume containing around 4100 images. Each image is captioned with the name and service number of the individual, plus a reference to the source of the photo.

To date five volumes, totalling nearly 20,000 portraits, have been published. These have been taken from a wide variety of sources, ranging from private families, through to institutions, museums and newspapers. The photos in each book are in alphabetical order. There is an index on their site www.fairdinkumbbooks.com which is for the total five books, making it easier for you to find your soldier.

I also need to say we have received quite a few donations over the last few months and together with the huge collection from the Waitara group late last year are keeping us busy and not all donations have yet been processed. Thank you to those who have kindly given us books.

Lea Bellini

Library Roster: August

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

Sat 5 Aug Karen Crowe
Mon 7 Aug Charles Le Breton
Sat 12 Aug Lea Bellini
Mon 14 Aug Lorraine Austin
Sat 19 Aug Lea Bellini
Mon 21 Aug Annette Larsen
Sat 26 Aug Gail Tanner
Mon 28 Aug Jill Jackson
Sat 2 Sep Karen Crowe
Mon 4 Sep Charles Le Breton

Retiring Committee Member

At our last AGM, one of our long serving committee members stood down after an outstanding length of service to our genealogy society and I just wanted to say a personal “thank you” to Annette Larsen.

As far as I can see, Annette joined our branch (as it was then) sometime around 1999, maybe a bit earlier or later. By May 2005, Annette was on the *At our 2001 Conference* committee and in 2006 became our Convenor, a position which she held for 5 years. Taking a break from May 2011, she was then convinced to join the committee again from May 2016 until May 2023. Now that is a total of 13 years, a significant input into keeping our society flourishing. In her time as a convenor and committee member, Annette was cool, calm and collected and an avid writer for our newsletter.

Thank you Annette for your service to our society. We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events in the future.

Lea Bellini

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

Magazines received;

Family Tree (July)

Who Do You Think You Are (July)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Feilding, Kapiti, Matamata, Mosgiel, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Porirua, South Waikato, Stratford, Wellington

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



Newsletter

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