

# 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

## 2024 Society AGM

The third annual general meeting of our society will be held at 7:30 pm on Tuesday 7 May. The formal notice of meeting was distributed to members with the April newsletter.

Nominations are open for committee members.

Our society relies on volunteers to keep things running. There are lots of different ways that you can help. Please talk with any current committee member if you can help or have any questions.

Documents for the AGM (such as annual report and financial statement) are distributed to members with this newsletter.



Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 7 May 2024

## The Goodin Project

Last year, the society was commissioned to compile family history information for the Goodin family. They had a lot of old documents and photos, which we supplemented with genealogy research.

At our May meeting, we will take a look at what we did with this project. This will include some practical demonstrations of how to use public information and the resources in our library to find out more about your ancestors.



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

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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](http://www.genealogynp.com)

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## Caring for old photographs

At our April meeting, Chanelle Carrick explained how to care for store your old photos and photo albums. Until 2023, Chanelle was the Curator Pictorial Collection (art and photographs) at Puke Ariki Museum.

Chanelle explained the six deterioration risks that photos face (temperature, humidity, pests, abrasion, chemical and humans). She described some practical steps that you can take to minimise deterioration from these factors.

For most people, it is not possible to keep everything so you need a way of deciding what to keep. Chanelle recommends to focus on depth, not breadth. Select photos that have lots of information and tell a story. Prioritise photos where provenance is known, are in good condition and are not duplicates.

There are some good products available to help you care properly for your valuable photos. These include acid free papers, protective sheets and proper storage boxes. One source of these is [Conservation Supplies](#), who offer online shopping.

Expert help is available for preserving or restoring treasured artefacts, such as [HPFS Solutions](#).



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## DNA Interest Group

This month's DNA group meeting will be replaced by the 'Memories in Time' Workshop – see details in the newsletter.

Sharyn Guthrie

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## Convenor's Report

It's AGM time again. So, I hope you will all consider coming and having your say and maybe standing for the committee. This year we are set to lose three long term members of the committee which will leave a big gap in our knowledge base. (I think (hope) we may have convinced one to stay), but we still need to get some new blood in the ranks.

Being on the committee is not a huge commitment. Our meetings are held on the last Tuesday night of the month the week prior to the proper meeting night. It's a great way to learn more about the internal workings of the group and the work that is done in the background to add to the extensive collections of Taranaki information that we hold. We also have on going projects that we are often looking for helping hands to complete. So, if you would like to become more involved, but don't want to be on the committee, we would be pleased to discuss what you can do to help us. We have quite a few projects on the go and can always use another helping hand.

We've had a busy 12 months since the last AGM. Our membership has increased which is a great sign that we must be doing something right. Our DNA classes have been well attended, and when I run the beginner's classes they are also well attended. I will run some more later in the year.

On the 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of this month we have our Organisational Workshop with Fiona Brooker. It's only \$25 for the whole weekend and will cover paperwork organisation as well as computer files. All you have to do to register is pay \$25.00 to our normal bank account and let Sharyn Guthrie know you are coming. It will be well worth the cost. Check out our Facebook page for more information or talk to myself or Sharyn Guthrie for more details.

With this newsletter you will find our new Constitution, which needs to be ratified. This has come about as the new Incorporated Societies Act 2022 is now in force and we have had to make sure our Constitution meets the new requirements for that and the Charities Act.

You will also find the Treasurer's Report and my Convenor's Report on the Societies activities for the year.

Gail Tanner  
Society Convenor

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## The Genealogist's Internet

This book was first published over 20 years ago, and has been through many editions. However, the internet changes rapidly, and it has been difficult to keep this book up to date.

It was recently published online under a creative commons licence, meaning it is free to read and download.

<https://archive.org/details/the-genealogists-internet/>

Other genealogy links are available at [GENUKI](#) and [Cyndi's List](#).

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## Library News

There has been a lull in work at the library as I had been away for a month and as well came home with covid. The backlog of magazines has been processed and are available to borrow. Our committee has purchased two new books:

### *Voyages – Faull by Five*

A history of Taranaki, covering the ancestors of the Faull brothers, the Ngāti Rāhiri family, who settled in Taranaki in the 1400s and Cornish Miners settling in Taranaki in 1841. Covering how their communities intermarried and lived alongside each other, all the way until the present day Faull family, their relatives and the community (Tikorangi). A very well set out book with numerous colour photos, written by Jim Tucker.

### *Effort and Enterprise*

This book tells the stories of world leading pioneers and academics, farmers, sports people, and some remarkable women of rural Tikorangi. These people survived the dirt-floor homes, mud track roads, and one of the world's most spectacular bridges; felt the effort of taking scrub-covered land and turning it into highly productive farms; discovered the innovative machines manufactured and exported around the world. This book compiled by Peter Wilson.

In addition, we have been donated the following:

- Official History of the Otago Regiment in the Great War 1914-1918
- 3 booklets on the preservation of photographs and digital media

These six items have been processed and are on the library shelves. To find them, ask the duty librarian or use the library catalogue on computer number 3.

Lea Bellini

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## Weekend Workshop 17 – 19 May 2024

Our genealogy society is running this fantastic weekend workshop in May, presented by Fiona Brooker. It will be run over two venues. The Friday night is at our rooms and the Saturday and Sunday at the New Plymouth Bridge Club at 70 Hobson Street, New Plymouth.



This will be a valuable weekend of learning and opportunity to start or continue organisation of both your physical and digital files.

The cost is \$25 for the whole weekend, this is whether you attend only part of it or all of it. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided but please bring your own lunch.

To attend, you must register and pay. To register, please;

1. pay \$25 via internet banking to our account 15-3942-0008448-000, with “workshop” in particulars and your name in reference, and
2. send an email to [sharynjguthrie@gmail.com](mailto:sharynjguthrie@gmail.com) confirming payment and with your name, email address and phone number.

If you don't wish to use internet banking, please email Sharyn to arrange an alternative (like making a deposit at a TSB bank, or taking the cash to the rooms).

Fiona Brooker is a professional genealogist from New Zealand. She has been actively researching her own family history for over 35 years and has lectured to worldwide audiences, organised and led family history conferences and expos. She has also been a past president and treasurer for the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. Take a look at her website for lots more genealogy information.

[memoriesintime.co.nz](http://memoriesintime.co.nz)



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## Library Roster: May

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

Sat 4 May Karen Crowe  
Mon 6 May Charles Le Breton  
Sat 11 May Gail Tanner  
Mon 13 May Lorraine Austin  
Sat 18 May Lea Bellini  
Mon 20 May Annette Larsen  
Sat 25 May Sharyn Guthrie  
Mon 27 May Gail Tanner  
Sat 1 Jun Karen Crowe  
Mon 3 Jun Charles Le Breton

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## Taranaki Daily News Online

Puke Ariki has recently digitised some historical editions of the Taranaki Daily News. This is a project in conjunction with the National Library and the editions are for the period 1954 - 1960.

[Taranaki Daily News](#) Jan 1954 - Jun 1960

[Daily News](#) Jun - Dec 1960

These are scans of the newspapers in pdf files, but are not text searchable. The plan is to incorporate these into [PapersPast](#), which already has the Daily News from 1900 to 1935 and the Taranaki Herald from 1852 to 1920.



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## Internet Connection

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



Primo has supported us with internet connectivity since 2017. Please consider Primo for your internet service. Ring them on 0800 123 774 or visit their website:

[primo.nz](http://primo.nz)

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## Facebook

Did you see this story on our Facebook page? This is just one of a selection of interesting bits and pieces that are posted on our Facebook page.



New Plymouth Genealogy Society

THEPRESS.CO.NZ

Researchers seek families of Kiwi soldiers killed in 'hushed up' battle  
Genealogists are working to locate the families of 18 New Zealand soldiers who died in a battl..

Sharyn Guthrie

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## Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (May)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Feilding, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Matamata, Mosgiel, Nelson, Palmerston North, Papakura, Porirua, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Southland, Wairarapa, Wellington, Whanganui

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](mailto:peter.hewett@gmail.com).

