

# New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated

# Newsletter



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**Branch Library:** Open free to members. A small charge to visitors.

**Opening Hours:** Every Monday and Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon  
Other times available by appointment

## 2024 Society AGM

The third annual general meeting of our society was held on Tuesday 7 May. The main outcomes are:

Convenor: Gail Tanner

Treasurer: Sharyn Guthrie

Secretary: Jackie Sewell

Committee: Lorraine Austin, Jeff Grange, Peter Hewett, Graeme Jury, Glenys Krutz, Lois Lovell, Russell Smith

The annual subscription remains unchanged. The amended constitution of our society was approved.



Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 4 June 2024

## A Case Study

Sandra Metcalfe has done an in depth case study for the NZSG online DNA interest group. A video of this case study will be shown at our June meeting.

This will be a one off showing as this is usually restricted to the members of the NZSG DNA interest group only. Permission was given to show it to genealogy groups as it is an excellent example of the method that Sandra used over many years to find her great grandfather William Williams. Sandra demonstrates her methodology and recording of information combined with the use of DNA and other collaborators. It is an excellent example of painstaking careful research and verification.



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**Meetings:** 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month  
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**Website:** [www.genealogynp.com](http://www.genealogynp.com)

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## Goodin Project

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

At our May meeting, Peter presented an overview of the project, with a look at what was done. This included some practical demonstrations of how public information can be used to find out more about your ancestors. This included the use of [historical BDMs](#), [Papers Past](#) and the [Ancestor Search Helper](#).

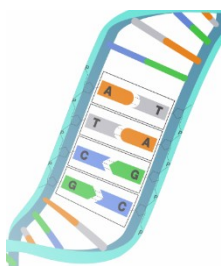


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## DNA Interest Group

This month's meeting will be on Sunday 16 June but following this meeting there is going to a date change for future months. We are moving the committee meeting to the third Sunday of the month so from July on the DNA meeting will be on the second Sunday of the month. July's meeting will be on Sunday 14 July.

This month I would like you to make sure you bring your laptops and tablets if you can. I plan to go over a few simple things to check that you have done them. For those that were at our weekend workshop with Fiona, she covered a few things that I thought I could double check as not everyone was there. If you don't have a device, make sure you have your login details for your DNA site/s.



Sharyn Guthrie

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## Chairperson's Report

It's June already, where have the last five months gone. Our AGM has come and gone. We have three new people on our committee, bringing our number to ten. I welcome newish group members Glenys Krutz, Lios Lovell, and Russell Smith to our committee ranks, and I thank them all for being willing to join our committee and help us make our group the best it can be. We had long serving group and committee members Lea Bellini and Karen Crowe stand down at the AGM, and their experience and knowledge will be hard to replace, but us that are left behind will do our best.

Our membership is growing all the time, which means we must be doing something right.

It also means we have new people wanting to learn how to do this hobby of genealogy. That means that this year will be a year of beginners' lessons, from how to use your computer to the best of its and your ability, how do I do this thing called DNA?, and Where do I start?, among other things. And, of course, some interesting topics for our monthly meetings.

On a different note, please if anyone asks you for research help, and you are unable to help, direct them to our website [genealogynp.com](http://genealogynp.com) where they can find contact details for our Research Officer, or give them our research email address [newplymouthgenealogy@gmail.com](mailto:newplymouthgenealogy@gmail.com). The research officer, which happens to be me now, will reply with any information I can find regarding their request, or guide them to the right place to find what they are looking for.

Kind Regards and happy hunting,

Gail Tanner  
Society Chairperson

PS: Under the new constitution my position is no longer the Convenor, it is now Chairperson.

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## Raffle

Good news – our regular monthly raffle is going to be a \$20 voucher from different places as an ongoing prize. This does mean a slight increase in price - \$2 for one ticket or \$5 for three. So bring along your loose change or \$5 notes to the next meeting!



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## 2024/25 Subscriptions

The society subscriptions were set at the AGM and these remain the same as previous years. The annual subscriptions are due by 2 July 2024.

\$35 for single subscriptions

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

\$25 for members living outside Taranaki

Our society runs on a small budget, but we really do need the money we can get, so we can fund our operations. Please pay your subscription to help the ongoing work. Thank you to everyone who has paid their subscription already.

The details to pay are on the [membership form](#) on the website.

If you aren't sure if you have paid, please don't pay again! Just send an email Sharyn at [sharynjguthrie@gmail.com](mailto: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 at a society meeting. Put it in an envelope with your name and details inside so Sharyn knows who has paid.

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## Society Offices and Roles

Some of the society offices and roles were confirmed or appointed at the May committee meeting.

Projects:	Lorraine
Raffles:	Glenys
Supper:	Glenys
Membership:	Sharyn
Research:	Gail
TBI:	Graeme
Computers:	Graeme
Newsletter:	Peter
Website:	Peter
Library:	Lea & Marilyn (committee liaison: Gail)
Roster:	Jeff
Publicity:	Russell
Door:	Lois

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## The Ultimate Organising Workshop

This workshop was run over the weekend on 17 to 19 May, presented by Fiona Brooker.



Make sure you come to our meeting on Tuesday night, 4 June. We'll be starting it with a little video made from some photos taken over the weekend.

We all had fun, learnt a lot about organising our many pieces of paper and photos, not only physically but also digitally. Fiona also demonstrated the value of using research planners and timelines with your family history research.

Her website 'Memories In Time' has many helpful handouts, some free, some \$5 and more in depth ones. She also runs several courses.

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



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## Battle of Fromelles 1916

In WW1, the [Battle of Fomelles](#), on 19 & 20 July 1916, resulted in over 5300 casualties from the Australian Imperial Force, including many New Zealanders. The [Fromelles Association](#) is seeking to name the dead soldiers, and to contact the families of those who have been named.

NZ soldiers include Charles Conroy, Clark Maxwell Gray, William Fletcher, Harry Forster, Andrew M Given, Edwin Lawler, William James Lund, Herbert James King, Shrewsbury F Kingsford, Horace Maidment, James L Mason, Beresford Nelson, Henry Oscar Nelson, Albert E Pratt, Arthur C Pybus, Robert Douglas Sloan, James Sexton and Edward Coady.

Check the [Fromelles website](#) for more information.

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## Library Roster: June 2024

Monday 10 am to 12 noon  
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Sat 1 Jun Karen Crowe  
Mon 3 Jun Charles Le Breton  
Sat 8 Jun Gail Tanner  
Mon 10 Jun Lorraine Austin  
Sat 15 Jun Lea Bellini  
Mon 17 Jun Annette Larsen  
Sat 22 Jun Sharyn Guthrie  
Mon 24 Jun Peter Hewett  
Sat 29 Jun Graeme Jury  
Mon 1 Jul Charles Le Breton  
Sat 6 Jul Karen Crowe

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## Facebook

Facebook continues to be a good source of Genealogical information and well worth perusing. Remember you can ask for help through our group, maybe share a special photo or ask questions about places your ancestor lived.

It's there for you.



Sharyn Guthrie

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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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## Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (June)

(Who Do You Think You Are -  
magazine not received)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Dunedin, Feilding, Hawera, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Matamata, Mosgiel, Nelson, Otaki, Papakura, Porirua, Riccarton, South Waikato, Southland, 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).