

New Plymouth Genealogy Society Incorporated Newsletter



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Society 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

Society Library

Our library has historical records that are great for genealogy research in the New Plymouth and Taranaki areas. It is open from 10am to 12 noon on Mondays and Saturdays.

We need some more volunteers to run the library when it is open. It is only a 2 hour session, about once a month. Training & support is provided.

If you would like to help, or have any questions, please contact Jeff Grange (or any committee member).



Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 6 Aug 2024

What is the TBI?

Our library has masses of information, including birth, death & marriage records, school admissions, shipping records, newspaper notices, published genealogies and much more.

The Taranaki Biographical Index has almost a million records, so you can look up a name and find where it appears in our library.

Graeme will be demonstrating the TBI, so bring along any names that you want to research in the New Plymouth area.

Also this month, Gail will cover some websites to use for overseas genealogy research.

TBI

Taranaki Biographical Index

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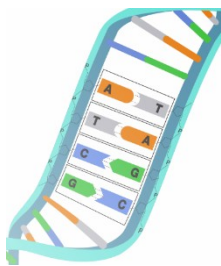
At the June meeting, Gail Tanner shows us some websites that can help with NZ genealogy. We are fortunate to have some great online resources, including historical newspapers, cemetery records and the National Archives.

Links to the websites that Gail talked about are listed below.

www.genealogynp.com This is us!
pukeariki.com/research-and-heritage Our local library & museum
www.genealogy.org.nz New Zealand Society of Genealogists
npdc.discovereverafter.com NP cemetery searches
www.bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz Historical BDMs
paperspast.natlib.govt.nz Papers Past, NZ newspapers
natlib.govt.nz National Library
www.aucklandmuseum.com/war-memorial/online-cenotaph
teara.govt.nz Te Ara Encyclopedia of NZ
nzhistory.govt.nz NZ History site
nzetc.victoria.ac.nz Electronic text collection, Victoria Uni
ash.howison.co.nz NZ Ancestor Search Helper
wilsoncollection.co.nz Index site
archway.howison.co.nz NZ archive search
www.tepapa.govt.nz Te Papa Museum
digitalnz.org DigitalNZ
www.presbyterian.org.nz/archives Church Archives (photos, stories)

DNA Interest Group

This month's meeting will be on Saturday 17 August at 1:30pm at the society rooms as our committee meeting is on the Sunday. I'm still thinking through what I will cover so if you have anything you wish to be shown or explained please email me at sharyndna@gmail.com.



The last few sessions have gone really well I feel so I'd like to continue in a similar way. Would anyone like to show their work on DNA or what they have managed to find, that would be great for the others to see too. Think about what you might like to share.

See you Saturday 17 August.

Sharyn Guthrie

Chairperson's Report

August is here already. This month's meeting is all about our very own TBI (Taranaki Biographical Index). There are almost 1 million names on it and all you have to do is put in the name you are researching to see if we have any records that pertain to that person. And once Graeme has given us tuition on that I will finish the evening off with some more helpful genealogy websites: this time overseas sites.

Sharyn and I are off to Auckland this coming weekend to the annual Family History weekend run by the Auckland City Library. It's a full-on weekend with lectures, lessons and advice. There is a hall of exhibitors, from the NZ Army Museum to Ancestry. Plus, a number of NZSG Interest Groups have tables there. Fiona from Memories In Time also has a stall selling the type of items that were at the workshop she ran for us earlier this year. It's also a place to catch up with old friends.

These last few weeks, I've begun to put Fiona's lessons into action. I've bought conservation supplies and have put 128 postcards (mini and large), into a folder. These postcards were sent back home to my grandmother from her son Leo who was based in Africa during WWII, before he was in a German POW camp in Italy. They feature pictures from Jerusalem, Haifa and Alexandria. There are also photos of the camp they were based at.

I've also finally got my folders sorted into family lots – it was amazing how much paper I had and how much of it was multiple copies. That's what happens when you don't organize and can't remember or can't find what you already have.

I've also got the new Ancestry Pro, and I'm using to sort out my Ancestry trees. It astounded me how many duplicates I had and also how many people I had that weren't actually attached to the tree! I'm slowly working through the errors that Ancestry says are in my tree, and getting the list down. The other thing Ancestry Pro is great for is your matches in DNA. With a bit more information available (matching you and a match to another match) helps to figure out just where the matches fit in your tree.

Next month's meeting we have a guest speaker from the TSB Bank on scams. What to watch for, what not to do. And listen to your gut – if alarms bell's ring and you don't feel that what is happening is right, hangup and call the bank, they will put you right.

See you Tuesday night!

Gail Tanner
Society Chairperson

Kete at Puke Ariki

Puke Ariki stored lots of historical stories, images, recordings and other material on the Kete website. Currently, this material is being migrated to a new website.

You can access an archive of the Kete website through the Puke Ariki online library catalogue, or from [this link at National Library](#).

The material from Kete is being edited and transferred to the [Te Rangi Aoao Nunui](#) (TRAN) section of the Puke Ariki website. The TRAN website already has most of the material on buildings, streets, tunnels and memorials. It also has some new content that wasn't on Kete.

Puke Ariki

Palmerston North Research Day

The Palmerston North Branch is holding a research day on Sunday 8 September 2024. This include presentations and workshops, with help desks available to help people with their research queries.



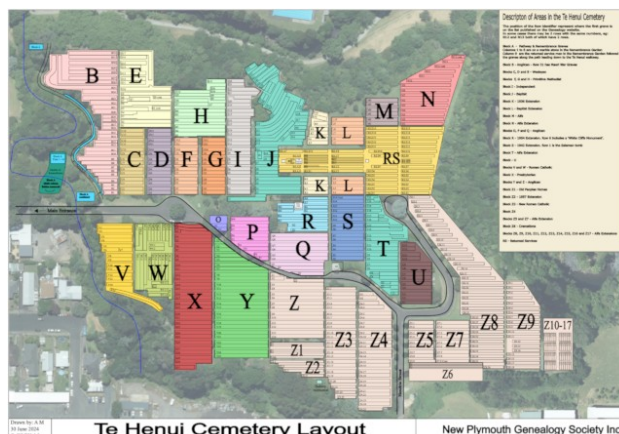
For more information, contact Chris on 027 449 3139 or email palmerstonnorth@genealogy.org.nz.

Raffle

Remember our raffle is now a \$20 voucher each month. It's \$2 for one ticket or \$5 for three, so bring along your loose change or \$5 notes!



Te Henui Cemetery Map



A new map of the Te Henui cemetery has been developed by Alan Metcalfe. It is available from our website, or click the image above.

The Te Henui cemetery dates from the 1860s, and has been expanded several times. The layout is rather complex, so it can be challenging to find the gravestone that you are searching for. This new map should be a great help when locating plots at the Te Henui cemetery.

Since the 1980s, our group has compiled information on local cemeteries to aid genealogy research. This includes headstone transcriptions and burial records. Transcriptions of headstones from cemeteries in our region are [available on our website](#). Cemetery records are also available from [the NPDC website](#). More information is available at the society library.

And, on the topic of cemeteries, a [recent report by the Spinoff](#) found that New Plymouth is the most expensive place in New Zealand for a cemetery burial!

Computer Security and Scams

At our September meeting, we will have a talk on computer security and scams.

Online fraud and phone scams are a continuing threat, and the bad guys are always coming up with new ways to trick us.

At our September meeting, a guest speaker will explain how to spot these scams and what you can do to protect yourself.

Date: Tuesday 3 September 2024.



Library Roster: August 2024

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

Sat 3 Aug Karen Crowe
Mon 5 Aug Charles Le Breton
Sat 10 Aug Russell Smith
Mon 12 Aug Lorraine Austin
Sat 17 Aug Lea Bellini
Mon 19 Aug Annette Larsen
Sat 24 Aug Jeff Grange
Mon 26 Aug Graeme Jury
Sat 31 Aug Annette Larsen
Mon 2 Sep Charles Le Breton
Sat 7 Sep Karen Crowe

Facebook


Our Facebook group continues to grow with 244 members now. It's been great to have several people put up posts related to their families.

I posted about a few different things this month, I've been on holiday so not on Facebook so much. However, coming up on 8 August for us is the Legacy Webinar being done by Donna Rutherford on 'The Power of Siblings'. It is at 6am so I probably won't be awake for it but registered just in case. It is FREE to register and FREE for a week afterwards then it goes behind the members only wall for watching. I've heard Donna talk on this before and it shows you the huge value of testing any siblings you have to help you on your DNA Journey.

Sharyn Guthrie

Upcoming Live Webinars

[View all \(76\)](#)



DNA TESTING
The Power of Siblings – the DNA Tests of Five Brothers
Donna Rutherford

This presentation takes the viewer through the results of 5 full brothers who have done a DNA test. It covers the comparison of their ethnicity estimates through to the various differences in their DNA matches including the variance in the sharing amounts. It helps...

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Thu, Aug 8, 2024: 6:00 AM NZST

[Registered](#)

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Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Aug)



Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Dunedin, Fielding, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Matamata, Mosgiel, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Papamoa, Porirua, Riccarton, South Waikato, Wellington, Whanganui

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Newsletter

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