

# 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

## Library Volunteers

We need a few more members to help with the library roster. This is an easy task, just mind the library when it is open. This is typically a 2 hour session about once a month.

Training and support is provided. This is a great way to get a bit more expertise and knowledge for your own genealogy research, as well as helping others in our society.

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



Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 3 Sep 2024

## Security & Scams

Online fraud and phone scams are a continuing threat, and the bad guys are always coming up with new ways to trick us. And sometimes this involves genealogy or genealogy websites.

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



**Chairperson:** Gail Tanner 027 376 0630  
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**Meetings:** 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month  
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## Taranaki Biographical Index

At the August meeting, Graeme Jury explained how the TBI provides an index to records and documents in our library. Our library has masses of information, including birth, death & marriage records, school admissions, shipping records, newspaper notices, published genealogies and much more.

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

# TBI

## Taranaki Biographical Index

### Websites for Overseas Research

Also at our August meeting, Gai Tanner showed us some websites for overseas research.

[GENUKI](http://www.irelandxo.com) links for UK & Ireland Genealogy

[www.irelandxo.com](http://www.irelandxo.com) Ireland reaching out.

[Irishgenealogy.ie](http://Irishgenealogy.ie) Church & Civil records

[www.nidirect.gov.uk](http://www.nidirect.gov.uk) [PRONI](http://PRONI) Public Records Office of Northern Ireland

[GRONI](http://GRONI) General Register Office of Northern Ireland

[www.nli.ie](http://www.nli.ie) National Library of Ireland

[registers.nli.ie](http://registers.nli.ie) Database of Roman Catholic parish Registers microfilm collection

[Virtualtreasury.ie](http://Virtualtreasury.ie) Virtual Record Treasury of Ireland

[www.nationalarchives.ie](http://www.nationalarchives.ie) National Archives of Ireland

[AskAboutIreland.ie](http://AskAboutIreland.ie) Griffiths Valuation of Tenements)

[Libertyellisfoundation.org](http://Libertyellisfoundation.org) [Passengers](http://Passengers) entering USA via Ellis Island Portal

[www.cso.ie](http://www.cso.ie) Central Statistics Office

[www.irishancestors.ie](http://www.irishancestors.ie) Irish Genealogical Research Society

[Rootsireland.ie](http://Rootsireland.ie) Irish Family History Foundation

[www.nls.uk](http://www.nls.uk) National Library of Scotland

[www.nrscotland.gov.uk](http://www.nrscotland.gov.uk) National Records of Scotland links to Scotland's Census, [ScotlandsPeople](http://ScotlandsPeople), [Scotlandsplaces](http://Scotlandsplaces) and National Archives.

[www.scotsgenealogy.com](http://www.scotsgenealogy.com) Scottish Genealogy Society

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## Chairperson's Report

Its already the end of August, it won't be long before daylight saving kicks in, and we'll be back in summer mode and Christmas will be upon us.

Are you achieving all your genealogy goals so far this year? How's your organising coming? Got all your folders sorted out? I'm afraid my own sorting seems to have come to a complete stop. Though I now have everything in the folders, I still need to sort through the remaining papers, and get rid of the many double ups, and make sure I have all the information in my tree.

In my last report I said that Sharyn and I were off to Auckland to the Annual Family History weekend run by the Auckland City Library. The weekend didn't disappoint, catching up with previous acquaintances, making new friends and of course (the main reason) learning new things. Sharyn spent a lot of time on the New Zealand Genealogy Society stand for the DNA group she helps run, so missed some of the talks, but I think she enjoyed herself immensely doing what she does best, helping people with their DNA questions. Unfortunately, we came home with Covid!

On Thursday 19 September at 1:30 Sharyn and I will start our Basic Computer classes. This is for anyone who has trouble understanding the things they can do with their computers, and what everything does on the keyboard. We will be starting with the basics, so it doesn't matter if you have no skills, but want to learn – we can help you move forward. Please, email me if you are interested in attending. My email is [genegirl2023@outlook.com](mailto:genegirl2023@outlook.com).

The meeting on Tuesday night is as I said last time – we have a guest speaker from TSB to talk to us about scams. So, come along and learn how to deal with these pests, and keep your bank accounts etc safe. Thank you to Lorraine for organising this for us.

Hope to see you all Tuesday night.

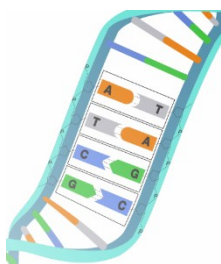
Gail Tanner  
Society Chairperson

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## DNA Interest Group

The August meeting ended up being cancelled due to me getting Covid.

The good news is that I am all ready for our September meeting on Sunday 15 Sep at 13:30hrs. This will be about clustering, and I'll be demonstrating this on Ancestry.



Clustering is key to working out your DNA matches and how they potentially might be related to you. I sent out some sheets asking you to fill in your family names or gaps where they are unknown of your great grandparents down. This will give you time to do that. Please bring your laptop if you have one or your tablet. I'm hoping that you will do it along with me and see how it shows up in your family lines.

As it's using shared matches you do need an Ancestry subscription or a AncestryDNA Plus subscription. The latter costs about \$45 for 6 months.

Even if you don't have a subscription of any kind come along and watch someone else do the clustering, it will all help with understanding DNA matches.

Sharyn Guthrie

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## School Admission Records



As you may be aware, we are trying to tidy up the school admission slips which are held in the white boxes, against the wall in the meeting room area. The slips were originally held in two series, one being the older ones and the other, the newer ones which, many years ago, had been held in a separate place. Janice is merging the two sets starting from Z and I have been working from A. Hopefully one day

we will meet. Once that is done, we will spread them out more evenly and re-label the boxes – nicely!

From this exercise, I have become increasingly aware just how often many children changed schools, especially in the earlier days, presumably because their parents moved around. How disruptive that must have been for these families. It's foreign to me, the school admission records indicate I started at Fitzroy School in 1952 and left in 1957 to go the Highlands Intermediate. The registers for NPGHS show I started there in 1960 and left in 1962 to go to a Government Office. So I only ever attended 3 schools. I always lived at the same address from when I was born until I left when I got married. I never had to struggle with any change of home or school, so it's hard for me to imagine how it was for those who moved so much. One pupil, Dorothy Adams moved primary schools 8 times!

At our rooms, the school admission records are held in four different places. Firstly there is a series of books on the shelves to the left of the boxes. Each book relate to a particular school with the names of the pupils in alphabetical order within that school.



Secondly there are the names of all of the pupils in alphabetical order, held in the white boxes (drawers) mentioned earlier. Thirdly, there is a pdf file on computers 1 and 2 under the "collections" icon on the front screen. This captures the full information held on the admission slips. Fourthly, there is an index on the TBI (Taranaki Biographical Index) which is also held on computers 1 and 2. Please note that neither the books or the TBI have all of the pupils listed. The safest thing is to check the slips. In addition, on top of the drawers is a blue ice cream container which shows a card for each of the schools and what has been extracted from each school. Very helpful when trying to find Moturoa school (unsuccessfully) – it has not been done.

The information held can be very helpful, including date of birth of the pupil, their parent/guardian and their address. A good way of tracking movement.

Lea Bellini

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## Library Roster: September 2024

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

Mon 2 Sep Charles Le Breton  
Sat 7 Sep Karen Crowe  
Mon 9 Sep Lorraine Austin  
Sat 14 Sep Jeff Grange  
Mon 16 Sep Annette Larsen  
Sat 21 Sep Sharyn Guthrie  
Mon 23 Sep Graeme Jury  
Sat 28 Sep Lea Bellini  
Mon 30 Sep Peter Hewett  
Sat 5 Oct Karen Crowe  
Mon 7 Oct Charles Le Breton

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## Facebook

Facebook for Genealogists is incredibly helpful. I belong to many groups including County Tyrone, Ireland Group, Hebridean Genealogy & DNA, NZ DNA Users Group, DNA Help for Genealogy (UK), Scottish Indexes Group, DNA Painter Group, Kent Ancestors and Genealogy and many more.

Some of these groups are very active and I see and read posts each day, some only once every few weeks but the value is in the learning I gain, and I can help people too. If you are on Facebook search for the counties or country of your own family history, you will be amazed how many groups or pages there are devoted to many different regions of the world.

Our own Facebook group has some interesting conversations and queries.

Sharyn Guthrie

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## 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!



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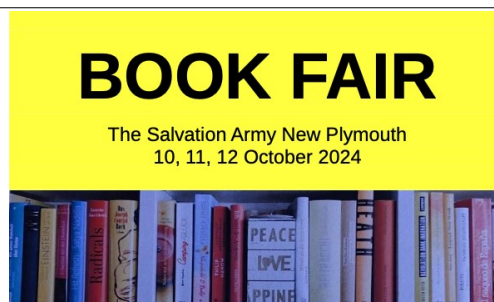
## Internet Connection

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



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

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



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Many roles to fill

If you are fit and able we want to hear from you!  
Set up, pack down and during the event – we have a place for you!

Register now to help in **October** ...

Call **Kay 0274910012** or email

[Kay.worth@salvationarmy.org.nz](mailto:Kay.worth@salvationarmy.org.nz)

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## Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Sept)

Newsletters received;

Balclutha, Canterbury, Feilding, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Matamata, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Papamoa, Porirua, Riccarton, Southland, South Waikato, 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).