

# 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

## Taranaki Heritage Month 2024

Heritage Month in Taranaki, 4 October to 6 November, is a celebration of the region's rich history, cultural heritage, and community spirit. Organised by Heritage Taranaki, this event features a diverse array of activities and discussions designed to honour the past, and foster a deeper understanding of the local heritage. Check out the [diverse programme](#) for the events that interest you.



Next meeting: 7:30pm Tuesday 1 Oct 2024

## Preserving heirlooms

Join Dr. Susanne Rawson, a cultural materials conservator, as she shares about how conservators work to preserve artworks and heritage items, such as family heirlooms, photographs and antiques. Just like the TV show 'The Repair Shop', Susanne will discuss the ways that materials deteriorate and provide tips on how to preserve your heritage items at home.

Bring along any items that you would like an expert opinion on.



**Chairperson:** Gail Tanner 027 376 0630  
**Secretary:** Jackie Sewell  
**Treasurer:** Sharyn Guthrie  
**Committee:** Lorraine Austin  
Jeff Grange  
Peter Hewett  
Graeme Jury  
Glenys Krutz  
Lois Lovell  
Russell Smith

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**Meetings:** 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month  
at society rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre  
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## Computer Security and Scams

At our September meeting, Campbell Third from TSB explained how to spot various scams and what you can do to avoid them.

The various types of internet fraud and scams are a big issue. New Zealanders lost over \$200 million in 2023 and 2024 is looking worse already.

Things to watch out for:

- unexpected phone calls, texts, emails
- a sense of urgency
- request for remote access to your device
- links in texts
- asking for codes to “stop payments”.

Scammers can pretend to be from your bank, and ask you to tell them your bank details (password, account, etc). Real banks will never ask for this.

Things to do:

- lock your phone & computer with a password
- Install updates on your computer and phone
- choose strong, unique passwords, especially for your bank and email accounts
- use multi factor authentication if available
- don't tell anyone your card PIN
- use a good password manager
- If in doubt, stop, talk to someone

See more at the [TSB security tips](#) website.



The Salvation Army New Plymouth

## BOOK FAIR

10, 11, 12 October 2024

East End Skating Rink, Nobs Line, East End Beach, New Plymouth



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## Chairperson's Report

We are entering the last quarter of 2024. I cannot believe how fast this year is going.

At our committee meeting last Sunday we looked at our programme and have been able to organise our meeting presentations right out to April. And we have some great things planned to cover over the next few months. I must say I found our talk last month about the fraud stuff that's happening and the ways to combat being taken for a ride, very interesting and helpful.

Sharyn and I have started our Basics Computer Class. We are running weekly on a Thursday afternoon, starting at 1:30pm. Any member is welcome to come. This is not a genealogy-based class, but one that teaches how to use the functions on your computer that you probably didn't know existed, or how to use. I know many people are afraid of their computers – that they will find themselves somewhere they don't think they should be – this is one of the things we address with these lessons. Our first session last week was great, we had eight students, and I think they all left feeling they had learnt something. BTW if you are coming please bring a laptop (a tablet isn't the right tool for this class.)

This Tuesday we have Susanne Rawson coming to talk about preserving your heritage items. She is a Director and Senior Conservator for HPFS (Heritage Preservation, Field Support Solutions) which is based here in New Plymouth.

In November Russell Smith is giving us a talk on his journey to finding a Commonwealth War grave.

Then it is Christmas!!!! At this stage there probably won't be a Tuesday night meeting, but a BYO luncheon to be held on Saturday 14 December.

We will also be running our annual Christmas Raffle – so if you would like to donate to this, bring your things along at the next meetings or drop them off when the library is open. In case you've forgotten – that is Monday and Saturday 10am to 12 noon.

See you Tuesday night, 7.30pm!

Gail Tanner  
Society Chairperson

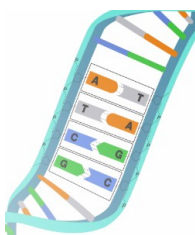
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## DNA Interest Group

Next meeting: Saturday 12 October

The September meeting covered aspects of relationships and clustering. The next meeting in October is going to be on the Saturday as I have something on that Sunday and the following one.

I will go over the clustering again and for those who did successfully cluster their four grandparent lines talk to them about the next step.



Sharyn Guthrie

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## Next month: Commonwealth War Graves

At our November meeting, Russell Smith will take us through his research about NZ RAF Sgt Harrison and the mission to find his grave in the Commonwealth War Cemetery at Ismailia, Egypt.



Russell's trip also included the Great Giza Plateau, Mediterranean coast and several other parts of Egypt. Come along to hear about exploration, history, pleasure with a few genealogy research websites thrown in.

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## RootsTech 2025

This is the biggest genealogy conference in the world, held annually at Salt Lake City, USA and available online.

RootsTech has presentations from some of the world's top genealogists and family history experts, as well as exhibits from the leading vendors. Three days of great genealogy presentations, which you can watch from your own home for free.

Next year, it is on from 6 to 8 March 2025.

You can [now register](#) for the online conference.



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## Scotland's People – New Website

The new look [Scotland's People website](#) remains the ultimate destination for searching Scottish records. With millions of records available, from statutory registers to church registers to census returns, you can continue to trace your Scottish roots from the comfort of your home.

The website has been redesigned to make it easier to search and with a streamlined certificate ordering process. There is a new help and support section.

Many record sets have been recently added, including church, taxation, employment and prison records.



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## Taranaki Media Archive – Screenings

Taranaki Media Archive has a screening at the Len Lye Cinema on 7 to 9 October for Taranaki Heritage Month 2024.

Tickets: \$10

Book at the Len Lye Cinema through the Govett Brewster Art Gallery. This can be done online through the website;

<https://govettbrewster.com/cinema/film/taranaki-nostalgia-on-film>



### Taranaki Nostalgia on film

October 7 – 9 2pm Len Lye Cinema book on – line



### Taranaki Heritage Month Taranaki Media Archive

The [Taranaki Media Archive](#) preserves historical video, audio and images from the Taranaki area.

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## Library Roster: October 2024

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

Sat 28 Sep Lea Bellini  
Mon 30 Sep Peter Hewett  
Sat 5 Oct Karen Crowe  
Mon 7 Oct Annette Larsen  
Sat 12 Oct Russell Smith  
Mon 14 Oct Charles Le Breton  
Sat 19 Oct Lea Bellini  
Mon 21 Oct Lorraine Austin  
Sat 26 Oct Jeff Grange  
Mon 28 Oct closed (Labour Day)  
Sat 2 Nov Karen Crowe  
Mon 4 Nov Charles Le Breton

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## Facebook

Facebook has been busy with all the different posts of webinars, website changes and YouTube video's to watch to help you in your genealogy research.

YouTube has a great new series of videos from Dana Leeds. These videos cover several different aspects showing you ways to use your DNA to help your research. Have a look.

Sharyn Guthrie

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## Christmas Hamper Raffle

The popular Christmas hamper raffle is being run again this year. Members are asked to donate non-perishable items for the raffle. Proceeds will be used to fund society activities.

Please bring along donated items to the rooms.

Raffle tickets will be on sale at society meetings.



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## Internet Connection

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



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

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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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## Library News

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Hawera, Hutt Valley, Matamata, Mosgiel, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papakura, Porirua, Riccarton, Wellington, Whanganui

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



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## 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).