



# NZSG New Plymouth Branch 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  
 Wednesday: 12 noon to 3 pm (Closed 6 February – Waitangi Day)  
 Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

## Our Branch Library

The New Plymouth branch has collected lots of resources useful to your family history research.

These include books, magazines, CDs, microfiche, computer databases and others. These cover Taranaki history as well as New Zealand and many foreign areas, particularly the UK.

When the rooms are open, a branch member is on duty to assist with use of these resources.

This is a great collection of resources, available right here in New Plymouth with more being added all the time. Be sure you take advantage of it for your research!



Next meeting: 7:00 pm Tuesday 5 Feb 2019

## Waireka Cemetery

The first branch meeting for 2019 will be on Tuesday 5 February 2019. To take advantage of the summer weather, this will be a trip to the Waireka cemetery near Omata.

This area has lots of history, and is close to the site of the Battle of Waireka. Branch member and local historian, Len Jury will lead the tour and explain some local history.

Parking is limited at the cemetery, so please meet up at the branch rooms by 7:00pm, so that we can car pool out to Waireka. And if you would like a lift from home, please get in touch and we will see if we can find someone near you who can provide a lift.



**Convenor:** Bruce Bellini 758 0130  
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**Meetings:** 7:30 pm, first Tuesday each month at branch 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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### Last Event: Healing the Past

The last branch meeting was on 4 December. We don't always have a meeting in December, so this was a Christmas bonus!

A video recording of *Who Do You Think You Are* was played, showing Rebecca Gibney finding out about her ancestors in Nelson and Taranaki. It included a moving piece about her visit to Parihaka, with her rendition of *Amazing Grace*.

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### Computer Group Meeting

The branch genealogy computer group meeting was held on Sunday 27 January 2019.

Ann Evans explained some large index databases that she has compiled. These are from various books which she has gone through, page by page, extracting names for the index. Some of these books focus on the Taranaki and Northland areas, and there are also many that cover all of New Zealand and the NZ military.

Murray Evans talked about the importance of doing a backup of your data. A computer hard drive can fail any time, and your data is lost if you don't have a backup. But you also need to check out how to restore from backup, as this is not always that easy.

On the same day, we discovered that one of the hard drives on one of the branch computers had failed. This rather proved Murray's point, and now we will get to see how good our backups have been.



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### Convenor's Report

Welcome to another year of Genealogy! I hope you have all had a good break over Christmas and New Year and are enjoying the hot weather we are experiencing at the moment.

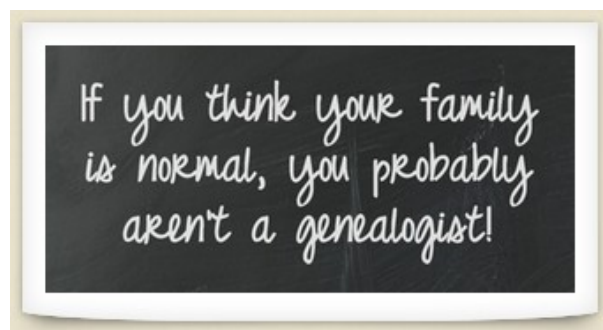
The very first meeting of the New Plymouth Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists was held in the Orange Lodge Hall on 20 November 1969. Ten persons were present with Mr White being elected Chairman and Rosalie Hay elected Secretary/ Treasurer. So this year 2019 is the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our branch!

A small committee was set up to organise a celebration for our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary before Christmas and we are busy making arrangements for our anniversary. They have decided that we will celebrate the occasion on 23 November 2019, the nearest Saturday to the actual date. So please put that date in your diary now and keep it free to attend our branch's special event.

We are inviting some well known people who have supported our branch over the years. Respected genealogist Jan Gow QSM has put the date in her diary, and said she is thrilled and honoured to be invited.

We will keep you updated with the details as the planning progresses in this, our newsletter.

Bruce Bellini  
Branch Convenor



## Family History Expo: 1 – 6 April 2019

The Hawera Genealogy Group are holding a week long Family History Expo from 1 to 6 April 2019 at the Hawera Community Centre, which will be open between 9am and 3pm each day. It will comprise a variety of events culminating in a family and local history expo with representation from all of Taranaki.

During the week, there will be cemetery walks, presentations in local libraries and museums. In the Community Hall on Saturday, there will be a Women's Suffragette Display, talks or presentations, photos, memorabilia, family histories, a display of machinery on the forecourt, and anything to do with family and local history of Taranaki. The South Taranaki District Council is proposing a display on Aunt Daisy around this time.

Our New Plymouth Branch will be represented promoting our Branch with our TBI and research information from our library, so come along and see what is there to help with your research.

## Legacy Users Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 10 February 2019 at the Branch Rooms from 1.30pm.

These sessions are hosted by Marilyn Armitstead and are aimed at helping you to better use the Legacy genealogy software.

The 2019 meetings are planned for 7 April, 9 June, 11 August and 6 October. There is no meeting in December.

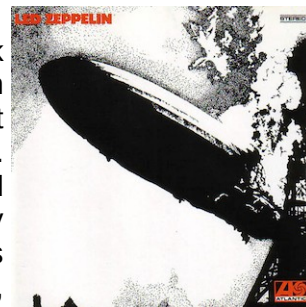
Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions.  
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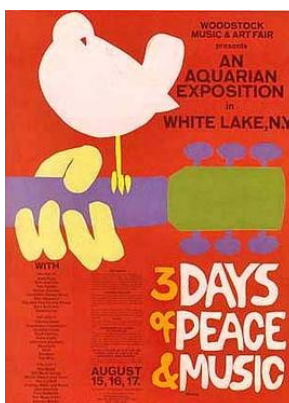
The beginning of our branch isn't the only important thing that happened in 1969. That year, the number 1 hit singles in New Zealand included:

- Diana Ross & Supremes: *Love Child*
- Bee Gees: *I Started a Joke*
- Beatles: *Get Back*
- Rolling Stones: *Honky Tonk Women*
- Shane: *Saint Paul*

Then unknown rock group Led Zeppelin released their first album, *Led Zeppelin*. Without a record company contract, they had to fund this recording themselves, but they followed up with some commercially very successful albums.



The last two of the Beatles albums *Let It Be* and *Abbey Road* were released in 1969. The band's final public performance was on the roof of



Apple Records in London, and the group split up soon afterwards.

The three day Woodstock music festival was held in New York state in August 1969. It was the first music festival of its type and is seen as pivotal in music history and in the counter culture generation.



### Library Roster: February

Monday 10 am to 12:30 pm  
Wednesday 12 noon to 3 pm  
Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Sat 2 Bruce & Lea Bellini  
Mon 4 Annette Larsen  
Wed 6 closed, Waitangi Day  
Sat 9 Karen Crowe  
Mon 11 Marilyn Armitstead  
Wed 13 Ailsa McCrone  
Sat 16 Elly Harrison  
Mon 18 Lorraine Austin  
Wed 20 Neville Richards  
Sat 23 Pat Croad  
Mon 25 Peter Winter  
Wed 27 Jill Jackson

### Internet Connection

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



Please consider Primowireless for your ISP. Ring them on 0800 123 774 or visit the website:

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

### Empty Printer Cartridges

Please bring your empty printer cartridges in to the branch rooms. These can be either ink jet or laser cartridges, but **we can only use HP or Canon types of cartridges.**

These will be recycled to generate some income for the branch.



### Library News

Magazines received;

Genealogist (Dec)

Family Tree (Xmas, Jan, Feb)

Who do you think you are (Dec, Jan, Feb)

Newsletters received;

Balclutha, Dunedin, Feilding, Gore, Hutt Valley, Papamoa, Porirua, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Southland, South Waikato, Wairarapa, Whanganui

If you would like an email copy of newsletters from another branch, please contact Peter Hewett. Many of the newsletters are also available from the NZSG website.

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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).

