



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
Saturday: 10 am to 12 noon

2019 Branch AGM

The branch Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 7 May. The formal notice of meeting was distributed to branch members with the April newsletter, along with a notice of motion regarding a rule change.

Nominations are open for committee members. The branch relies on volunteers to keep things running. We just need a few more people to join the committee. Please talk with any current committee member if you can help or have any questions.

Documents for the AGM (such as the financial report and minutes of the 2018 AGM) will be distributed to branch members with this newsletter.

AGM

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 7 May 2019

Biography Service

The guest speaker at our May meeting is Jenny Blyde who is the Family Support Services Manager for Hospice Taranaki. She is also coordinator and supervisor of the biography service.

All hospice patients are offered many support services, not just nursing and hospital care. One of those services is the opportunity to reflect on the events of their life and have memories published in book form to leave as a permanent treasure and resource for family and friends. These biographies are written with the help of trained Hospice volunteers and the service is free.



Convenor: Bruce Bellini 758 0130
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Committee: Lorraine Austin
Jill Jackson
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Last Event: Heritage Buildings

Our guest speaker for the April branch meeting was local man Ivan Bruce, who grew up on his parent's farm in Bell Block, where as a youngster finding a Maori pa on his parents farm fascinated him and kindled his interest in archaeology. After attending secondary school, he studied anthropology and classical studies at Otago University, gaining an honours degree before completing a masters degree at Auckland University.

Ivan began his presentation by explaining that buildings that were built before 1900 came under the Resource Management Act and the Historic Places Act, which means that an archaeology report had to be completed before the building could be demolished.

Another local man, Hamish Crimp, has as part of his university degree, identified 1800 houses in central New Plymouth that were built prior to 1900, and has uploaded information on these houses to the [local website Kete](#). Ivan pointed out that despite the requirements of the acts, 37 of those 1800 identified pre 1900 houses in central New Plymouth were demolished in the last year. He noted that at that rate it would not be long before there would be no pre 1900 houses left!

Ivan went on to describe the amount of information that archaeologists gathered prior to the demolition of the [Small cottage](#) in Pendarves Street, recently. Because of the short notice that he was given of that demolition, he was unable to completely explore the house and site as well as he would have liked.

Finally Ivan described the better outcome that was achieved with the [Fishleigh Cottage](#) in Aubrey St, where the developer wanted to demolish the cottage. However after discussions with the developer, he agreed to leave the cottage standing and subdivided it off, thus enabling him to complete his development, without demolishing the cottage. Ivan described the type of building methods that had been used in the construction of the original cottage and how it had been extended in the 1900s.

Bruce Bellini

Convenor's Report

Our branch members will be pleased to know that we have received the money that we had applied for from the TSB Community Trust recently. My wife and I spent a busy Easter, taking advantage of the Easter Sales to purchase a new data projector, laptop computer and desk top computer for the branch. This equipment has to be set up and programs installed before it can be put into use, but I am sure that this will not take too long to do.

On behalf of our branch I would like to sincerely record our thanks to the TSB Community Trust for supporting our branch in this way.

Those people who use our Branch Library will have noticed that we have gained a rather large microfilm/ microfiche reader. This has been donated to the branch by Puke Ariki and I would like to record our thanks to them for passing it on to us.

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

Financial Accounts for AGM

Our newsletter is sent to members by email. This month, the email also includes documents for the AGM, including the full financial accounts (Performance Report) for the year ended 31 March 2019. This report is rather extensive but the pages of interest to you will be pages 3, 4 and 6. It is suggested you look at these three pages and bring any questions you have to the AGM on Tuesday.

Lea Bellini

TSB Community Trust Grant

The TSB Community Trust has generously awarded a grant to our branch to fund upgrading of technology. This grant will be used to purchase a data projector, laptop and computer which will replace the somewhat aged equipment that is currently in use.

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Branch 50th Anniversary

We are celebrating the 50th anniversary of our branch on Saturday 23 November 2019, so keep that date free.

Planning is progressing well with our 50th anniversary and I can advise that Mary Shadbolt, NZSG Chairperson together with well known genealogist Jan Gow Q.S.M. have confirmed their attendance at our celebrations.

We have booked the Autolodge Motor Inn for the celebratory dinner. We are hoping to have the full programme finalised and a downloadable programme and registration form available on our website later this month.



Bruce Bellini

Legacy Users Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 9 June 2019 at the Branch Rooms from 1.30pm. These sessions are hosted by Marilyn Armitstead and cover topics about the use of the Legacy genealogy software.

The other 2019 meetings are planned for 11 August and 6 October. Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions. Phone: 757 2599 or email g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz

Computer Group Meeting

The next genealogy computer group meeting will be held on Sunday 19 May 2019.

This is a general discussion and help session, covering anything vaguely related to genealogy and computers. Bring along your problems, questions and exciting finds!



Those Grey Index Trolleys

Some of you may recall the project we had in the late 1990s of creating index cards for some of the records we held in the branch library, well before we had the rooms we are in now. This started before the commencement of the Taranaki Biographical Index (TBI). We had many willing helpers to write these cards which we then checked.

It is estimated that there were about 20,000 cards created by many branch members. I still have a record of those who helped with the St Joseph Catholic Church baptisms and also the NP Methodist Church marriages. Some are still current branch members. It was great to see so many pool together to help.

Anyway, times are changing so of the 20,000 cards, approximately 13,000 had already been re-indexed for the TBI. So I have electronically indexed the remaining 7,000 odd, had them checked and they were added to the TBI in the last update.

The message is that there are no longer any cards in the three trolleys. The information is now available in the TBI, available on the computer in the branch rooms.

Lea Bellini

Descendants of Benjamin Wells

Benjamin Wells was the author of *The History of Taranaki*, published in 1878. Our branch has received an email from Fay Bartlett who has compiled research on the Wells family history. She would like to provide this research to any descendant of Benjamin Wells who is currently researching the family. If you can help us put Fay in contact with a descendant, please let Lee Bellini know.



Library Roster: May

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

Wed 1 Ailsa McCrone
Sat 4 Karen Crowe
Mon 6 Charles Le Breton
Wed 8 Pat Croad
Sat 11 Neville Richards
Mon 13 Annette Larsen
Wed 15 Lorraine Austin
Sat 18 Bruce & Lea Bellini
Mon 20 Neville Richards
Wed 22 Jill Jackson
Sat 25 Elly Harrison
Mon 27 Pat Croad
Wed 29 Fay Eaton

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

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;

Family Tree (April)

Genealogist (April)



Newsletters received;

Balclutha, Feilding, Gore, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papamoa, Riccarton, South Canterbury, Southland, South Waikato, Wairarapa, Wellington

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.

www.genealogy.org.nz/branches--area-contacts_55

Newsletter

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

