



# 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

## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

This year, our branch is celebrating our 50 year anniversary on 23 November.

There will be speakers at the branch rooms on the Saturday afternoon and a celebratory evening dinner at the Autolodge. On Sunday, there will be presentations on genealogy and computers at the branch rooms.

Book now for the dinner using the form on the [branch website](#).



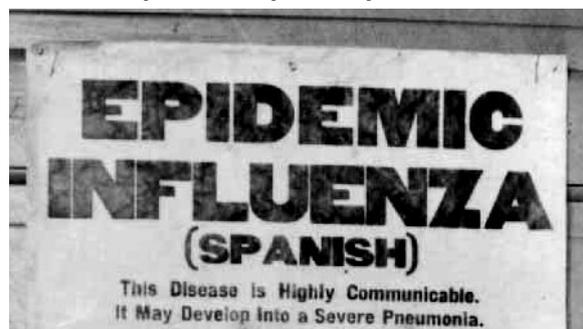
Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 6 Aug 2019

## Spanish Flu

The influenza pandemic of 1918 to 1920 was a world wide flu pandemic, with approximately 500 million people infected, resulting in 50 to 100 million deaths.

Also known as the Spanish Flu, it had a major effect New Zealand with approximately 9,000 deaths.

At our August branch meeting, Jackie Sewell will describe the Spanish flu in New Zealand. With such widespread impact, the Spanish flu touched many families and is probably relevant to your family history.



**Convenor:** Bruce Bellini 758 0130  
**Secretary:** Jackie Sewell  
**Treasurer:** Lea Bellini  
**Committee:** Lorraine Austin  
Graham Cowling  
Jill Jackson  
Annette Larsen  
Neville Richards  
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### Last Event: On Top of the World!

At our June meeting Sharon Guthrie made some of us jealous as she took us on a whistle-stop tour of her travels, aptly titled, "30 months on Top of the World". After 22 years working at New Plymouth Base Hospital, she felt the need for a change and a rest. She and her husband were eligible for an ancestry visa for the UK, so Sharon was able to do locum work over there. She was able to combine this locum work, which was in several places, with the opportunity to travel widely. She and her husband were able to check out places where their families came from. A highlight for Sharon was attending a live *Who Do you Think You Are* in Birmingham. In 2018 she attended another conference: My Heritage Live. This was held in Oslo.

Sharon had 20 months working at a hospital in Orkney, Scotland and was amazed how many people there had a New Zealand connection.

Sharon told us about her DNA experience. She has had her DNA tested with a number of sites. But we were warned that DNA is not enough. One still has to do the research. DNA helps you verify your paper trail. Immigration helps one to find other lines of the family. There is also now a facility to transfer your DNA findings to other websites.

We were told to check out other things on the web, eg. webinars, podcasts, YouTube etc.

Thank you, Sharon, for such a well-presented and illustrated talk and the chance to see something of your travels. Some of us are mainly arm-chair travellers these days!

Annette Larsen

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### Next Event: 3 September 2019

We are planning a quiz night for our September meeting. This is designed to be fun and educational, and will involve a couple of different quizzes.

The planned topics include old occupations, ailments and how good a genealogist are you? And there will be some spot prizes on the night.

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### Convenor's Report

I wish to thank Neville for recently arranging a social get together for our Committee members at the Urenui Old Town Hall Cafe and Tea Room. We had a very relaxed and enjoyable English luncheon and found our host Jo to be very friendly. The food was excellent and we were encouraged to join in the atmosphere and wear a hat of our choice.



A reminder that we will have an Extraordinary General Meeting preceding our branch meeting on Tuesday evening which should only take a few minutes to complete. This formal meeting is necessary to formalise the transition of Branch Treasurer from Lea to Gail.

Thanks,

Bruce Bellini  
Branch Convenor



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## Branch 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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



Our keynote speakers are Mary Shadbolt, NZSG Chairperson and well known genealogist Jan Gow Q.S.M.

Information on the anniversary events is available on the [branch website](#). This website page has a downloadable programme and registration form. [Register now using the booking form](#).

On the Saturday, there will be presentations about genealogy and the history of our branch at the branch rooms. The celebratory dinner will be held at the Autolodge Motor Inn on the Saturday evening. On Sunday, presentations on genealogy and computers will be made at the branch rooms.

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## Computer Group Meeting

The genealogy computer group held an afternoon meeting on Sunday 21 July 2019.



As usual, it was a fairly informal session and this time we discussed ancestry.com. Sharyn Guthrie showed us some tips and tricks with using the features available on the website. She also showed us the DNA matching can be done in ancestry.com.

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## Legacy Users Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 11 August 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 last of the Legacy meetings planned for 2019 meetings will be on 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](mailto:g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz)

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## Kilbirnie Branch: Cyndi Ingle

Date: Tuesday 13 August 2019

Venue: ASB Sports Centre, 72 Kemp St, Kilbirnie, Wellington

Cyndi Ingle is an award winning genealogist and creator of the famous [Cyndi's list](#) (that massive collection of genealogy links).

1:30pm a guided tour of Cyndi's list 2.0

3:00pm Be your own digital archivist: Preserve your research

Admission: \$10 per person

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## Gale Newspaper Archive Bundle

Puke Ariki has a subscription to the [Gale Newspaper Archive Bundle](#). This provides access to over 200 titles including 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century Burney Newspaper Collection, Times Digital Archive, Sunday Times Digital Archive, British Library Newspapers, Daily Mail Historical Archive, 19<sup>th</sup> century US newspapers, and others.

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## A lift, please

Is anyone able to provide a lift to branch meetings for a member from Fitzroy? If you are able to help, please talk with Bruce Bellini or any committee member.

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## Funeral Sheets

Our branch library collects funeral sheets as part of our local historical record. If you have any spare funeral sheets, please leave them at our branch rooms.



## Library Roster: August

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

Sat 3 Bruce & Lea Bellini  
Mon 5 Charles Le Breton  
Wed 7 Ailsa McCrone  
Sat 10 Neville Richards  
Mon 12 Lorraine Austin  
Wed 14 Sharyn Guthrie  
Sat 17 Karen Crowe  
Mon 19 Annette Larsen  
Wed 21 Fay Eaton  
Sat 24 Janice Goldsworthy  
Mon 26 Peter Winter  
Wed 28 Jill Jackson  
Sat 31 Neville Richards

For those new to genealogy and/or want help knocking down those brick walls, this is an excellent time and place to have our experts help you. Our helpers can show you what is available in the library and how to go about finding what you are looking for.

## Internet Connection

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



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[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.



## Cemetery Transcriptions

Headstone transcriptions of many local cemeteries are available on our [website](#). The online pages now have maps showing plot and block layouts for several of the cemeteries.

This is part of our branch project to update the transcriptions that were made in the 1980s.

## Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (August)

Who Do You Think You Are  
(Summer)



Newsletters received;

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

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](http://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](mailto:peter.hewett@gmail.com).

