



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

EGM

Our branch held an Extraordinary General Meeting on Tuesday 6 August.

At the AGM, the branch voted on some changes to our branch officer and committee positions.

Gail Tanner was elected at branch treasurer
Lea Bellini was elected to branch committee

E.G.M.

Next meeting: 7:30 pm Tuesday 3 Sep 2019

Quiz Night

Our September meeting is a quiz night!

This has been specially designed to be fun and educational, prepared by our local genealogical quiz master.

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

Come along for fun and learning.



Convenor: Bruce Bellini 758 0130
Secretary: Jackie Sewell
Treasurer: Gail Tanner
Committee: Lorraine Austin
Lea Bellini
Graham Cowling
Jill Jackson
Annette Larsen
Neville Richards

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at branch rooms, Moturoa Shopping Centre
access is off the Whiteley Street car park
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Last Event: Spanish Flu

At our August meeting, Jackie Sewell gave us a presentation on the Spanish flu in October and November of 1918.

This pandemic was the worst in recorded history, world-wide. In New Zealand, it killed 9,000 people in 6 weeks. Compare that with WW1, which killed 18,000 people in four years.

In some towns, the death rate was up to 80%. Up to half the New Zealand population was infected, causing major disruption to businesses and services. A lot of offices, shops and government services were closed. This included hospitals, as the doctors and nurses were sick with the flu. Also, fire stations, post office, police and factories were affected. This led to shortages of food and supplies.

New Zealand's first female doctor, Dr Margaret Cruickshank, worked tirelessly caring for flu patients at Waimate, but died of the flu herself.



Next Event: 1 October 2019

Jacq Dwyer, President of the Patea Historical Society will be speaking about the society and Ian Church's new Taranaki Land Wars history book 'Salutary Punishment'. Two Maori tribes, Pakakohi and Parihaka, had members sent to prison in Dunedin for treason in 1869-72 and 1879-81. Their very interesting stories are told.

Convenor's Report

Hello,

Planning for our Branch 50th Anniversary is progressing well and I am pleased to advise that past convenors Heather Murdoch-Hall and Noeline Carey will be travelling from Auckland and Wellington to join us for the celebrations in November. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with current and past members.

We have had the carpets cleaned at our branch rooms recently. Sadly it has not taken out all of the stains, however the carpet is now 17 years old and rather tired. Thanks to committee member Graeme Cowling for organising the cleaning.

I see from [PapersPast](#) that there are new additions to their collection (August 2019). They are:

- Ashburton Guardian (1922-1950)
- Industrial Unionist (1913)
- Wairarapa Daily Times (1920-Mar 1938)

Cheers,

Bruce Bellini
Branch Convenor

UK Probates and Wills

The cost of purchasing UK probates and wills that were proved after 1858  has dropped from £10 to £1.50 for downloaded copies. There are instructions at the website:

www.gov.uk/search-will-probate

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.



Branch 50th Anniversary

We are celebrating the 50th 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.

Computer Group Meeting

The next genealogy computer group meeting will be at 1:30pm on Sunday 8 September 2019.



Please let us know of any questions or requested topics. Otherwise, Bruce and Peter will pick one!

Legacy Users Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 6 October 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.

Please contact Marilyn Armitstead for further information or if you have any questions.
Phone: 757 2599 or email g.armitstead@xtra.co.nz



The beginning of our branch wasn't the only important thing that happened in 1969.

The Auckland harbour bridge was opened in 1959 as a four lane bridge. In 1969, it was widened to eight lanes.



This was also the time of the war in Vietnam, and New Zealand's part in this was quite controversial at the time.



Library Roster: September

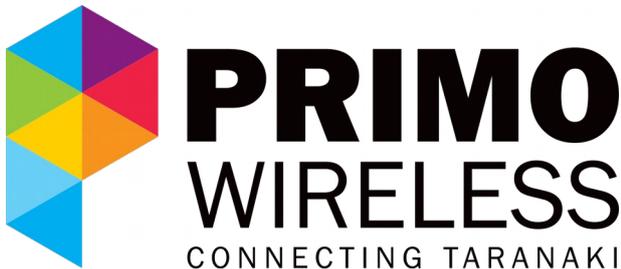
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Mon 2 Charles Le Breton
Wed 4 Jill Jackson
Sat 7 Karen Crowe
Mon 9 Sharyn Guthrie
Wed 11 Ailsa McCrone
Sat 14 Janice Goldsworthy
Mon 16 Lorraine Austin
Wed 18 Sharyn Guthrie
Sat 21 Lea & Bruce Bellini
Mon 23 Annette Larsen
Wed 25 Fay Eaton
Sat 28 Neville Richards
Mon 30 Peter Winter

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.



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.



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.

Recently, the headstone transcriptions for the [Waitara cemetery](#) have been uploaded.

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

Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (Sept)

Genealogist (Aug)

Who Do You Think You Are (Aug)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Fielding, Gore, Hutt Valley, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Papamoa, Southland, South Canterbury, 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



Newsletter

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

