



NZSG New Plymouth Branch Newsletter



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Unite against COVID-19

Play it safe – be kind

Branch events have resumed
Branch rooms are open; Saturday 10 to noon

New Zealand Government

LEVEL 1 New Zealand is currently at Alert Level 1.

2020 Branch AGM

The branch AGM was held on 7 July 2020. The main outcomes are:

Convenor: Gail Tanner

Treasurer: Sharyn Guthrie

Secretary: Jackie Sewell

Committee: Annette Larsen, Lea Bellini, Bruce Bellini, Karen Crowe

Librarian: Marilyn Armitstead

Newsletter: Peter Hewett

Cemeteries project: Pat George.

The branch subscriptions and door charge will remain the same for the 2020/21 year.

Next meeting: 7:00pm Tues 4 Aug 2020

Eagars Funerals

Our August event is a site visit to Eagars Funerals. This will include a tour of the whole funeral home and chapel. If they do not have any guests in, we could see the morgue.

With genealogy, records of deaths, funerals and burials provide vital data for our research. Come along and learn a bit more about how a modern funeral home functions. There will also be a question time.

Please note the earlier meeting time: 7:00 pm.

Meet at their office, 172 Lemon Street near the entrance to the Te Henui cemetery.



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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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Convenor's Report

Welcome, finally, to the new Genealogical Year. Our AGM has finally been held, and now is the time to renew your membership.

I'd like to welcome a couple of new – old faces on to the committee. Sharyn Guthrie has kindly stepped into the Treasurer's role to replace me, and Karen Crowe is back again for her fourth? stint. While Bruce has stood down as Convenor, he and Lea remain on the committee along with Annette Larsen and Jackie Sewell.

We've had four people stand down from the committee this year and I'd like to thank Jill Jackson, Lorraine Austin, Neville Richards and Graham Cowling for all their hard work helping with the library, indexing, promotions and our cups of tea.

The committee numbers have dropped from nine to seven, but by dividing up the jobs I'm sure we can still function efficiently.

Over the next couple of months, I plan to survey you all to see how you think we are doing as a group. Your feedback is important to help us grow and improve our services to members. One idea I'd like to look at is maybe having daytime meetings. So, please, if you have any suggestions, don't be shy about sharing them with me.

This Tuesday we are visiting Eagers Funeral Services at Te Henui, where we will be shown around. It should be interesting. But don't forget it's at the earlier time of 7pm at their place just inside the gates of Te Henui Cemetery.

Gail Tanner
Branch Convenor

Next month's meeting: 1 September 2020

Our next branch event is all about our branch library. We have an extensive range of electronic and printed resources to help you with your genealogy research. The focus is on New Plymouth and Taranaki historical records, but we also have lots of material on New Zealand, the UK, and other locations.

Come along and learn a bit about what records are stowed away on the shelves, and how these can help you with your research.

Last Meeting

At our July meeting, local historian and journalist Jim Tucker and his wife Lyn talked about the family books that they compile for people. They explained how they researched for some of the families they worked with, and some ways they have for presenting the results.

With his experience as newspaper editor at Taranaki Herald, Sunday Sun and other NZ newspapers, Jim talked a bit about the current state of print media in NZ. He continues to write articles for the *Daily News*. You can check out more of Jim's work on his website: jimtucker.media.



Branch Subscriptions

The branch subscriptions are now due for the 2020/21 year. The AGM determined to keep these are the same rates as previous years.

- \$35 single membership
- \$45 double membership
- \$25 living outside Taranaki

The subscriptions are used for branch funds, such as rent, power, etc. Please pay your subs now using the [subscription form](#) from our website. You can fill this in on your computer and pay by bank transfer. Payment details are on the form. Please remember to send an email to Sharyn when you make your payment: sharynjguthrie@gmail.com.

Help with Library Duty

Can you help by volunteering for our library roster? We need a few more people so that we can open the rooms on more days. Training is provided, and it is typically just one session a month.

This is a great way to meet people and be more involved in our branch. For further information, just talk with any committee member.



Library Roster: August

Saturday 10 am to 12 noon

Sat 1 Aug Annette Larsen

Sat 8 Aug Gail Tanner

Sat 15 Aug Bruce & Lea Bellini

Sat 22 Aug Karen Crowe

Sat 29 Aug Sharyn Guthrie



Please observe these COVID-19 rules at the branch rooms.

- Please don't come to the rooms if you have any symptoms (dry cough, short of breath, fever, recent overseas travel).
- Wash your hands and any surfaces you touch.
- Bring your own pen, paper, laptop, etc.
- Ensure your name is recorded in the attendance book.

Our branch rooms are open for branch events and on Saturday mornings, 10am to noon.

Computer Group Meeting

At the genealogy computer group meeting on 19 July, Sharyn Guthrie talked about using Ancestry DNA for genealogy research.



This included the basics of DNA, and why it is important to get your siblings and older relatives tested.

Like other DNA services, Ancestry shows you a list of your DNA matches. Making sense of these can be difficult, and Sharyn showed us her technique for cataloguing and colour tagging matches so that you can get them better organised.

The internet links and books that Sharyn referred to in her talk are listed on the branch website.

genealogynp.com/DNA.html

Internet Connection

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

Based right here in Taranaki, Primowireless provides internet connections and ISP services for residential and business customers. As well as the usual ADSL and fibre connections, Primowireless also provides broadband internet over a wireless link for customers who are not in an area served by the other types of internet. This is just great for people who live outside the main centres.



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Library News

Magazines received;

Family Tree (July August)

Genealogist (February)

Newsletters received;

Canterbury, Gore, Hawera, Hawkes Bay, Hutt Valley, Kapiti, Nelson, Otaki, Palmerston North, Riccarton, 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.

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.

