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## AWARDS CEREMONY

At our November meeting Convenor Bill McKeich presented a number of awards to members who had given special service to the Branch over the years. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to Barry Thomson, Meryl Opie, Gerald Twiss and Deborah Shuker, for their invaluable service over many years.

Barry has been involved in IT advice and set up our website;

Meryl has had a range of duties and runs the round robin magazine schedule;

Gerald is active in research help and running an interest group; Deborah too runs another interest group and is always a willing contributor to activities.

Sue Greene and Derek Griffis received Life Memberships, whose citations follow.

### Sue Greene:

This Life Membership recognises the outstanding service Sue Greene has given to the Kapiti Branch, NZSG and as a genealogist for many years. Sue's close encounter with the Branch was cemented in 2004 when the independent Kapiti Genealogy Computer Group, merged with the Branch. She and a number of colleagues from that group were co-opted on to the Branch Committee. This merger created what is now the Computer

Friendly Group of which she remains Convenor.

Her Committee position continued through to 2010, in the later years adding the portfolio of Research Officer and responsibility for Projects. Sue remains the Branch Research Officer.

She served a period as Editor of the Branch Newsletter. When the Branch decided to launch its "Why You Are You" programme in 2008, Sue was an enthusiastic member of the fledgling production team. Her role as the principal research agent has continued and her skills of investigation and family history presentation have made an invaluable contribution to the success of this Branch and NZSG activity.

Sue has never failed to provide help to the Branch wherever it is needed. Her skills have been generously given to the development of the Alison Procter Family History Centre computer systems where she has been constantly on hand to install, monitor and assist in the smooth running of that facility.

Sue Greene has been a willing and experienced contributor to the activities of the Branch and we welcome this opportunity to recognise them.

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**This month's meeting: Tuesday 22 January**

**"A Picture tells a Thousand Words".**

**Bring along your favourite picture on a memory stick or CD and give a 5min resume of why you have chosen it.**

## Awards Ceremony ctd

### Derek Griffis:

This Life Membership recognises the outstanding service Derek Griffis has given to the Kapiti Branch, NZSG and as a genealogist for many years.

Derek became Secretary of the Branch at the AGM in 2003 and shortly afterwards added the responsibility of Research Officer to his list of duties. He introduced a new rigour to the Secretary position as a stickler for precise records and protocols. His insistence on maintenance of archival material will hold the Branch in good stead for many years to come. He stepped down from the Secretary and Research Officer portfolios at the end of 2008 for health reasons, but remained on the Committee as Assistant Secretary to April 2009 and then Communication Assistant through to April 2011.

Earning a well earned break from Committee work, Derek has continued to offer his services off Committee. Until very

recently he has been a proof reader of the newsletter, the creator and purveyor of the All Points Bulletin and operated the Help Desk at monthly meetings. His editorial rigour is mirrored in his very thorough approach to genealogy.

His personal delivery of the newsletter and other documents to Branch snail mailers is legendary. Rain, sleet or sun, Derek is a familiar sight on his frequent brisk walks across the district, a credit to not only his fitness but to the postage savings for the Branch.

Throughout this time Derek has maintained his genealogy research which has included an extensive collection of records of illegitimacies in New Zealand, the results of which are being developed as a NZSG repository.

We welcome this opportunity to recognise the contribution this intrepid genealogist has made to the Branch.

## Convenor's comment

First of all I am sure you will all join with me in congratulating Kapiti Genealogy Branch Member Bev Chappell on her being made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit. Apart from all those voluntary positions recently listed in "The Observer" Bev has been a hard working member of the Kapiti Genealogy Committee for many years and many of you will have met her on Wednesday mornings at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre helping new genealogists discover their family roots. Well done Bev. A most deserved award. Good to see the quiet achievers being recognized.

Our last Branch meeting for 2012 was a great occasion with the KCC hall filled to capacity. We even ran

out of glasses. The address by Emerson Vandy when he outlined the recent innovations in the use of Papers Past was well received by those attending. I went home and spent until well past midnight making further use of the site.

Our first Branch Meeting for 2013 on 22 January promises to be equally as interesting. The subject is "A Picture Tells a Thousand words". You are asked to bring along a photo and share its story with everyone else. If you wish to make use of technology the data projector will be available and also our Programme Co-ordinator Kathy Callaghan has indicated that if a photo is emailed to her she will place it on a flash drive and you can share the photo with it projected onto the screen. I unfortunately will not be attending this

meeting since I have an appointment with a surgeon on January 22<sup>nd</sup> and will be recuperating overnight in Wakefield Hospital.

I am reminded that recently we have had some interesting articles published in our Newsletter telling some wonderful family stories.

If you have something of interest – and what part of our family's history isn't interesting, please email it to : [editor@kapitigen.org](mailto:editor@kapitigen.org)

Well that's all for this month. Don't forget to make yourself aware of the programme which has been prepared for the year and is on [our website](#). In the meantime Happy Hunting.

Bill McKeich  
Convenor

### Online News:

Ancestry now has **UK, Outward Passenger Lists, 1890-1960** (previously only available online via FindmyPast. [Chris Paton's](#) blog adds that the collection includes sailing from across Britain, and the whole of Ireland prior to Partition, with sailings for Northern Ireland only from 1922 onwards. Also noted in Ancestry "New records": [UK, Commonwealth War Graves, 1914-1921 and 1939-1947](#), (freely available from the CWGC website, but useful to have elsewhere), [New Zealand, Registered Ships & Owners, 1840-1950](#), [New Zealand, White Wings, 1924, 1928 \(Volumes 1 & 2\)](#), [New Zealand, Auckland, Chapman's Gazetteer, 1867](#); FamilySearch is always added indexes, many with images attached, some with links to where images can be found - eg Manchester records indexed, images on FindMyPast.

## Another award



Kapiti Branch member, Beverley Chappell has been made a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit in the New Year's Honours List. The Kapiti Observer of 7 Jan 2013 reported the following:

"Beverley Chappell, a nurse and midwife for 43 years, said she was surprised to receive the letter from the Governor General's office in October telling her of the nomination.

In Kapiti she works a raft of voluntary positions including Meals on Wheels, Civil Defence Emergency Welfare, Save the Children and the Parkinson's Society.

Part of the reason for the work came down to the "wonderful role models" in the community where she has lived for 16 years.

"I think that comes from my philosophy in life, and my values. As a nurse it was always [about] the health and welfare, whether it was the small frail newborns or the elderly people."

Her work with older people includes membership in the Ministerial Advisory Council for Senior Citizens from 1997 to 2002.

She helped develop the Positive Ageing Strategy, the Retirement Village Code of Practice and Enduring Power of Attorney."

We however know Bev as the stalwart for the Wednesday morning help sessions and a dedicated committee member for a number of years.

The award is a well deserved recognition of the many hours of voluntary service to the community.

## Local BMD records offer more

The Lost Cousins newsletter (<http://www.lostcousins.com/>) reminds us of the usefulness of the UKBMD website (<http://www.ukbmd.org.uk/index.php>) with it's links to all of the local BMD projects in England & Wales - it's an easy way to find out whether local indexes of births, marriages, and deaths exist for the areas where your ancestors lived.

Remember that although the GRO indexes cover the whole

country, local indexes are still relevant. Some events don't appear in the GRO indexes or are grossly misrepresented.

Local GRO indexes however sometimes include additional fields that aren't recorded in the GRO indexes (eg the spouse's surname, or the mother's maiden name prior to when they appear in the GRO indexes).

## YURU Report

Our 2012 production of Why You Are You was on the move in early December with two shows at Inglewood's Cue Theatre to appreciative audiences.

While some hardy genealogists were present, there was much interest from others in finding out how to start their ancestral journeys with the NZSG display well used and questions about how to join up. Local theatre buffs welcomed Dame Kate Harcourt into their midst.

There was much interest too in the social history of immigration with comments from some that they had not

fully understood the consequences of the "clearances" in Scotland or the industrial revolution.

A review of the Inglewood production and details of the forthcoming Masterton production of "Virtues From the Past" can be found on our web site <http://KapitiGen.org>

On February 16, Harlequin Theatre, Masterton hosts "Virtues From the Past" with two performances at 3pm and 7.30pm.

Tickets: <http://www.dashtickets.co.nz/>

Daytime FH Interest Group of Waikanae Chartered Club, Elizabeth Street, Waikanae

Contact Hanley Hoffmann: [hdhoffmann "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:hdhoffmann@paradise.net.nz) Tel: 04 9043276

Disclaimer: This group has no affiliation to Kapiti Branch of NZSG

## From the Committee

### Welcome

We welcome two new members since our last newsletter: Ann ARNOLD and Sheila JOLLEY

### This month's meeting:

#### Tuesday 22 January

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start

Supper roster: **A-E**

The Committee draws your attention to the New Initiatives which are described elsewhere in this issue.

Remember that our computers at the APFHC now have access to FamNet on them. This will allow you to see all of the site and data (but not allow you to

create a family tree or do anything requiring you be identified given this is public access).

Our thanks to Blanche Charles for the splendid effort she did with producing the Newsletter over the past few months and for allowing us to continue to use the template she developed. As you know it was for a trial period but unfortunately her other commitments meant that she was not able to continue.

This issue and subsequent issues until the end of April will be put together by an Editorial Committee comprising Clive Palmer, Lorna Henderson and Bill McKeich.

From May, Bill will take on the position of Newsletter editor with the help of other members of the Branch.

As always, any newsletter is dependent on the support of the members, so please send your contributions to [editor "at" kapitigen.org](mailto:editor@kapitigen.org).

They will be welcome.

**Deadline for next month's  
newsletter contributions :  
Saturday 9 February**

## Computer Interest Group

### Kapiti Computer Friendly User Group

The aim of this group is to help members with their genealogy on computers.

We are a diverse group with many members having different levels of expertise in genealogy, genealogy programs, web sites, and use of computers.

The meetings are informal and all members of the Kapiti branch are welcome to attend.

To see the programme set for 2013, go to the branch web site at <http://www.kapitigen.org/> click on Programme, then click on Interest and User groups.

At the start of each meeting we have a general question and answer time

where members can ask about their computer related genealogy problems.

There is a door charge of \$2 to cover costs.

This is a chance for members to seek help with some of the problems with computers and genealogy when there is not enough time to deal with these at the main branch meetings.

## Marking the Centenary of the Commencement of WWI

Some time in the late 1990s when a building in Cuba Street, Wellington, was being renovated, approximately 3000 glass plate negatives were found in a cupboard. These were from the photography studio of Berry and Company, who had the building purpose-built in 1900.

The glass plate negatives have found their way into the specialised care of the Museum of New Zealand, Te Papa Tongarewa, in Wellington. The plates are named and approximately ninety of

them are of WWI soldiers including some with their wives and families. It is assumed the photos were taken before the soldiers left NZ for the various overseas theatres of war and that the subjects are not necessarily all from Wellington.

As a special project to commemorate the centenary of the commencement of World War I, before July of 2014 Te Papa is hoping to confirm the identity of all the soldiers, learn of their military careers and what happened to them.

The portraits have been digitised and appear in the 'Collections Online' section of the Te Papa website.

Check [www.tepapa.govt.nz](http://www.tepapa.govt.nz) and you may find a member of your family. Te Papa's Photography Curator, Lynette Townsend will be grateful to receive any information that may assist her and you may be lucky and find a photograph of a member of your family that you could not identify or were previously unaware of. Denice McCarten

## Dates for your diary

### Kapiti Genealogy

#### Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Level 1 Paraparaumu Library

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pak 'n Save Hall, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Tuesday 22nd January (KCC): Our **monthly meeting** this month bring a photo and talk for 5 mins about why it is important to you.

Saturday 2nd February (APFHC): First of the new monthly **Members Only Personal Research** sessions - volunteers on hand to help.

Tues 26th February (KCC): Monthly meeting - Jean Bryson answering your questions on "Old fashioned medical terms and diseases". Bring death certificates and documents to interpret.

Every Wednesday 10 to noon (from 16th January): Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. Now with six computers available. Public and members welcome.

#### Interest Group meetings (see [Programme](#)>[Interest Groups on our website for further details](#))

Saturday 9 February : **Irish** group (APFHC) 10am.

Monday 11 February : **Computer** group (KCC) 7:30pm. Scotlands People.

Thursday 14 February : **Australian** group (APFHC) 10am.

Saturday 23 February : **Family Tree Maker** 9:30am (KCC)

Saturday 23 February : **Legacy** 12:30pm (KCC)

#### Events around our region

Wednesday 16 January: **Connelly Hall** 7:30pm Origins of Highlandism \$2 for non Wellington Branch members (see "Scots awae" post on our website for further details)

Do remember to check [our website](#) regularly as we often receive notices of interest to our members between newsletters and many are posted online there for your information (see Recent Changes box on the top right hand side).

## New Initiatives

Our 2013 programme is now available to view on the website.

There are some exciting things happening with guest speakers, specialist sessions and two new initiatives. Check for updates regularly.

**MOPS (Members Only Personal Session).** If you can't make it to the library on a Wed morning, then once a month (usually the 1st Sat), we will have a session for members only at the APFHC (Alison Procter Family History Centre).

1 – 3pm. Check programme for dates. Facilitators will be available to assist. Our Wednesday morning sessions are open to the public as part of our agreement with KCDC

Libraries but they can get very busy. So this will be another opportunity for members to have their own time out at APFHC. First MOPS is Saturday 2 February 1pm to 3pm at APFHC.

**B2B (Back to Basics).** We will be holding 2 session during the year (March and September) on the basics of Family History. These will be held at the Kapiti Community Centre, 10am – 4pm. You will need to register for these sessions and there will be a small charge. First B2B session is Saturday 16 March from 10am to 4pm at KCC. Make a diary note now.

How many NZ Shipping records have you indexed since Heidi's talk back in July?  
Information and links can be found on our [webpages](#) under the Tag "Shipping (NZ)"



### Branch meetings: 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 7pm, supper / research  
7:30pm, meeting start

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,  
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

### Branch fundraiser - Used ink cartridges

The Branch collects used ink and toner cartridges for recycling: Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson & Brother. Bring your old cartridges to Derek at a branch meeting, put them in a box in the locked metal cabinets at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek's letter-box: 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae.

### Computer Password at the APFHC

APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the drawer key from help desk. We also request that you sign the log book in the drawer - such statistics help us when applying for grants such as those that allowed us to add the two new computers.

**Next Branch meeting**

**(26 February)**

**Dr Jean Bryson:**

*"Old fashion medical terms  
and diseases"*

### Branch Committee

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Email links above are clickable, remove one of the @ symbols to send.

**Committee meetings:** 7pm, 1st Wednesday

**Newsletter content deadline:** Saturday after 1st Wednesday

Send copy to: [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher

NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

## National Library Tour

On Dec 6th eighteen Kapiti branch members ventured to Wellington to go on a tour of the National Library NZ, recently reopened after a significant refurbishment. The tour was conducted by Margaret Hurst, family history specialist.

What strikes you first is the lack of books! There are huge open spaces making room for the world of the future – the virtual library. There is lots of comfortable seating so you can relax and search the library electronically via your own computer or smart phone. Rows of computers are available too.

Margaret spent some time demystifying this new world! Everything (and more) that was in the 'old' library is still available but accessed differently. Not everything can be accessed electronically.

Check the catalogue on the website <http://natlib.govt.nz> for an extensive list of what is held at the library.

We of course had come especially to see what had happened to the family history books and to our relief they

were all there, stacked on shelves ready to be looked at the old fashioned way! We were given a tour and explanation of the Microfilm (LDS) Service ably run by NZSG volunteers.

Free public tours of the library happen every day at 11am. The way the upgraded library is set up encourages visitors to explore for themselves. So if you are visiting Wellington it is worth popping in and having a look around.

