



## Kapiti Branch

### Kapiti Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc

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[www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/)

### September 2008 Newsletter

#### Coming up:

**Tuesday 23 September 7pm start**

**Kapiti Branch meeting**

**Family Research and DNA**

**Speaker: Lorna Henderson**

**Wednesday 1 October 1pm – 3pm**

**Help with your research**

Alison Procter Family History Centre, upstairs at Paraparaumu library.

**Monday 13 October 7.30pm**

**Computer-Friendly Genealogy**

**Using websites for genealogy**

**Looking ahead:**

**Tuesday 28 October 7.45pm**

**Special General Meeting**

See details on page 3

**Monday 10 November 7.30pm**

**Computer-Friendly Genealogy**

**Photo restoration**

**Meeting venues**

All meetings are held in the Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu unless stated otherwise.

**Need a ride** to Branch or Computer-Friendly Genealogy meetings? Jackie Holland will co-ordinate car pools. Ring her on 293-2296 if you would like to be picked up or if you can offer a seat in your vehicle.

**Dates for 2008**

The complete list of meeting dates and topics for 2008 is available on the Branch webpage, [www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/)

**For your calendar:**

**WEA course** (four weeks)

**Researching your family history**

starting Tuesday 30 September, 2-4pm

Contact WEA for details: 293-8077 or [office\(at\)kapitiwea.org.nz](mailto:office(at)kapitiwea.org.nz)

**Labour Weekend 25-27 October**

**YURU – Why You Are You**

YURU is an integral part of our forthcoming Coastlands event "Find Your Family (at) Coastlands" scheduled for **Labour Weekend**. It features jointly TV personality Kevin Milne (of "Fair Go") and children's author Anna Kenna, and is loosely based upon the UKTV programme *Who Do You Think You Are*.

There will be four one-hour sessions in all:

**11am Saturday 25 October**

**12.30pm Saturday 25 October**

**11am Sunday 26 October**

**12.30pm Sunday 26th October**

The venue is the Rimu Room, upstairs at Coastlands Shoppingtown, Paraparaumu.

Entry costs \$5 per person per session. Seating is limited and demand is expected to be high. Kapiti Branch members can book seats for any session at the branch meeting on **Tuesday 23 September**, or by posting payment to be received no later than **Tuesday 30 September**. Please indicate clearly the session required, mark the envelope "Coastlands" and post it to:

**Kapiti Branch NZSG,  
Box 703  
Paraparaumu**

**Find Your Family (at) Coastlands**

**Labour Weekend, 25-27 October 2008**

**10 am to 4pm**

This year's event at Coastlands is bigger and better than before. Running over three days (Saturday, Sunday and Monday) on Labour Weekend, it will feature displays, research facilities, expert help and workshops.

We need 30 volunteers at this event for one morning or one afternoon each. Contact Jackie Holland if you can help.

**Australasian Federation of Family History  
Organisations congress (AFFHO)  
16-20 January 2009  
Kings College, Auckland**

The New Zealand Society of Genealogists is hosting this congress, which is held every three years. It will replace the Queen's Birthday conference in 2009.

The theme is **Preserving the past for the**

**future**, and there are four streams: Migration, History, Technology and Preservation. Over four days there will be 14 lectures in each stream, as well as eight plenary lectures and a number of two-hour workshops.

You can register online, making programme choices and booking accommodation with a credit card at [www.affhocongress2009.org](http://www.affhocongress2009.org). You can also go to that website to download a registration form and pay by cheque. Post the form to Secretary, AFFHO Congress, P O Box 14188, Panmure, 1741.

Write to the secretary if you would like a registration form to be mailed to you. A list of speakers can be found in the May/June issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist*.

Early bird registration, due by **30 September** 2008, costs \$395, and includes programme choices, lunches and morning & afternoon teas

**Convenor's comment**

We can let the cat out of the bag and it's called YURU. Over Labour Weekend, Saturday 25 October to Monday 27 October, 10am to 4pm, our second Find Your Family (at) Coastlands event takes place at Coastlands Shopping-town. This time round we've expanded the activity to include a Help Desk in the mall and extensive research facilities and workshops in the Rimu Room on the first floor.

A special feature will be "Why You Are You". Waikanae resident Kevin Milne of TVNZ's Fair Go and Anna Kenna, writer and journalist of Raumati, will be presenting their family history stories. We have been helping them with this journey. Kevin's ancestors are from Scotland and Ireland, and Anna's from Ireland, the immigrant families arriving 100 years apart.

They are great stories and branch members will get preferential bookings for the sessions, which will be presented twice a day on Saturday and Sunday. Tickets will be available from the Secretary at \$5 per person per session. So book now!

- Clive Palmer

**Introducing . . . . . Sandy White  
Sales Officer, Kapiti Branch**

I was born in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire, England and emigrated to New Zealand when I was 12 with my parents and one brother. I have returned to England only once and tried to get information on my family from what remained of my family at that time. Unfortunately, on my return to NZ I only jotted down on a 'chart' the information I had been given and because I was still working, did nothing more. How I regret that!

I think I became interested in my family's history because you always want what you haven't got! Going back to England really reinforced that for me. It's amazing how you remember little bits of information handed down verbally. One of my grandfathers was apparently a test case for Miner's Lung Disease. I haven't found out which colliery he worked for yet, and need to investigate whom he took a case against. I really enjoy finding out the interesting little 'titbits' of information. It makes people more real than just a date of birth or death.

My family seems to have come mainly from the Nottinghamshire, Sheffield, Derbyshire areas but I am sure as I delve further into my 'tree' I'll find people in other areas. I am enjoying genealogy but find it frustrating at times not to be able to go further down the particular track I am investigating.

I've had a couple of breakthroughs with my English family. I've managed to contact two cousins who have given me bits for their family but nothing going back which, of course, is what I really want. My husband's side of the family came from England and emigrated first to Canada and then to New Zealand (Kaitaia). If anyone has any interests in any of these areas, I'm happy to share information.

**Branch notes**

**Renew your sub now (please!)**

**Membership Renewals** 1 October 2008 – 31 March 2010 (\$30 per person, for 18 months): Although not due for another month, there has been a good response so far to our request for early payment. Thank you very much. Please keep them coming.

**Make your \$30 cheque payable to "Kapiti Genealogy" and post it to:**

**Membership Renewal**  
**Kapiti Branch Treasurer**  
**NZSG**  
**Box 703**  
**Paraparaumu**

If you are also a member of the NZ Society of Genealogists, please write your NZSG Membership Number clearly on the back of the cheque.

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### **Notice of Special General Meeting**

Notice is hereby given that a Special General Meeting of the Kapiti Branch of The New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc will be held at the Kapiti Community Centre, Pak 'n Save Room, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu, on **Tuesday 28 October 2008**, commencing at 7.45 pm.

Due to recent law changes our Branch Financial Year now has to end each 31 March, with the consequence that our next standard Annual General Meeting will take place shortly after 31 March 2009. This announced Special General Meeting falls on the date that would otherwise have been our next Annual General Meeting, is to bridge the gap between the old and the new Financial Years, and is to formalise some necessary steps taken in the transition. The Agenda will be:

- Apologies
- Brief (informal) Report on the period 1 October 2007 – 30 September 2008
- Brief (unaudited) Financial Summary for the period 1 October 2007 – 30 September 2008
- Ratification of the 2008/2010 pro-rata 18-month subscription of \$30
- Confirmation that all existing Committee Members to continue in office until the Annual General Meeting in April 2009.
- Nominations invited from the Floor for additional Committee Members (Nominees, Nominators, and Seconders, must all be members of NZSG)
  - Derek Griffis, Secretary, Kapiti Branch

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### **New members**

Welcome to Francie VAGG, Linda SCHAGER, John DARNLEY, Karen TAYLOR, Tihema TRACEY, and Mike FROST, who have all become members in the last month or so.

### **Wednesday morning library volunteers**

Every Wednesday morning, 10am to noon, we have a volunteer on duty upstairs at Paraparaumu Library to assist and advise our members and the general public on our Branch Resource collection in particular, and on genealogy in general.

Our list of volunteers has shrunk somewhat, and we ask branch members to allow their names to be added to the roster list. All that's needed is a readiness to direct enquirers to the relevant resource(s), not to do their genealogy for them. No great depth of knowledge or experience is needed, but it is an ideal opportunity for volunteers to increase their own knowledge while working on their own research at slack times. If you are willing to join our list of rostered volunteers, please ring Bev Chappell on 904-1860 or email her at [chappell\(at\)paradise.net.nz](mailto:chappell(at)paradise.net.nz).

### **Recommended reading**

"Old Christchurch in Picture and Story" by Johannes C Andersen, published in 1949. If you have an interest in early Christchurch this is a great book. It is mainly pre-1900 but there are some mentions up to 1920. Subjects mentioned vary from the building of the Cathedral to Mumford the fruiterers' son eating a banana. Good social history, some maps of commercial building areas and descriptions of walks through the town plus of course the wonderful photos. As is usual for the time, the index is not very detailed, but it's an interesting read in the hope of finding something pertinent to your research. If you have access it is borrowable from Wellington Library NZ section (993.171 AND) or through Kapiti Library via interloan.

- Deborah Shuker

### **Items of interest in newsletters received**

**Kilbirnie:** English Census article---very good reading, especially for new members; Kilbirnie look up service---NZ births registrations; What is on their microfiche; Devon/Cornwall Record Society microfiche.

**Dunedin** (August): PAF article---informative; Scrap booking 2; very full Green Island and surrounds; history and information

**Dunedin** (September): New publication---Kelburn/King Dick/Kelly Gang; The Morland Dynasty---English history, 1434-1916; Bonnie Prince Charlie /Derby; More Green Island; Amazing list Dunedin papers, histories and

research; Talk on PCs -- buying/using IBM/Mac; history of several small towns north of Dunedin; burial lists, Pukakanui especially.

#### Have you seen this?

Deborah Shuker lent a CD to someone at a Kapiti event. They have probably forgotten whose it is, just as she has forgotten to whom she loaned it! Those with Scottish interests please check to see if you have a CD called "Hall's History of Galashiels" with an AA yellow and black title cover. If you have it, please ring Deborah Shuker on 905 2238.

#### Used ink cartridges

As part of our continuing fund-raising we are very pleased to receive used ink cartridges for: Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson, and Brother. These may be brought to monthly branch meetings, or left in the labelled box in the middle one of our locked steel cabinets upstairs at Paraparaumu Library. If it's more convenient, you may leave them in Derek's letter-box at 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae.

#### Special Interest Groups:

**Family Tree Maker** Hanley Hoffmann  
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**Australia** until further notice contact  
Hanley Hoffmann (as above)

**The Master Genealogist** Lorna Henderson  
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lornah(at)paradise.net.nz

#### On the web

Where do other people with my **surname** live? A website with a database that contains 300 million surnames in 26 countries, including 10.8 million different surnames, can pinpoint the place in the world that has the highest concentration of a surname. The area covered includes most of Europe, Anglophone countries, Japan, India and Argentina. Check your own surname at [publicprofiler.org/worldnames](http://publicprofiler.org/worldnames)

**Irish census records for 1901** are gradually going online, with the latest additions being Limerick and Dublin (South). Go to: <http://limerick.brsgenealogy.com/quis.php?type=census> and

<http://dublinsouth.brsgenealogy.com/quis.php?type=census>

#### Committee 2007-2008

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