



Full programme details for the Branch, Interest & User Groups are on our website <http://KapitiGen.org>

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Convenor's Comment

This week I attended the meeting of the Waikanae Community Board where I stated our case for funding for the WWI Expo in the Paraparaumu Public Library on 16th and 17th August. I was successful and with the amount granted together with the amount granted previously by the Paraparaumu/Raumati Community Board the full cost of hiring Display Boards for the event will be covered. We thank both Community Boards for their support.

The event in August—our YURU offering for 2014 promises to be an exciting affair. However it requires your support in so many ways and elsewhere in this issue you are being asked to volunteer if only for a short time to “man” the various activities over the 2 days. Please give this your earnest consideration and contact one of the Committee for further details.

I recently attended the AGM of the NZSG at Wellington Girls' College. You will be given a fuller report on aspects of the Conference at our next Branch Meeting. I was most impressed with the Annual Report presented by Gay Williams,

President and Robyn Williams Treasurer.

Both reports can be read on the NZSG web site and you are urged to read these if you have not already done so. In particular Robyn Williams gave succinct reasons why the NZSG yearly subscription has been increased by \$15 per year. After careful debate a motion to approve this increase was passed by a clear majority.

I will not be able to attend the next two Branch Meetings. By the time you read this Newsletter I will be visiting my cousin on the Kintyre Peninsula, Scotland. This will have been preceded by a tour of Devon and Cornwall and followed by a tour of Egypt. No genealogy on both tours but no doubt I will gain an appreciation of the sights and culture on offer. Also, while I'm in Scotland I'll be having a cruise on a large yacht on the Firth of Clyde and up around the Kyles of Bute.

Enjoy the next Branch Meeting. You will find details below and elsewhere .

Regards to all

Bill McKeich
Convenor

June meeting
Tuesday
24 June
Conference Reports

YURU 2014 WHY YOU ARE YOU 2014 IS COMING SOON



YURU takes on a different slant this year. Instead of a family history story from a national identity, which in recent years has included ballet dancer Sir John Trimmer, actor Dame Kate Harcourt and trombonist Rodger Fox, YURU 2014 is a World War 100 commemoration venture.

A joint venture with Kapiti Coast District Libraries, Soldiers' Tales From the Trenches, a registered national WW100 activity, will be an Expo of events and memories, providing help and assistance to learn more about those military ancestors. The centre piece, being put together by our research officer Sue Greene, is the family story of ten local soldiers who lost their lives in the war.

Invitations to the Expo have been extended to our modern military forces, military historians to identify photos and memorabilia, ArchivesNZ, National Library, Ministry of Defence Library, National War Museum, and Te Papa National Museum, with displays and research expertise to help members of the public.

On-line access to research resources will be available and the Alison Procter Family History Centre will be open.

YURU 2014 presents at

Paraparaumu Public Library, Rimu Road, Paraparaumu,

10am to 4pm

Saturday 16 August and Sunday 17 August 2014.

Free entry.

So mark your diary now.

Watch our website for more details.

June Branch Meeting - Conference Reports

When: Tuesday June 24th 7 pm—9 pm

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

If you attended Conference - what were the highlights for you?.

Several of those who attended will present an overview of the items that caught their attention.

Hidden gems in the Wellington City Archives, Forgotten migrants - Irish soldiers discharged in NZ; Finding the ship your ancestors came on, Dr Colleen Fitzpatrick's talks, and feedback from the NZSG AGM

How to: FreeCen - free census transcriptions

APFHC News



Help instructions for the above program are now on our website under Membership > Members only.

Additions

Two recent additions to our library will interest members researching ancestors with military or maritime service in New Zealand.

These books are:

The Regimental Badges of New Zealand is an illustrated history of the badges and insignia worn by the New Zealand Army.

The author, D.A. Corbett, provides some information that may help in deciphering photos of uniformed personnel.

For example a section on the badge worn by the Forest Rangers formed in 1863 is of historical significance. Considered to be the first volunteer company formed in New Zealand the badge consists of just the initials FR woven together.

Variations in colour and material signify the rank of officer or of trooper as well as being a company of mounted rifles or rifles corps.

Army chaplains wore distinctive badges when appointed during the New Zealand Land War era and chaplains were an integral part of the New Zealand Army overseas troops serving first in the South Africa wars and thereafter.

The changes in the chaplain's badge correlate with recognition as a separate department within the army structure. The book is a worthy resource.

Ken Scadden's recently published book ***Maritime Memories of Mount Street Cemetery*** contains the life stories of 14 settlers who are amongst the approximately 1,100 known burials in the Mount Street Cemetery, adjacent to Victoria University in

Computers

The two that were temporarily out of action have been restored to service but it appears that they remain temperamental. We are considering our options. We ask for your consideration on Wednesday mornings. If you are researching and do not need the help of the volunteers, please consider coming at another time than the 10 to 12 timeslot when use of the computers is at a premium.

Kelburn, Wellington from 1841-1954. Colourful photographic productions match the personal stories of lives involved in such notable events as "accidental drownings, ship wrecks, coffin ships, castaways on a sub-Antarctic Island, a First World War vessel torpedoed and a maritime suicide". The script gives the reader a glimpse of the social and cultural history of Early Wellington society in that Ken Scadden, a well known local maritime historian, skilfully interweaves biographical facts and life events to portray each individual in an entertaining and very readable format. It is hoped this is the first of many similar publications by The Friends of Mount Street Cemetery, Wellington. The cemetery is easily accessed from the City to Sea Walkway and you maybe so intrigued by a tombstone inscription to begin research to unearth another story worth recording..

Computer Password at the APFHC

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

Printer, Paper and Toner

Please remember that you are asked to contribute 10c. per copy for the printing service provided.

This amount does not even cover the cost of the toner used.

Where possible you are encouraged to use memory sticks instead to record the results of your research.

FindMyPast have announced that they have purchased Origins.net

Read the press release at <http://blog.findmypast.co.uk/2014/findmypast-buys-origins-net/>

Highlighted as being of particular interest are: rare marriage indexes, apprentices and poor law records and the National Wills Index

Also announced is the release of the ***Britain School and University Register Books 1264-1930***, and the following update to the newspaper collections: London's famous Penny Illustrated Paper, the Dundee, Perth and Forfar People's Journal and the Folkestone, Hythe, Sandgate & Cheriton Herald online.

Kapiti Genealogy turns 30 - our May meeting



Cutting the cake

June Pritchard our inaugural convenor (1984-5) cuts the cake, watched by other convenors, Gwenda Cole (1993-5), Deborah Shuker (1995-8), Clive Palmer (2003-9), Bill McKeich (2011 -), Hanley Hoffmann (2009-11). Inset John Glover (2001-3)

It was great to have six Convenors attend to join the celebration - although it was pointed out by one that the Convenor is only one of many that enable a branch to

function.

Of the 12 since 1984, three are deceased (John Trolove, Len Lloyd, Brian Mountjoy, and six are current members. It was appreciated that Hanley made the (huge) effort to be there. He said he will be having surgery soon. We wish him well.

See you all in another 30 years?

NZSG Conference and Annual General Meeting



Kilbirnie Branch did a grand job of organizing and hosting the conference over Queens Birthday weekend.

Those who attended report thoroughly enjoying the experience, and learning a lot. See the NZSG website for some photos from the conference (http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Conference_Pictures_473.aspx).

If you belong to NZSG log in to the site for the AGM papers.

The AGM was well attended and the feedback session on what we wanted from NZSG 'lively'. Come along to our June meeting on the 24th and hear the highlights.

NZ Illegitimacies Database

Branch Members who are also members of the NZ Society of Genealogists may have read the item re "Illegitimacy Database Success Stories" on page 111 of the most recent (June) Society magazine. Although the database is now administered by the Society, the data itself was collected over very many years by one of our own local Branch members, who has retained a copy of the database for himself.

The data-base spans the years c1890 to 1950, and includes some 15000 births, or about 20% of the officially recorded illegitimacies in that time-period

Any local member wishing to make an enquiry of the data-base may do so, should they so wish, direct with its creator, Derek GRIFFIS, at [griffisnz "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:griffisnz@ihug.co.nz) or by snailmail to: 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae 5036. The odds of a successful outcome in trying to identify that missing father are in the order of four or five to one against, so be prepared to be disappointed. On the other hand, even if you are confident that there are no illegitimacies in your family, it may still be worth making a general enquiry as, over the years, a few people who have done so have found to their very great surprise that they were not who they thought they were. General searches can also be revealing as, on occasion, it may be found that gentlemen have sired several children by different ladies, and ladies (not always unmarried) have born several children by different gentlemen.

WHAT DID YOU DO IN THE WAR, GRANDY?

a competition for all New Zealand students to commemorate service during the war years

Who can enter?

This competition is open to all students attending New Zealand schools. There are two sections: one for primary aged students in Years 1 to 8 and a second section for secondary students in Years 9 to 13.

What do I have to present?

A poster must be no more than A0 size (841mm x 1189mm) and contain not more than 70% graphics. A written submission must be no more than 1500 words and contain no more than 70% text. Smaller and briefer entries are acceptable.

Where do I send my entry?

All entries must be either delivered to NZSG at 159 Queens Road, Panmure, Auckland or posted to NZSG at P O Box 14036, Panmure, Auckland 1741.

What is the closing date for entries?

The closing date for all entries is Armistice Day, 11 November 2014.



Entrants are asked to prepare either a poster or a written account of the story of an ancestor, relative or someone known to them who served in any branch of the forces of any country, at home or overseas. Submissions must contain both text and graphics.

There are two prizes of \$500 each and up to four highly commended prizes of \$250 each.

Please ensure that you have permission from the family or person you are researching.

All care will be taken with submissions but please do not use original graphics/photographs because entries will not be returned. Ensure your entry includes your name, your school, the category you are entering and your contact details.

Winners will be advised by Waitangi Day, 6 February 2015 and will be announced in the first issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist* for that year. The winning entry from each category and up to four highly commended entries will be published in *The New Zealand Genealogist* during 2015.

The judges' decision will be final.

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

All Kapiti events are also all in the [programme information on our website](#), both in a downloadable document and on the calendar.

June 24th: Tuesday 7 pm (KCC) Monthly meeting: Reports from the NZSG Conference

July 10th: Thursday 10:30 pm (National Archives) Tour of the National Archives - see attached flyer, or website.

July 17th: Thursday 5:30 pm (APFHC) APFHC Familiarisation session: Ancestry and FindMyPast with focus on Census records.

July 22nd: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting. Kerry Lee: NZ Military Badges and Awards

July 31st: Thursday (Bulls/Marton) Museum tour - to be confirmed.

Every Wednesday: 10 a.m. to noon Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. Six computers available, all with Ancestry, three with worldwide FindMyPast. Public and members welcome.

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

June 28th: Family Tree Maker Users Group (KCC) 9:30 to am tea 2006 and earlier (Hanley); 10:45 to 12 2008 and later versions (Lorna) - the web search menu

June 28th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group 2 to 4pm (KCC) doors open 1pm. \$2 door charge;

You may also be interested in:

Sat 21st June: 10-3:30pm Lower North Island Irish Group - hosted by Rangitikei Branch at Rangitikei College, Bredons Line, Marton \$5 per person, bring own lunch. Contact Heather Richardson 06 327 8503 hrichardson "at" clear.net.nz

Sat 28th June: 2-4pm Greater London Interest Group (St Lukes Church, Wadestown) The Greater London Interest Group (GLIG) now meets on the 4th Saturday of the month.

Tues 15th July 12.10pm – 1.00pm Monthly National Library Lunch Time talk . Book your spot by emailing [at Outreach "at" dia.govt.nz](mailto:at Outreach@dia.govt.nz) or calling Cellia Joe on 04 462 3935

Interest Groups

Australian

Please note that there will be no Oz group meeting in July but we expect Deborah back in August with a heap of new ideas.

Legacy

Next session Jun 28th. So you want to do a chart

FamilyTreeMaker

Next, and possibly final session: Jun 28th. 2006 and older versions - Hanley 9:30 to am tea; 2008 & later versions - Lorna - 10:45 to 12 continues the exploration of the menu items -Web searches.

If insufficient attendance to cover the rental, this will be the final session. Attendees from other than Kapiti are welcome. \$4 door charge.

DNA

The June session covered [GEDMatch](#) and pinpointing

triangulated groups amongst your predicted matches, ie those you most definitely share a common ancestor with. Next meeting Sunday 10th Aug 2 to 4pm

NB news from Ancestry:

Anyone who has tested either Y-DNA or mtDNA with Ancestry should have received notification from them that they are no longer supporting these services and all data will be withdrawn on 5th September, and any samples destroyed. Their current autosomal test is unaffected by this.

Lorna is happy to explain your options to preserve your data. Contact Lorna 293 7771 for more information.

As always, check out our website for further details - Programme> Special Interest Groups.

APFHC Orientation - Ancestry & FindMyPast census records

Session 3 Thursday July 17th 5.30 – 7pm

Our familiarisation sessions continue. This is the third in the series and will concentrate on how to use Ancestry.com and Find My Past, with a special focus on using Census records.

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 24 June 2014

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: A—E

If your surnames starts with the above letters, your help with the supper would be appreciated.

Committee meetings: 7pm, 1st Wednesday of months February—December

Welcome

We welcome new members Dianne BOND, Merrell GREENWOOD, Helen YOUNGMAN, Stephen WESTMORELAND,

Used cartridges

Pat reports he has had a good response to the cartridge collection and has on-delivered a large batch for checking. Keep up the good work, this is a very useful addition to branch funds.

Raffles

Likewise Hilary reports a pleasing interest in our re-activated raffles - many thanks Hilary for volunteering, and to all who participate.

Website

Also many thanks to Graham who answered our plea for assistance in bringing our newsletter collection more up to date. All those we currently hold are now available on the website.

We will be looking further afield to see if we can fill in the remaining gaps.

YURU 2014

As you will have read on page 2, this year's YURU is a different format. With a two day event at the library, and with offering research help at the APFHC to those interested, we will be needing volunteers to help "man" our displays and the APFHC over the two days. Further details next month, but please mark your diaries now for the 16th and 17th of August.

NZSG Student Writing Competition

We draw your attention to the student's writing competition on page 5. A chance to get your descendants more involved in their family history.

Portfolios

As always, the duties and people assigned are available on our website under the About >Who does what link (and summarised on the back page of each newsletter).

Late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters are added to [our website](#) . These will normally appear in the Recent Changes section top right sidebar, but you can always click on any "tag" in the list to find all pages marked as of relevance to the topic selected.

Remember that by logging into the website you may post events of relevance and interesting links yourself.

Archives Visit

Our rescheduled tour to the Archives is on July 10th.. Meet at 10:30 am Archives Foyer.

Numbers limited so please register by Monday 7th July

Ph: Kathy Callaghan 297 0733 or email: [kathycallaghan "at" gmail.com](mailto:kathycallaghan@atgmail.com)

Flyer on our website (and attached) outlines meeting arrangements the preparation you can do to make the most of the visit.

NZ WWI Postcards

Have a look at the blog created by Glenn Reddix, who was educated & brought up in Paraparaumu & who describes himself as an amateur First World War historian, genealogist & collector of WWI postcards & photographs, especially those relevant to NZ & NZers who served in WWI.

Glenn's blog, which features 100 postcards (the images & his research into their background) from his extensive private collection is <http://100nzww1postcards.blogspot.co.nz/> and was selected as "Website of the Month " in the May 2013 edition of Picture Postcard Monthly published in the UK.

The April/May edition of NZ Memories magazine features an article written by Glenn from postcards about the 1914 All Blacks tour to Australia when war broke out & members of both teams later served in the war.

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

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

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Branch fundraisers:**Bag, sweat shirt, t-shirt**

Available from our store

<https://KapGen.printmighty.co.nz>

**Used ink cartridges**

Please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly Branch meetings or leave them either in or on top of the glass cabinet in the APFHC. Alternatively they may be dropped off to Pat in Raumati, 39 Lorna Irene Drive. If they won't fit in the letterbox just leave them at the front door.

Pat Keppell Ph (04) 299 1100

Kapiti Genealogy on Facebook

Check out [our facebook page](#). You don't need to be a registered user of facebook to read it, simply click on the link if reading this on your computer, or search for Kapiti Genealogy facebook.

Please let Kathy Callaghan have any suggestions as to how best to use this medium.

If a Facebook user, do remember to click "like".

Research Assistance

Members needing assistance with their research, are welcome at the weekly Wednesday morning sessions at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library. Alternately, contact your buddy, or use the Kapiti Gen Forum form on our website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/research/genforum/>) to contact our Kapiti Branch Research Officer, Sue Greene.

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the Who Does What section of the "About" menu.

Newsletter content deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday

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

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

Email links throughout the newsletter are clickable, remove one of the @ symbols before sending.

May Branch Meeting

Hilary Cunningham spoke on *The Distin Trail*. A journey through time and into the present. She shared her personal and very moving story of finding family. She started with less than most, only knowing her maternal grandmother's first name and nothing at all of her father's side.

Through meticulous and logical research (with a great deal of luck and the following of hunches), she discovered her father Michael Cunningham had been a Japanese POW in WW2. Without sensationalising events, Hilary was able to share the realities of life for a Japanese POW, which at times was very moving.

Hilary had significant success in researching her mother's side (the Distin family). She showed the systematic and logical progression of how she

discovered the keys to unlock this family line. There is only so much that can be accomplished online and Hilary explained the benefits of visiting the places of our ancestors and also using the repositories available. The detail of how to research (in person) at the British Archives in Kew, London, was especially useful. Ultimately her research led her to Lord Nelson and the Battle of Trafalgar and Hilary brought history to life with her description of this battle and the involvement of her ancestors.

Thank you Hilary for a superb presentation!

Next Meeting
Tuesday July 22nd
Kerry Lee: NZ Military Badges and Awards