



Programme details for the Branch, together with our Interest & User Groups are on our website under Programme <http://kapitigen.org/programme/>

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Convenor's Comment

Greetings Kapiti Branch Members. We are heading into a busy phase of our year with the AGM of the Branch due on Tuesday 22nd April. It is with some concern that the committee will be losing at least two of its members. With this in mind I urge you to consider being nominated for a position on the committee so that the work-load can be evenly spread between its members.

A pivotal role - the position of Secretary - will need to be filled. If you believe you can contribute to the smooth running of the branch in any capacity, check out [the duties](#) on our website (About > Who does what). We would love to hear from you.

At the last Committee Meeting a motion was passed to recommend to the AGM that the yearly subscription be increased to \$25 per person. It should be noted that the current yearly subscription of \$20 was set at the AGM in 2007.

An increase is long overdue to cope with pending changes at the Library as well as increased charges for the use of the Kapiti Coast Community Centre that we absorbed last year.

Members will have noticed a change in our advertised programme with Branch Member Gerald Twiss kindly agreeing to bring his presentation forward to the March Branch Meeting. This had been brought about by Hilary Cumming, who was down to speak in March, suddenly being called away to the UK. We look forward to Hilary's address in May.

Gerald's address is entitled "John Twiss—Mad, Bad or Sad". He will discuss how we can research ancestors who end up in an Asylum and include how to access patient records, court appearances, coroners inquests etc. It has the makings of an interesting and exciting meeting.

Elsewhere in this issue you will see a report on the recent visit to the NZ Police Museum at Porirua by some of our members. The photos of some of our members dressed up in old uniforms made me wonder if they should not have been left there as a permanent exhibit.

Bill McKeich
Convenor

*March meeting Tuesday
25 March
"John Twiss—Mad, Bad or Sad"
presented by Gerald Twiss*

Kapiti Branch NZSG Notice of Annual General Meeting

**NOTICE OF AGM TO BE HELD
KAPITI COMMUNITY CENTRE,
15 NGAHINA STREET, PARAPARAUMU
22 APRIL 2014 AT 7.30 P.M.**

AGENDA:

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRM 2013 AGM MINUTES
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2013 - 31 MARCH 2014
5. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2013 - 31 MARCH 2014
6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2014/15
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE *

8. GENERAL BUSINESS

Notice of Motion:

That the subscription for the 2014/ 2015 year be raised to \$25.00 with effect from this meeting.

* Nominations are called for a minimum of five Committee Members, including the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer.

Nominees, Nominators and Seconders must all be members of both the New Zealand Society of Genealogists and the Kapiti Branch.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary or from [our website](#).

While nominations will be received at the AGM, members are encouraged to submit these beforehand so that credentials can be checked.

Lyn Lee
Secretary

FamilySearch and puzilla

Do you use FamilySearch's FamilyTree? Ever wanted a descendant chart to supplement their standard pedigree and fan chart options? Try <https://puzilla.org/>. It's a website certified by FamilySearch to integrate with their FamilyTree. Once you've logged in to your FamilySearch account from puzilla, if your account is linked to your pedigree that is displayed. Hover over a name to see which ancestor, select one and a descendant diagram is drawn, or use the change person to alter the focus. You can jump from the chart to the tree to make updates. (Also available from the main page of FamilySearch)

BOOKS WANTED! Paraparaumu College Fair - Saturday 12th April

Cathy Braddock is co-ordinating a bookfair at the college fair and would like to hear from you if you have any books you can donate. Cathy is prepared to collect the books from you.

Contact Cathy on: Phone 9050068 (evenings) or email [catherine.braddock "at" "gmail.com](mailto:catherine.braddock@gmail.com)
(and yes Cathy is Mary's daughter)

APFHC News

Kapiti Branch
New Zealand Society of Genealogists
<http://KapitiGen.org>

P.O. Box 703, Paraparaumu 5254
Kapiti@genealogy.org.nz
Registered charity no. CC33988

Menu Written by Dick (DBZ Tech Services)

Help For This Menu

PC-Four Welcome to...
The Kapiti Branch Genealogy
Research Menu

Click To Start

Handy Windows Applications

Windows Notepad Windows Wordpad Windows Paint Google Search

FindMyPast

With many thanks to one of our members, FindMyPast is now available on all six of our computers. As the annual subscription is substantial, this increased availability will be reviewed next March.

A technical incompatibility was struck that means the default browser on two machines is now FireFox rather than the previous Internet Explorer. All machines will be made consistent again at a future stage.

Interest Groups

Legacy

The ever popular Legacy group reported an attendance of 34 people from far and wide for their Feb session. Next session Apr 26th

Family Tree Maker (FTM)

In contrast however, the FTM group is reviewing whether or not there is sufficient interest to continue. All on the mailing list should have by now received a brief survey from Hanley and Lorna about the ongoing interest in the group.

If you did not receive a copy, but are interested in learning more about FTM and would be interested in attending future sessions, please do let Hanley or Lorna know, by emailing [FTM "at" KpaitiGen.org](mailto:FTM@KapitiGen.org). We will be deciding whether to proceed with the Apr

26th session the week before so please do let us know by then. If there is sufficient interest in separate 2006 and earlier vs 2008 and later versions we may separate the two sessions.

DNA

Two monthly, very informal, group for anyone wanting to share tips and hints and ask for assistance. Next session 12th April (please note this is a Saturday afternoon rather than the usual Sunday). Contact Lorna 293 7771 for more information.

Australian SIG

Continues monthly at the APFHC 2nd Thursdays. As always, check out our website for further details - Programme > Special Interest Groups.

Round Robins

A reminder that we subscribe to three magazines on your behalf. After they have done the rounds of those who have subscribed to see them as part of a RoundRobin system, they are all placed in binders on our shelves at the APFHC.

If you wish to subscribe to any of our Round Robin magazines, contact Meryl Opie (RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org) to get your name added to the list.

Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

All have items of interest in them.



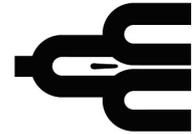
The FamilyTree Christmas 2013 issue featured here contains "Insider secrets from the professionals", a 7 page article with tips and hints of what they find most useful or recommend you don't forget.

Also in the issue - behind the Heir Hunters, and an in depth look at what information you can mine from a birth certificate (English - you don't have to look quite so hard elsewhere for information on a Scottish one!)

NZSG Conference and Annual General Meeting



“Hills Harbours Heritage” Queens Birthday Weekend 30 May - 2 June



Hosted by Kilbirnie Branch

Wellington Girls College, Pipitea St Wellington.

The conference is open to all, whether NZSG members or not.

Read all about on the website <http://www.genealogy.org.nz> or in the February New Zealand Genealogist.

Early bird registration has been extended to March 22nd so still some time to register at the cheaper rate.

The keynote speaker is Dr Colleen Fitzpatrick a ‘forensic genealogy’ consultant for major military and civilian organisations, and has solved some of the most puzzling identification cases both historical and recent. She was a key member of the team who identified the remains of the “Unknown Child of the Titanic” and was also consulted on the case in which the author of the international bestseller *Surviving with Wolves* was exposed as a fraud. Colleen is now the forensic genealogist looking at the possible discovery of the remains of Amelia Earhart.

List of speakers available at http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Speakers_259.aspx

Always a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Programme News

March Branch Meeting

“John Twiss Mad, Sad or Bad” with Gerald Twiss

When: Tuesday Mar 25th 7 pm—9 pm

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

Our Branch Member Gerald Twiss who leads the Legacy Users Group will talk about his family.

The title of his talk gives us much to think about before he even starts.

Supper 7pm. Meeting starts 7.30 pm.

How to: capturing screen data using the snipping tool

April Branch Meeting

Bill Swan’s War

When: Tuesday Apr 22nd 7 pm—9pm.

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

With the 100th WWI commemorations due to start it is timely to take a journey with a Gallipoli soldier who not only survived the landing on 25 Apr 1915 but also went on to be finally discharged in 1919.

Presented by Bill McKeich

Supper 7 p.m. Meeting starts at 7.30 p.m.

“How to” time to be taken up with the Branch AGM

How do you keep track of all those little snippets you find while browsing? Have you tried using [Evernote](#)?

It’s free., you can add tags to be able to find things again, has a good search facility, you can organise it into assorted notebooks and notes within them. If you have multiple computers, including a smartphone, they are automatically synchronized. Sensitive data can be encrypted.

Do remember to take a backup of it every so often by exporting all your notebooks though.

Some Interesting Web Sites & Resources to Explore

Scotland

Launch of Inhabited House Tax Rolls from 1778 to 1798 on ScotlandsPlaces

Inhabited House Tax Rolls from 1778 to 1798 are the latest fascinating resource to have been added to the [ScotlandsPlaces website](#). These Tax Rolls offer history researchers a valuable insight into 18th Century life, while genealogists can use the records to find the names of ancestors throughout Scotland together with the annual value of the houses they held. The tax rolls include all houses valued over £5 per annum and include people with more common professions such as bonnet makers, shoemakers, innkeepers, skimmers and wrights. Other tax records available on [ScotlandsPlaces](#) relate to carriages, carts, clocks, watches, dogs, horses, servants, hearths, shops and the infamous window tax.

To find out more about these new records and to view two examples, including the entry for James Boswell at Auchinleck House in 1783, [follow this link](#). N.B. when viewing these two large example images of Inhabited House Tax Rolls on the ScotlandsPeople website, just click on an image to enlarge it further.

Australia

FamilySearch.org has indexed 1 million records from their State of Victoria probate register collection. The collection covers the years from 1841 to 1989 and generally involves wills. A typical record lists the name of person, date of death, address, occupation, date of testament and a declaration. Most wills list names of children, names of heirs, name of the spouse and name of the administrator of the will.

Access is free. Under the collection 'State of Victoria Probate Records', and also available directly from the Public Record Office of Victoria - <http://prov.vic.gov.au/wills-and-probate>

Ireland

New records for County Armagh

RootsIreland <https://www.rootsireland.ie> have recently made the following announcement: "Armagh Ancestry have completed the computerization of 6,327 new Presbyterian, Quaker and Church of Ireland Church records for county Armagh. These have been added to the online

research database and are available to research."

New Zealand

FamilySearch <https://familysearch.org/>

There has been an update in the New Zealand Probate Records, and these now cover:

Auckland 1932, Christchurch 1953, Hokitika 1963, Napier 1962 ?, New Plymouth 1962, Reefton 1909, Wanganui 1963, Westport 1960, Blenheim 1960, Gisborne 1962, Hamilton 1953, Masterton 1963, Nelson 1960, Timaru 1963, (has some of Ashburton), Palmerston North 1963, Wellington 1906, Whangarei 1959.

Some are indexed and available by going to FamilySearch > Browse by location> selecting Australia/New Zealand and then 'New Zealand Probate Records 1848-1991' and entering the name being looked for.

Others you can browse images more quickly locating your image by having already retrieved the record number and year from Archway, or by guessing and jumping to the approximate image page before beginning browsing.

Europeana

1914-1918 – untold stories & official histories of WWI

www.europeana1914-1918.eu/en

Europeana 1914-1918 has relaunched their website to better cover the First World War. One of the changes involves collecting from the public previously unpublished letters, photographs and keepsakes from the war. The website has already added 90,000 items and more than 7,000 stories and the collection continues to grow.

The website also contains a substantial collection of over 400,000 pieces of material and 660 hours of film from eight different national libraries.

Most of the material focuses on the human and cultural aspects of the war.

New material is added on a regular basis. There are many things here that would be of interest to genealogists.

Access is free.

"Why waste your money looking up your family tree?
Just go into politics and your opponents will do it for you."

Mark Twain

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

Please note these dates in your diary now as they will not be repeated in separate email notifications.

They are also all in the [programme](#) information on our website

March 20th: Thursday 5:30 to 7 pm APFHC Overview of our resources and how to access them.

March 25th: Tuesday 7pm Monthly meeting. John Twiss—Mad, Sad or Bad. With Gerald Twiss

April 22nd: Tuesday 7 pm Monthly meeting: Bill Swan's War presented by Bill McKeich

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](#))

April 10th: Australian Interest Group 10 am to 12 noon (APFHC)

April 12th: DNA for genealogy 2pm to 4pm Phone Lorna 293 7771 for directions/biccie count. NB this is Sat rather than the usual Sunday afternoon.

April 26th: Family Tree Maker Group 9:30 to 12:30 (KCC) \$4 door charge; 2006 and earlier versions - 9:30am back to basics and revision (Hanley) Later versions (Lorna) after 10:30 morning tea - the media menu but see pg 3

April 26th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group 2 to 4pm (KCC) doors open 1pm. \$2 door charge;

You may also be interested in:

29 March 10 am to 3pm Hutt Branch **Research Day**. Heritage Centre Petone Public Library \$5 non members

5 Apr 10am to 3pm **Irish Family History - Education Day** James Coe Room - Dowse Art Museum 45 Laings Road, Lower Hutt Prepay registration only \$25 details on our website (tag Irish)

30 May to 2 Jun: NZSG 2014 Conference (**Hills - Harbours - Heritage**) and NZSG AGM - mark your calendars now. riation & more information available from NZSG Web Site at http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Conference_2014_254.aspx .

Tour of the Police Museum

On March 6th a group of 10 took the opportunity to have a guided tour of the NZ Police Museum at Porirua.

The focus for the Museum is on Police objects such as photographs, medals, uniforms, guns etc. Police Records of individuals can be accessed via The Ministry of Justice and records of Police employees can be accessed via Archives NZ, all subject to NZ Privacy laws.

The Museum is set in a way that encourages a closer look. Well known NZ events (such the Aramoana Massacre) are set in separate bays with information and background easy to read and the objects well displayed.



The wall of mug-shots from the 1880's to early 1900's is very eye catching. For more information about these mug-shots visit the NZ Police Museum website <http://www.police.govt.nz/about-us/history/museum>

There was opportunity for hands-on activities such trying on Police uniforms and lifting your own fingerprints from a sheet of glass.



'ullo 'ullo - who we got 'ere then?

If members have ideas of possible places for future tours please advise our programme organisers Kathy or Frances [programme "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:programme@KapitiGen.org).

From the Committee

This month's meeting: Tuesday 25 March 2014

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: M—P

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

Welcome

We welcome new member Pamela Meekings-Stewart.

Website

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.

Research Assistance

Should members need assistance with their research, they are welcome at the weekly Wednesday morning sessions at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library, or can contact their 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.

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".

Branch fundraiser - Used ink cartridges

Pat Keppel would be pleased to receive your 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 if it is more convenient for you to drop the cartridges off in Raumati, Pat has offered to allow this at his home at 39 Lorna Irene Drive. If they won't fit in the letterbox just leave them at the front door. Pat Ph (04) 299 1100

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.

Subscriptions

Our membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Although your pink membership card doesn't expire until the end of March, it would be appreciated if you would consider renewing your subscription early to spread the workload involved.

As an incentive, any subs paid before the AGM will remain at the bargain price of \$20 per individual for the year.

As per the AGM notice, there is a motion that the sub be increased to \$25 per year, this being our first increase since 2007. Last year we absorbed the rental increases we were faced with, along with the increased costs for maintaining the APFHC. In addition we face some potential changes in the Library environment overall that are expected to impact us.

Payment may be made by cash or cheque (made out to Kapiti Genealogy) and handed to a committee member at any meeting, or by internet banking Westpac 03 0732 0263025 00

If paying by internet banking, please remember to include your surname and membership number for identification purposes, preferably also emailing the [Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org](#) to advise that payment has been made.

Please also enter your NZSG number, if applicable, in one of the payee/reference fields.

Allow up to a fortnight for processing of your new card. We look forward to your continuing membership and participation in our activities.

These instructions are also on our website as a post ["Membership Renewals"](#).

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

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

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Branch fundraiser - Bag, sweat shirt, t-shirt

Available from our store

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

**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.

FindMyPast

A friendly reminder to those using FindMyPast at the APFHC. Please do NOT log out of the site. Simply close the browser window, or leave it open when you log off the pc so that the next user can still access the site.

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

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

Branch Committee

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Denice McCarten, Dianne Sleeman, Kathleen Gibson

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Equipment Support: Lindsay Olsen, Kerry Lee (Asst)

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[FTM "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:FTM@KapitiGen.org)

DNA: Lorna (04) 293 7771

Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - hover your mouse over the "About" menu.

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

Special Raffle

There will be a special raffle at our March meeting in place of our usual raffle. Funds raised from this raffle will be assisting the administration expenses for the NZSG Conference, Queen's Birthday weekend at Wellington Girls' College.

PRIZE— Twelve month subscription to Ancestry.com.au's World Heritage Package valued at approximately \$350.00.

The package includes the following:

- The complete New Zealand collection including New Zealand Electoral Rolls, the Nominal Rolls for both WWI and WW2 and Wisers Directories
- The complete UK and Irish collection including birth, marriage and death indices, London Parish Records back to 1538, complete UK

and Scottish Census collection plus military and Parish records.

- The complete US, Canadian and European data collections including the US Federal Census and Immigration records.
- The complete Australia collection including BMD Indexes, Immigration Records, Convict Transportation and Munster lists, Pardons & Tickets of Leave, Australian Electoral Tolls, Assisted and Unassisted Immigration and SANDS Postal Directories.

\$2.00 a ticket or 3 tickets for \$5.00

Raffle to be drawn at NZSG AGM.

**Next Meeting
Tuesday April 22nd
AGM then Bill Swan's war**