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Convenor's Comment

**Remember to check
our website
<http://KapitiGen.org>
for additional
information on events,
Branch, Interest &
User Groups, and any
late changes.**

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Hello Kapiti Genealogy Members. This month has really caught up on me and I am totally unprepared to write this column. I have three very good excuses. Firstly we have been having regular meetings to determine the fate of the Lions Sportsperson of the Year Awards. There seems to be a lack of enthusiasm by the sporting community to nominate worthy persons for the awards. We know that they are out there. Do you know of someone who could be nominated? I would welcome hearing from you. Secondly I have been very involved on organizing the Lions Clubs' District Convention which was held last weekend at Southwards Convention Centre. My part was to conduct the Flag Ceremony at the Friday night Opening Ceremony. I had the young horse riders from the Kapiti Equestrian Centre helping me in parading the flags into the hall. Thirdly and perhaps more associated with genealogy, I was given some photocopies of a school's Admittance and Withdrawal Register by John Glover and set on the path to transcribing the records from those sheets into the programme which John installed on my computer. This is a relatively

easy task and I am finding that if I have ten or so minutes to spare (a rare commodity) I can open the programme up and enter in a few more records. If you are still considering assisting us with this Schools' Records Project please get in touch with John or myself or any member of the committee and offer to assist. This is a big project for Kapiti Genealogy and the more people we have helping the lighter will be the workload. Believe me it is a simple process to follow.

The Branch Committee was alarmed to learn that its Attendance Registrar, Mary Braddock was urgently admitted to hospital recently and operated upon. The latest news about Mary is that she is now in Ward 7, Wellington Public Hospital and making good progress. She may be home within a week. We wish her a speedy recovery.

A final reminder that we are urgently seeking new members on the committee due to a number of retirements. Please consider offering your help with this at our AGM.

Bill McKeich
Convenor

**This month's meeting
Tuesday March 24th
Sue Greene
Trace your Military Ancestors**

Genealogist not required

Last month Nina requested assistance for her research. This is no longer required.

Nina reported on the NZSG Memlist that she went to the Branch's Research Day on March 7 and "got much more aid than I hoped and deserved from Kathy Callaghan. I had an aunt who was lost to me on the West Coast where my parents and two of their three children were born. When Kathy heard the story she got to work. I don't need a genealogist now! We've sent away for numerous certificates. She found more than 30 references for me such as my lost Aunt, her children Her husband, a miner was bankrupt at one time and he later died in the 1896 Brunner Mine disaster. One of his sons, a lost cousin, died at Gallipoli in 1915. It would have taken me months to find these people. When I last researched my mother's family history in the 1970s we

had to go the hard way e.g. IGI lists on microfiche, computer software does the job now. "Learn More!" I am slow to learn anything let alone new software now. In the coming April Issue of NZSG Genealogist 2015 Member's area I have asked about how my grandmother Eliza O'Flynn could manage with three small children after her husband's death in 1874 at age 36. She married again! The lost Aunt's story is sad indeed however she too married again. Kathy's work is magnanimous and I am the lucky and appreciative recipient.

Yes family history is "cool" but it is also greatly satisfying and enlightening. People in genealogy are kind and they help each other.
Nina O'Flynn

GenForum Update

Back in September 2014, Ancestry pulled the plug on a number of their services including turning their Genealogy.com site, which included GenForum message boards and FamilyTreeMaker pages amongst others, to *read only*, providing a useful archive of queries and snapshots of submitted trees.

They appear to have relented a little! <http://Genealogy.com> has undergone a revamp.

Although you can still no longer post a new message to the forums, you can add comments to existing threads, which means that correction/additions may now be made to data previously posted.

Don't forget if you get this newsletter before **Saturday 21st March** to go to the Palmerston North Genealogy Day at Kilwinning Lodge. 9.30am to 4.00pm.

The programme includes Howard Chamberlain speaking on Military issues; Lily Baker on Hawke's bay Records and Earthquakes and two workshops on "Finding our families at Archives NZ"

Entry is \$15. Bring your own lunch but tea and coffee are provided.

March Branch Meeting

When: Tuesday March 24th 7 pm—9 pm **Where:** Kapiti Community Centre

Who: Sue Greene—our own Branch Research Officer

What: How to trace your military ancestors.

Sue will share tips on "how and where to go" to research your military ancestors. How to access NZ Australian and British records, including some of the tools she used when researching the local soldiers for the *Tales from the Trenches* Exhibition in August 2014.

How To: NZ non-historical BDM records and your RealMe identification
By Lorna Henderson

**NOTICE OF AGM TO BE HELD
KAPITI COMMUNITY CENTRE,
15 NGAHINA STREET, PARAPARAUMU
28 APRIL 2015 AT 7.30 P.M.**

AGENDA:

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRM 2014 AGM MINUTES
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2014 - 31 MARCH 2015
5. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2014 - 31 MARCH 2015
6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2015/16
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE *
8. GENERAL BUSINESS

* 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.

Denice McCarten
Secretary

Kopane School 90th Jubilee - Reminder

KOPANE SCHOOL 90TH JUBILEE
27th & 28th March 2015

Did you attend Kopane School in the Manawatu, or do you know someone who did. Sadly the school lost a lot of school records in the 2004 floods, so many names are unknown, if you attended or know someone who did, could you please pass this on to them. Any photos that you have would also be gratefully received.

More information is available on www.kopane.school.nz
or the Facebook page (Kopane School 90th Jubilee).

Contact Diane Thomas, Registration Secretary

Kopaneschool90th@vodafone.co.nz

for further details.

NZSG Postal Ballot

NZSG members should have received a special notice letter recently.

The postal ballot on the revised rules has been withdrawn because of omissions that made the ballot invalid.

Council are to discuss the concerns raised at their next meeting, and seek feedback on the revised rules.

In addition there is a call for remits and notices of motion to be included in the Agenda of the 2015 AGM, with any requiring pre-circulation to be received at the NZSG Office by 4pm 27th March

Proxy voting papers will be included with the April magazine.

APFHC News



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

Help Sessions

Bev is always glad to hear from anyone able to volunteer their services to help.

**Research Day for members.

Saturday March 7, APFHC, Paraparaumu Library

As one of the participants in this excellent research day organised by Kathy Callaghan and ably carried out by experienced member volunteers, I would like to thank them all for the time and expertise they so willingly gave to fledgling genealogists and others needing help with a particular problem. To have this opportunity for one-on-one help was invaluable and much appreciated!! Many thanks. *V. New Ed.*

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.

The Kapiti Genealogy Menu

Remember that you no longer have to load physical cds.

Simply click on the image of the cd beside the resource you want to view, then click on the title

If there isn't a cd image, just click on the title.

The recent change was prompted by a security breach that we have not got to the bottom of, but resulted in the loss of printing facilities until it was resolved. Remember that if you cannot print, you can usually save your search results to a USB stick, supplies being available for purchase at a bargain price at the Wednesday morning sessions.

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.

Computers

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.

From the editor

Hello!

As you will have read last month, Lorna asked if anyone could help with this newsletter. Being impetuous and foolhardy, I enquired tentatively what it entailed? Will I never learn!!

Lorna has done a great job keeping us informed for the last while and as a new member of the Society I have found it a valuable source of information and for sorting out who is who in the Society. It would be a shame to see it's demise.

I took no interest in family History until an old (nearly 90) friend in England told me that his mother had an affair with a young New Zealand soldier during the First

World War and although the families had kept in touch he had lost contact - and could I find them. It's a long story, but I got so fascinated and involved that the rest is history!

I have to confess that I am only an editor not a computer buff and a very inexperienced/beginner genealogist.

So the future content of this newsletter will rely on contributions from members. Please do send me any titbits of information, stories - personal or other to [Editor "at" KaitiGen.org](mailto:Editor@KaitiGen.org) All suggestions welcome!

Thank you Lorna for the great job you've done. You'll be a hard act to follow. *Sheila*

New resources to explore

FindMyPast

Australia

New South Wales, Macquarie Park Cemetery

Transcriptions, 1922-2001: index of headstone inscriptions.

Queensland Immigrants nominated for passage 1884-1907 in Maryborough. Assistant Immigration Agents publicised ships' arrivals in the local press, provided information and services to immigrants such as accommodation and employment.

Queensland Register of Immigrants 1864-1878 registered in Toowoomba.

Queensland Passage certificates 1887-1874: an index from the Queensland State Archives from Warwick.

Queensland Land Orders 1861-1874: transcripts taken from registers of land orders issued to immigrants on the completion of their obligations under the Immigration Act, 1864-1869.

UK

Lancashire, Manchester Cholera Victims 1832, contains detailed notes relating to the first 200 cases of the 1832 Cholera epidemic in Manchester, transcribed from 'The origin and progress of the malignant cholera in Manchester' by Henry Gaultier MD, published 1832.

Britain, Trade Union Members, Service and Casualties contains the details of members from 18 different unions. The records include daily trade union news and business and acknowledge members who have joined the services. Many include pages of the union's Roll of Honour and some include photographs of the members. The Workers' Union Record regularly features photographs of service men.

Irish

Over 1.6 million new articles from historic Irish newspapers to include updates to 36 existing titles and five new titles from all over Ireland—the Belfast Protestant Journal, Current prices of grain at Dublin Corn Exchange, Newry Herald, and Down, Arrmagh and Louth Journal, Tipperary Vindicator, and Weekly Vindicator.

Ireland national Role of Honour 1914-1921 is a collection of transcripts from all available references for Irish casualties published before 1922. They include soldiers who died in the WWI, Ireland's memorial records, the Commonwealth War Graves Commission newspaper articles and books.

Origins Net

Many of you will know that Origins has closed. All records previously available at Origins may now be found on FindMyPast

Family Search

Canada, Nova Scotia Delayed Births, 1837-1904

Czech Republic, School Registers, 1799-1953

US, Ohio, Crawford County Obituaries, 1860-2004

United States Passport Applications, 1795-1925

US, Illinois, Cook County Deaths, 1878-1939, 1955-1994

being just some of the newly indexed or browsable un-indexed as yet collections added recently.

Dick Eastman's newsletter snippets

Can't find your immigrant ancestors coming to NZ? Perhaps this new site may help. <http://blog.eogn.com/2015/03/05/englands-immigrant-records-1300-1550-now-online/> <http://www.englandsimmigrants.com/>

Ancestry. Australian WWI Service Record 1914-1920. These record include service dossiers for the following units; Australian Imperial Force, Australian Naval and Military Expeditionary Force, Royal Australian Naval bridging train, Australian Flying Corps and the Australian Army Nursing Service.

Dossiers include comprehensive biographical information as well as service and casualty records.

<http://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/> contains images that are the property of National Archives of Australia, are searchable, but may only be reproduced with NA of A permission.

ANZAC Memorial database contains a book compiled to commemorate both Australians and New Zealanders who died in WWI. Information is provided about each soldier. <<http://search.ancestry.co.uk/search/db.aspx/dbid=1145>>

[Ancestry.com/New Zealand Officiating Ministers 1882-1920](http://Ancestry.com/NewZealandOfficiatingMinisters1882-1920). This database contains lists of all ministers who had the right to perform marriage ceremonies under their churches' denominations.

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.

Mar 24th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting Sue Greene. **How to Trace Your Military Ancestors**

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, and worldwide FindMyPast. Public and members welcome.

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

April 9th: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

Saturday April 11th: DNA interest group 2-4pm at Lorna's. For all those interested in DNA technology.

Sat. May 2nd: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group (KCC)

You may also be interested in:

Friday May To be confirmed Kapiti Branch guided tour of the national Archives NZ. The Archives are a valuable source of information and anyone who has not paid it a visit would do well to take advantage of this tour.

Thursday May 14th. Overview of resources at APFHC, particularly BDM NZ and overseas, online records and microfiche.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursdays - next session **Thursday April 9th** for help with any Australian research.

Legacy

Next session **Saturday May 2nd**. Topic will be on our website when announced

NB Note change of date from April due to clash with ANZAC day.

DNA

Two monthly, 2nd Sat or Sun of month, alternates between Sat and Sun) - next session

Saturday 11th April 2-4pm (phone Lorna 293 7771 for directions)

Any questions or hints to share?

We'll be exploring more of GEDMatch.com - comparing GEDComs, Segment matching.

Hint: don't ignore your early American matches - you never know where it will lead, even if you don't find the common ancestor who passed that bit of DNA down to you. I seem to have ended up connected to a group of Kentucky families called Blue Fugates.

(<http://www.indiana.edu/~oso/lessons/Blues/TheBlues.htm>)

Round Robins

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](#).

This is a really good way of keeping up with the latest news and having access to interesting articles without having to subscribe to the magazines. Do check out which magazines are available. They all have a wealth of ideas and information.

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 24 March 2015

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: P-T

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 Barbara GILL, Stewart OLIVER, Carol GARDEN.

School records transcription project

If you are willing to take part in this project please contact the coordinator, John Glover ([pamandjohn "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:pamandjohn@paradise.net.nz))

30 year history

To include your stories in the 30 Year History of Kapiti Genealogy that Clive is compiling on our behalf, please contact Clive on 04 293 7631 or drop us a message through the Secretary ([Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org)). If you are prepared to write a story he would be delighted!

Late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters are added to [our website](#) and remember that by logging into the website you may post events of relevance and interesting links yourself - and update your own contact details.

New committee members

As mentioned in last month's Convenor's Comment, several committee members are stepping down this year, so **before the April, AGM** we would very much appreciate an indication of interest from those able to take their places.

Never been on a committee before? Don't be scared, we don't bite! We even have quite a lot of fun at committee meetings - and choccie biscuits :)
Committee members must be members of NZSG

Subscriptions

Yes, it's getting near that time of year again. See back page for renewal of subscriptions.

National Library Talks

If you wanted to hear the talk by Trish McCormack on Criminal Records at the National Library, You're TOO LATE. Please note that these series of talks are just before our meetings so be sure to note the dates in your diary if you're interested.

The next one is on **Monday April 20th, 12.10-1pm** when Joan McCracken will talk on the Cenotaph Database.

After the talks every second month, including April, **1.00 - 1.30pm** at the same venue, there will be a conservation clinic, when the National Preservation Office Field Conservator, Vicki-Anne Heikell, will offer advice on how to care for, handle and store your treasured family items.

February evening meeting report

Gill Knox (NZSG rep) shared a general outline of the benefits to being a member of NZSG and challenged the idea that you have to be in Auckland to have decent access to resources. She likened being a member of NZSG to a family tree, where the branch is 'the parents' and NZSG 'the grandparents'. If you have a question you may find the answer from the 'parent' or you can ask the 'grandparent'. Both have useful resources to help you.

There are volunteers at the Family Record

Centre (FRC), Auckland, who will look things up for you for free. Books and other resources can be borrowed.

The website is another tool, especially the members only section, where a member can access many of the services available, including: look up services, land record services, certificate collection, first families collection, Gale newspapers (British) and Discovery (access to UK Archives records downloaded for free).

Kathy Callaghan



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, 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.

Branch Committee

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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](mailto:editor@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.

Subscriptions

Our membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Although your cream 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.

New members between now and 31 March are automatically joined up for the 2015/16 year

Payment of your \$25 may be made by:

- cash or cheque (made out to Kapiti Genealogy) and handed to a committee member at any meeting, or posted to the Membership Secretary, P O Box 703, Paraparaumu, 5254
- or by internet banking
Westpac 03 0732 0263025 00
Please remember to include your surname and membership number in the payee and reference

fields for identification purposes, preferably also emailing the [Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Treasurer@KapitiGen.org) to advise that payment has been made.

If also a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, please enter your NZSG number in one of the payee/reference fields.

Please allow up to a fortnight for processing and delivery of your new card.

We look forward to your continuing membership and participation in our activities.

Next Monthly Meeting
Tuesday April 28th
AGM at 7.30pm
Speaker: Lorna Henderson
Focus on 'Family Search'