

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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Kia ora everyone!

I have been engrossed in reading the latest NZSG Genealogist magazine (just one of the benefits of being an NZSG member).

What a wonderful variety of information it contains; from the timely article about the BNZ employees who served during WWI, to the story of the Hon. Francis Edward O'Flynn M.L.C. written by our very own Kapiti member Nina O'Flynn.

Nina has very kindly donated to our library a copy of the book she has written about her father. Nina completed the book with the assistance of Kathy Callaghan, and Ross, Kathy's husband also lent a hand. What a wonderful achievement. Nina, you are to be congratulated.

Nina's accomplishment should be an inspiration to the rest of us. It is all very well gathering up facts, clippings and photos, but tying them together into a life story so that others can enjoy the fruits of your research is certainly a goal to aspire to.

So how do we achieve something like this? I guess it's just a case of "one step at a time". There are no shortcuts, no magic wand, it just comes down to the belief that your story is worth telling. I've been told that starting with a small summary, which you can later flesh out, is a good way to start.

Another idea is to write a small narrative every time you find another fact. For example, you learn from the Kiwi Index that your grandmother Mary started school in 1906. A simple line such as: "*Mary started attending Main school in February 1906. She was in good company, of course, as her two older sisters Ann and*

Jane were already there to keep an eye on her. The down side was that she was probably wearing her sister's "hand-me-downs" with the family being on such a limited income."

And, there you have it, a story is born!

Our guest speaker for the next meeting is Kay Carter, who will be developing this subject further with her talk "Writing stories for your grandchildren". It should really help those of us who are still thinking about it.

The next meeting is also our AGM. To date we have not received any nominations to take on the role of Convenor. After some discussion with the Committee, who have offered to take on some of my duties, I have decided to put myself forward again this year.

One of the duties that we discussed sharing is the chairing of Branch meetings. While I am happy to do this from time to time, I would like other members to participate. If you have had experience of chairing a meeting, or you feel you would like to "have a go", please let me know so that we can draw up a roster. With just eleven meetings a year I'm sure we can spread the load.

Thank you

Hilary

**This month's meeting is on
Tuesday April 26th
7-9 pm**

**AGM followed by
Speaker Kay Carter
"Writing stories for your
Grandchildren"**

April Branch Meeting

When: April 26th at 7-9pm
Where: Kapiti Community centre
What: **AGM**– see details below, followed by:

‘Writing stories for your grandchildren’ - speaker Kay Carter

Experienced researcher, Kay Carter, will be asking the question “What will your grandchildren know about you?” We spend a lot of time researching the past, but what records will future generations have of us and our lives today?

Branch AGM

**KAPITI BRANCH OF THE NEW ZEALAND SOCIETY OF GENEALOGISTS
NOTICE OF AGM
KAPITI COMMUNITY CENTRE,
15 NGAHINA STREET, PARAPARAUMU
26 APRIL 2016 AT 7.30 P.M.**

AGENDA:

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRM 2015 AGM MINUTES
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2015 to 31 MARCH 2016
5. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2015 to 31 MARCH 2016
6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2016/17
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

Books - help yourself!

Librarian, Bev, has been sorting out the books in our library because since the move downstairs in the Paraparaumu Library, we do not have as much shelf space as before.

A selection of these books will be available at the next meeting. Help yourself to anything you find interesting or that will help with your research.

Branch news

Offer to assist with research

Member Clive Palmer has just completed assisting Mary Cooper to bring her family history and stories together and has prepared a 45 page book for her to present to her brother, Sir George Chapman, on his 89th birthday in April.

Clive says he would be happy to assist Branch members write up their family stories into booklet form. He does not prepare books for formal publication, but he specialises in in-house records for direct family use. To date he has documented ten family histories other than his own. No fees are charged - just the recovery of actual expenses such as purchase of official documents, printing, mileage, etc.

Please contact Clive for further information: [c-mpalmer "at" xtra.co.nz](mailto:c-mpalmer@xtra.co.nz)

Coming up

Branch Meeting, 24th May 2016

Our speaker is Mike Guest, Community Consultant for the Upper Hutt LDS Family History Centre.

Mike will be showing us how to make the best use of our Family History Centres and the FHC Catalogue. The Catalogue leads to books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications that can be loaned through your local Family History Centre.

Family History Expo in Otaki - Saturday 28th May 2016

The Otaki Branch of the NZSG is planning a Family History Research day. With TV programmes such as 'Who do you think you are' or 'Lost and Found', interest and awareness of family history is growing in the wider community. The idea is to show how easy it can be to access this information once you know what facilities are available. There will also be an opportunity for the experienced researcher to access specialists from interest groups based in the Wellington region.

When: May 28th

Time: 10am – 4pm

Location: Otaki Memorial Hall, Main St , Otaki

Friday 22 April 2016 at 12:10 – 1:10pm.

At Tiakiwai, Lower Ground Floor, National Library of New Zealand (Entrance from Aitken Street)

FamilySearch Affiliate Library service desk

Did you know you can access records on microfilm or microfiche from the **FamilySearch** service and use them at the National Library in Wellington?

This service, a collaboration between the Library, the NZ Society of Genealogists and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, began at the Library in 2007.

Jenny Martin has been a volunteer with the service since its inception and will explain how you can make the most of what is on offer.

Don't miss this issue

The **June 2015 issue of Who Do You Think You Are** magazine, now in the box in the library, contains a list of the 100 best free online resources for family historians! What a treasure!

The list, itemised by geographical or speciality area contains many gems along with the well known ones.

Also, check out [historyhouse.co.uk](http://www.historyhouse.co.uk/placeE/essex03s.html) - in particular <http://www.historyhouse.co.uk/placeE/essex03s.html> about the dangers of sleeping on the wrong side of the bed!

Other articles include resources about the Napoleonic Wars; Justices of the Peace and petty session records; the Temperance movement;

APFHC News



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

Alison Proctor Family History Centre opened April 7th 2008

So who was Alison Proctor?

For those members who did not have the benefit of knowing her, Alison was a long standing member of NZSG and Kapiti Branch, She was first elected to the committee in 1999 and remained an active participant until her death in 2007, having held the positions of Publicity Officer, Newsletter Editor and finally Librarian.

Alison Proctor (nee Elder) was born in Hastings (NZ) in 1931 to Norman and Kathleen Elder. Her father came from Waikanae and Alison travelled with her parents to Britain in 1950, where she met her future husband Ron Proctor. They came back to NZ and were married in Havelock North in 1955.

The Proctors lived overseas for fifteen years and produced three sons before Ron died in 1970. Alison moved back to NZ and to Waikanae in 1978. In 1986 she enrolled as an extra-mural student at Massey and eleven years later completed a her BA degree.

Alison was a dedicated member of the Branch and NZSG. In 2006 she was presented with an NZSG Branch Service award.

Research Assistance

Members needing assistance with their research, are welcome at the weekly public Wednesday morning sessions at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library.

Bev is always glad to hear from anyone able to volunteer their services to help. More volunteers are always welcome and appreciated by members and public needing assistance.

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.

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.

Relocation at the library

The APFHC is located on the ground floor of the Paraparaumu library. Turn right inside the door. The keys for the APFHC cupboard are now being held at the Welcome Desk opposite the entrance.

The desk layout does not allow much space for notes etc. so have your research well organised to make the most of your time. Please replace the cover on the computer when you have finished your research session and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

Any matters relating to the Genealogy Society should be taken up with a committee member, **not** library staff.

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 the library Welcome desk. We also request that you sign the blue sign-in book found in the drawer - such statistics help us when applying for grants.

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. 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

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 a time other than the timeslot when use of the computers is at a



Dates for Your Diary

Kapiti Genealogy

Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Ground Floor, North West Corner Paraparaumu Library

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

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

April 26th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC) Monthly meeting . Details on page 2.

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.

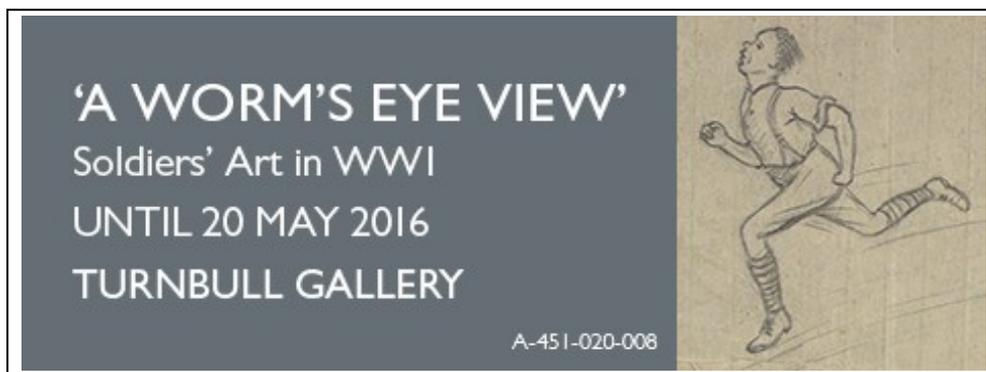
Interest Group meetings (see [Programme>Interest Groups on our website for further details](#))

Thur. 12th May: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

Sunday 15th May RootsMagic group Q&A session 2 - 4pm Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1:30.

Sunday 12th June. DNA interest group , 2-4pm at Lorna's. For all those interested in DNA for genealogy.

Saturday April 30th: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1- 4pm at the Kapiti Community Centre.



Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December - next session **Thursday May 12th** for help with any Australian research. 10-12am at the APFHC.

DNA

Informal (free) 2-monthly group for anyone interested in adding DNA testing to their genealogy toolkit. The April group had a busy Q&A session, with attendees learning how to download, then upload their Ancestry and FamilyTreeDNA files to GEDmatch.com. Further information was shared on triangulating matches in order to group ancestors sharing a common ancestor, ready to start exploring their respective trees to identify the ancestor/s concerned. Y-DNA was not neglected as we also covered how to read the Y-results/matches as presented. Next meeting Sunday **12th June** 2-4pm. Lorna 04 293 7771

Legacy Users

Our meetings are the last Saturday of every second month from February to October. Everyone is welcome. Next meeting **April 30th**. At the Kapiti Community Centre. Cost \$3, pay at the door. Tea and coffee available. Bring a laptop if you have one. Contact Gerald Twiss [Gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:Gero@ihug.co.nz) for more details.

Roots Magic group

Following a successful introductory workshop in March it has been decided to continue with this group on the 3rd Saturday of alternate months. **Next session Q&As.**

Mark the following dates in your calendar: **15th May** (yes that's the 2nd Sunday, not the 3rd Saturday); **Jul 16th; Sep 17th; Nov 19th**, all at the Kapiti Community Centre, from 2 to 4, doors open 1:30pm. \$3 to cover costs/refreshments.

NZSG News

Revised rules and postal votes

NZSG members will have received the papers for the NZSG AGM including the Agenda and revised set of rules with their April issue of *The New Zealand Genealogist* magazine. Do read them carefully and use your postal vote as the new rule at **12.2 - Branch and Interest Group Local Membership** could have favourable implications for our Branch.

At present only members of NZSG are eligible for the Branch Committee. This new rule will allow members to become Local Members of NZSG at the cost of a levy on the Branch rather than the full subscription. Although they will not get access to NZSG research facilities, it will permit them to be on the Branch Committee. This will give us much more flexibility in attracting members with particular skills to come on to the Committee.

The 49th AGM of NZSG will be held on Sat. June 4th at the ASB Arena, Mt. Maunganui

Postal votes close at 4pm, Friday 20th May 2016. A two-thirds majority of valid votes cast (existing Rule 9.1) is needed for the new rules to be adopted.

Message from local Councillor, Peter Gibson,

"Most NZSG members will be aware that nominations for the 2016-18 Council closed last December with six of seven council positions filled, and no nominations for President or Treasurer. Consequently I was elected (along with others) for 2016-18.

Since then I have decided to seek election as the NZSG Treasurer. I believe I have the background and skills, including 30 years in banking and 13 years as secretary/manager of a nation-wide friendly society, to enable me to fill the role and I ask for members' support in an election for the position at the 2016 AGM in June.

If members attending the AGM in person could cast their vote for me I should be very grateful. Proxy voting is not permitted in this situation. My updated bio is on the NZSG website. Thank you.

Peter Gibson

National Library talk

The **Old Friends** site previously operated by Trademe has been closed.

The National Library has taken over the data in this site, but will not be operating the site as an interactive one. Essentially it preserves what was there at the time Trademe closed in just the same way as if you donated a collection of written material to the Library.

Amy Watling talked about the new site, called **Tiaki** Tiaki will replace the site that was used to access the National Library's unpublished collections and will be up and running from January 2016. To gain access you need to register using the digital system Real Me - the same one used for Passports and several other Government agencies. You just need the one password for all. Is a single online ID.

You can register online and order material to be waiting for you when you arrive. If you are seeking restricted material you can request an appointment online and the time will be confirmed. This does not apply to Archives where I waited 45 minutes for some records. But they do have a good cafe which makes up for the delay! A visit to Archives fits in well with the Midday talk at the National Library, as you can go to Archives after the talk and still have time to catch the train before 3pm.

Michael Gaffaney

(Thanks for this contribution, Michael. Ed)

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday April 26th 2016

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

Supper roster: A - E

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

Committee meetings: 7.30pm, 1st Wednesday of months February - December

Welcome to new members:

Chris Robertson, Pam Glover.

Welcome to the Branch. Please make yourselves known to other members at the monthly meetings. It's your opportunity to find out where you can get help with your story and share experiences. We hope you'll enjoy our facilities and benefit from your membership.

Thanks to retiring Committee members/ portfolio holders

Diane Sleeman has indicated her intention to resign from the Committee due to other commitments. Thank you Diane for your contribution over several years.

Pat Keppell has done a great job collecting used ink cartridges and recycling them through Cartridge World. This has made a valuable addition to Branch funds. Thank you, Pat.

We are delighted that **Jill Craig** has offered to take over from Pat, so please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly meetings

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))

Publicity and marketing

We still need someone who would be interested in taking on this role for the Committee. It is not onerous and involves mainly contacting newspapers with coming events and organising the distribution of flyers. If you can help, please contact the Committee.

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 are able to post events of relevance and interesting links yourself as well as update your own contact details.

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".

How to?

Please let the Committee would like to know what topics you would like covered in our meeting "How to" session.

It's a chance to find out how to resolve any difficulty you're having with a programme or make the most of the extensive facilities we have available. Nothing is too simple or odd. Please give us your ideas.

It's your Society!

Round Robins

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

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

Subs \$15 per year starting Jul/Aug) to either Family Tree magazine or Who Do You Think You Are.

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.



Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Branch Committee

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Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

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Email links throughout the newsletter are clickable, remove the "at" and insert the @ symbol before sending.

Membership

Subscriptions were due at the end of March and remain at \$25. Members who have not renewed their subscriptions are asked to do so as soon as possible.

Please refer to the website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/2016/01/membership-renewals-201617/>) for joining and payment instructions.

Ex-officio committee

Trip organiser: Kathy Callaghan

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Meryl Opie

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Catering: Judy Olsen

Ink cartridges Jill Craig

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Roots Magic: Lorna Henderson

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DNA: Lorna Henderson

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roots

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

Branch fundraisers:

Used ink cartridges

Please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly Branch meetings.

Many thanks to Pat Keppel for collecting our ink cartridges for recycling over several years.

Jill Craig has volunteered to be our new cartridge collector.

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.

Next meeting
May 24th 2016

Speaker: Mike Guest
LDS Family History Centre
Upper Hutt