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check our
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[http://
KapitiGen.org](http://KapitiGen.org)
for additional
information on
events, Branch,
Interest & User
Groups, and any
late changes.**

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Convenor's Comment

Kia ora everyone!

We asked. You answered. We listened! The committee recently met to consider and discuss the results of the survey.

Thank you again to the 80 plus members who responded, and for all the very positive and creative comments. While there is nothing wrong with a wish-list, we are naturally constrained in what we can achieve with the resources we have available – I'm talking mainly about the availability of volunteer hours, and varying skill levels. Having said that, we are very fortunate to have so many of our members who support the branch by making themselves available, and who take responsibility for tasks both large and small. Every contribution is very gratefully accepted, believe me!

So, with that in mind, we have had to put aside some very worthy suggestions for another day and will certainly keep them in mind, but what we have come up with are actions which we think are manageable, achievable and productive.

What better place to start than with our new members? Several suggestions were made as to how we could help new members have a better experience while they find their feet during those initial daunting first steps into genealogy research.

We plan to implement some new procedures effective immediately.

Member's interests: Upon joining we will ask new members the names and places that they are interested in, and we will publish these in the newsletter. We hope that any current members with the same interests will take this opportunity to come forward and perhaps offer some help.

We would also like to provide them with a "Greeter" for their first branch meeting,

who will show them the ropes, introduce them to other members and sit with them during the meeting.

If you would like to be a "Greeter" on a roster basis, could you please let me know? We would like to have at least two people available at each branch meeting, and if we get enough volunteers, we may only need to call on you once or twice a year.

We also learned that some of our new members are not able to attend the Wednesday "Help Desk" sessions. We are going to trial having a monthly Saturday afternoon "Help Desk" at the library from 1:00pm – 3:00pm.

We plan to hold these on the first Saturday of the month so the first one will be on **Saturday 4th March**. We will be drawing up a roster of assistants, so please, if you think you can show someone how to get started on their research – how to use Ancestry, Find my Past etc. then we would love to hear from you. If you don't know how to do any of that, then come along on the 4th March and we will be pleased to help you get started.

We have several more ideas in the pipeline which will take a little longer to organise, so watch this space.

And once again, thank you for your ideas and suggestions – and positive feedback. You have re-energised our wonderful committee!

Hilary

**This month's meeting is
on
February 28th, 7-9 pm**

**Chatham Islands -
people and places**

Speaker: Bill Carter

February Branch Meeting

When: February 28th 2017 at 7-9pm

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

What: Chatham Islands – people and places.

Speaker: Bill Carter

Bill has spent many years travelling back and forth to the Chatham Islands, his second “home”, having family connections through his mother.

His talk will share some of these experiences and touch on the difficulty in researching family history in the years prior to registrations and regular communications with the outside world.

7.30pm. Extraordinary General Meeting



Meeting Convenor: Hilary Cunningham

Supper roster: A–F

Branch news

Reminder! The Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the beginning of the February Branch meeting is to confirm our adoption of the new NZSG rules

Kapiti Genealogy, a branch of the NZSG, is registered as a separate entity with the Charities Services and has to formally adopt the NZSG rules at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held for the purpose. We need to register this decision with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and Charities Services before the 23rd March. Please note that only fully paid up members of NZSG are able to vote.

The motion will be as follows: *“That Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists adopts as its own rules the rules of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc. registered on 21 June 2016 and including a partial amendment registered on 28 September 2016, and all previous rules be rescinded.”*

FindMyPast discount

Those of our members who are members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG) should have received the latest e-kit newsletter (if not, does NZSG have your email address?).

Included in that newsletter is the new discount code for a FindMyPast (Australia) worldwide subscription - well worth having if you want your own subscription.

This code is also on our website with instructions at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2017/02/findmypast-discount-code/>

Remember that our computers at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library all have the worldwide FindMyPast on them.

Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Meryl Opie at ([RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin%20%22%40KapitiGen.org)) 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. They have a wealth of ideas and information When the ‘round robin’ subscribers have finished with them, the magazines are put into folders in our library at the APFHC. So do check them out. Most articles do not date.

How To: Kapiti Genealogy Website

Kapiti Genealogy



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Search



The February How To session was a quick exploration of our website.

Points to note:

- As you click on each of the top menu bar options a sub menu will show on the left hand side to enable navigation to all items below that heading.
- Use the Search box on the top right hand side under our logo to find certain items - or click on an entry in the "Tags" to find all items tagged with that keyword.
- Log in to be able to add comments, post a newsworthy item, see the FindMyPast discount code (if you are an NZSG member as well as a member of the branch).

Unfortunately as we found on the night the ability to recover lost passwords had gone 'awol.'

Keep an eye on this post and any subsequent comments for status updates: <http://www.kapitigen.org/2017/01/logging-inpassword-reset/>

Please use this link to login or reclaim a lost password until this can be fixed
<http://www.kapitigen.org/wp-login.php>

Programme

Programme sub menu:

- Meetings
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Invitation from Porirua branch

Porirua Branch welcomes Kapiti Branch members to this wonderful opportunity to meet and learn from an expert in researching the family histories of those who served in India during the years of British rule.

Peter Bailey, currently Life President of FIBIS (Families in British India Society) is visiting New Zealand and is keen to meet with people who would like to know more about researching this area of family history.

Peter is an expert on India-related family history and is the author of *Researching Ancestors in the East India Company Armies*.

FIBIS provides research and social history resources for India from 1600 up to approximately 1947. It covers the earlier part of the British East India Company's history and offers help and advice on researching.

Their website, which regularly wins the UK Federation of Family History Societies award for the best FH website, has excellent resources. There is a database with more than a million individual names; Fibiwiki, which provides general background information about the culture, society and history of India; an on-line library and bookshop; and a regular journal with relevant articles.

Peter will be speaking on **Wednesday 1 March at 7.30 pm in the Helen Smith Room at Pataka, corner of Norrie and Parumoana Streets, Porirua** (entrance across car park in Norrie Street).

If you wish to attend, please contact **Deirdre Dale, phone 04 233 8842, Mob 021 813 400, email: deirdre.dale@gmail.com**

The National Library has started its programme of family history tours and talks for 2017. Whether you are new to family history research, or just need a refresher, their first tour will introduce you to the many family history resources held in the Family History Collection and Alexander Turnbull Library. Fiona Gray, Research Librarian Family History, and Librarian Audrey Waugh, will be your guides.

Friday 24 February 2017 10:30 to 11:30am. Meet in the level 1 foyer, National Library building, cnr Molesworth & Aitken Street, Thorndon, Wellington. Bookings to ATLOutreach@dia.govt.nz

Certificates for the NZSG collection

Thanks to all who contributed certificates for the NZSG Collection. Nearly 500 certificates were sent. Great effort!

It is a huge job for the volunteers at NZSG, who now will index and cross-index every one of the donated certificates. These include parents, spouses, other relatives, informants and witnesses where they are likely to be of value. Women are indexed under both married and maiden names. This means there could be 6 – 10 entries for a particular birth, death or marriage all with the same reference number, but only one entry will be the individual who is the subject of the event.

The sole purpose of the collection is to share certificate information amongst Society members.

What information can you obtain from the NZSG certificate collection?

Individual search: You may request a search for an individual (either a particular event or all references to the individual). Please include concise details, such as likely location, time frame, parents' names if known etc. If a search is successful you will be sent details of the document.

Surname printouts: You can ask for an up-to-date printout of entries in the index for up to eight surnames at a time. For more common surnames such as Anderson, Bell, Brown, Campbell, Clark, Hall, Harris, Hill, Jones, King, Martin, Robertson, Robinson, Ross, Scott, Smith, Stewart, Taylor, Thompson, Walker, Watson, White, Williams, Wilson Wright and Young, please also list the forenames. You will be provided with a printout of those names only.

If you identify any certificates from the printouts that appear relevant to your research, you may then make a further request for copies of the documents. These requests must be limited to six certificates at a time.

How do I make a request?

Write to NZSG Certificates Research Inquiries, Mrs Francie Smith, PO Box 311, Mangonui 0442, setting out your request clearly and concisely making sure the correct reference numbers and names are quoted. If you find several entries with the same reference number and date, it is necessary to list only one.

Post your enquiry with a stamped, self-addressed envelope (minimum size DLE – 22cm x 11cm). If surname printouts of the index are requested please include an A4 sized stamped, self-addressed envelope. There is no charge for this service.

It is one of the great benefits you get by being a member of NZSG. You only need to get four certificates and you have covered the cost of your membership!

If you are not yet a member of NZSG, sign up at <https://www.genealogy.org.nz>

You won't regret it.

Kathy Callaghan

Who will adopt your genealogical research?

Something we should all be thinking about.

<<http://www.gedsite.com/en/archive.htm>> - The link has both an overview of some of the options for passing on your data, and a means to create one of them.

John Cardinal is the highly respected developer of the Web Site generator SecondSite which works directly from the no longer sold TMG (The Master Genealogist) to produce widely customizable web pages.

He has now produced GedSite which is not limited to those using TMG.

His new GedSite program generates web pages from a GEDCOM of your genealogy data, so works with all of the modern genealogy programs.

The webpages generated are on your computer, and can be viewed on your computer, or popped onto a flash drive, burnt to a cd/dvd, or published on the web for sharing with others.

All it takes to read them is a web browser - Firefox, Chrome, Safari, Opera, Internet Explorer.

If you have explored your genealogy program's webpage generation options which are generally fairly basic, why not try GedSite and explore what it can do.

GedSite "knows" about some of the program specific options available in eg FamilyHistorian, RootsMagic, Legacy and Family Tree Maker and can make use of them to produce more interesting webpages (or websites if published) for viewing, or checking, your collected data.

Lorna Henderson

<http://LornaHen.com>

Can you help to identify this couple?

Lindsay Olsen found these two photographs in a rubbish collection and would like to return them to the family they belong to.



Scanned by CamScanner

The wedding is taking place at New Cross Congregational Church, which is in London. If you think you can help please contact the editor to get the original much larger scans.



Coming events.

NZSG Conference: June 2nd– 4th 2017, Auckland. The programme for this year's NZSG conference looks really exciting. Check it out on their website.

Tuesday August 15th at 12 noon, NZSG is holding a national lunch at various venues around the country to commemorate the founding of the Society. Kapiti Genealogy will be joining the celebration in some form. Do keep the date free and see future newsletters for details.

Irish Research Day

Jenny Martin is bringing the Irish Interest Group collection to visit the Kilbirnie branch.

She has arranged for access to both Ancestry and Findmypast

The Irish microfiche and book collections will be there to read

We welcome not only our own members but those from other branches as well

Tea and coffee will be available

Gold coin admission charge

Please do bring your own laptops to conduct your research because internet access will be available.

9.30am to noon on Wednesday March 15 2017, upstairs at the former Park Bowling Clubrooms next door to the Regional Aquatic Centre, Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie.

Also

There's never been a better time to explore your family's history on **ScotlandsPeople** as you can now search our indexes for free <<http://email.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/c/1Kb7x1sTccnIKthdcGd8l4>>.

New records will be added to ScotlandsPeople throughout 2017; to hear about new releases , follow @scotlandspeople <<http://email.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/c/1Kbj3mLYwreUQD3jk9jnEI>> on Twitter and by liking our Facebook page <<http://email.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/c/1Kbz153QG66WMPprCpCzY>>.

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 in the programme on our website, both in a downloadable document and on the calendar.

Monthly Branch meeting: February 28th, 7-9pm

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, FindMyPast and The Genealogist. Public and members welcome

Saturday 4th March: Help Desk 1-3pm at APFHC. (see Convenor's Comments)

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

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

Saturday 8th April: DNA group at Lorna's. 2-4pm

Saturday 11th March: Roots magic group at Kapiti Community Centre., 1.30-3.30-pm.

Saturday 25th February: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1- 4pm at Kapiti Community Centre.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday March 9th 2017** for help with any Australian research.
10-12am at the APFHC.

DNA

Informal 2-monthly group for anyone interested in adding DNA testing to their genealogy toolkit.

Our February meeting covered a range of topics ranging from 'who do I get to test', and with which company, through to advanced yDNA analysis via the BigY test and many in between.

Those who tested at Ancestry or 23andme and wish to find more matches may be interested in the news is that FamilyTreeDNA have announced an update to their transfer program.

Both of these companies changed their test a while ago and made their test incompatible with the existing autosomal transfer into FamilyTreeDNA. This has been fixed, AND the price reduced to only \$19 US (more details at <http://dnasurnames.blogspot.com/2017/02/transfers-into-familytreedna.html>).

For Ancestry test takers this is highly recommended as it provides access to tools for actually seeing where the DNA matches, as opposed to possible tree matches.

Please do still upload your autosomal results to GEDmatch though as there you can compare with those who have uploaded to all companies and get access to even more tools.

Next meeting **April 8th** 2-4pm. Contact 04 293 7771

Legacy Users

Meetings are the last Saturday of every second month from February to October. Everyone is welcome.

Next meeting **Saturday 25th February**.

The following meeting is on **April 29th**.

Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm.

Meeting 2-4pm

Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2

Contact Gerald Twiss [Gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:Gero%20%22at%22%20ihug.co.nz) for more details.

Roots Magic group

First meeting for 2017 - **Saturday 11th March**.

Full details on <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/>

Please note that this is out of sequence being the second Saturday, with the remaining sessions for the year reverting to the third Saturday of every second month.

The starting time has also been brought forward half an hour due to booking conflicts at the KCC.

Doors open 1pm, session runs from 1:30 to 3:30.

\$3 per session - or pay \$15 to our bank account now for the full year (5 sessions)

02 0591 0040791 000.

Topic suggestions welcome via the form at the above link. Wouldn't it be great if by then the promised Ancestry/ RootsMagic interface is available?

Bring along your questions/suggestions/hints on how to record your Family History and your research.

Information for new members

Branch meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.

This month's meeting:

Tuesday February 28th 2017. Details on page 2.

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

Supper roster: A - F

We have a roster to help our supper organiser, Judy Olsen. If your surnames starts with the above letters, she would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

Committee meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 1st Wednesday of months February - December.

If you would like join the committee or have a skill we could use, please tell a committee member. All the contact details are on page 6.

Welcome to new members :

Rangi KEARNEY, Sharon ALLAN (NZSG), interested in Irish research, Kathy DUNN, Martyn WRIGHT and Audrey WOODCOCK.

Welcome back to Margaret NOCK .

Please make yourself known to Donna on the front table when you arrive at your first monthly branch meeting, so we can arrange a 'greeter' to introduce you to other members.

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and at the new time on Saturday March 4th 1-3pm are a great start towards getting help. Do come and tell us what areas you are researching and learn how to use our excellent facilities. One of these sessions will help you to find your way around.

Volunteers to help with these sessions are always welcome and appreciated by those needing assistance.

Kapiti Genealogy on Facebook

Check out [our facebook page](#). You don't need to be a registered user of facebook to read it. Kathy Callaghan would love your suggestions on how to make the best use of this medium.

School records transcription project

This project is playing an essential part in digitizing our local schools' records. If you are willing to take part in this project contact the coordinator, John Glover. He will be pleased to hear from you.

([pamandjohn "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:pamandjohn%40paradise.net.nz))

Facilities at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library . Turn right inside the library entrance and at the far end you'll see the six computers, microfiche and library. The cupboard on the right hand side of the area contains the blue and red folders mentioned below.

Computer Password at the APFHC

The 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 ask that you sign the blue sign-in book found in the drawer - such statistics help us when applying for grants.

Please replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

Resources

We have wonderful resources on all six of our computers at the APFHC, quite apart from all the other records and books. You are encouraged to use these resources as often as you need. They are the envy of other Genealogy Societies.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist, as well as free sites like FamilySearch. A microfiche is available. You are encouraged to save the results of your searches on a USB memory stick or send them to your own email address. If you print out copies, please put 10c per copy in the honesty box on the cupboard door.

Overview Sessions

Every so often the Branch holds Overview Sessions which will acquaint you with the various resources available and how to use them. The Committee is reviewing the timing of these sessions as recent ones have not been that well attended. Keep an eye on 'dates for your diary ' in the newsletter or the website programme for future dates.

Computers

If you are researching and do not need the help of the volunteers. please consider avoiding the 10 - 12am time slot on Wednesday mornings, when use of the computers is at a premium.

Thank you.



Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Branch Committee

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Email links

Throughout the newsletter email links are clickable. Remove the "at" and insert the @ symbol before sending.

Membership

We welcome new and returning members.

Subscriptions for the next financial year remain at \$25 and are due 1 April 2017.

Please note that our bank account has changed.

The new account number for Internet Banking is BNZ 02 0591 0040791 000 (Kapiti Genealogy)

Our website has further payment options:

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2017/02/membership-for-20172018/>

Ex-officio committee

Trip organiser: Kathy Callaghan

Magazine Round Robins:

Meryl Opie

RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

Meeting registrar: Donna Bridgeman

Equipment Support:

Lindsay Olsen backup up Lorna

Catering: Judy Olsen

Schools project: John Glover

Interest Group Facilitators:

Australian: Deborah Shuker

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Legacy Users: Gerald Twiss

Gero "at" ihug.co.nz

DNA: Lorna Henderson

Roots Magic: Lorna Henderson

RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org

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

Used ink cartridges

We are no longer collecting empty ink cartridges as the company receiving them still has not paid for the consignment handed in last June.

Newsletter contributions.

Deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday of month.

Please send copy to: editor "at" KapitiGen.org

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher.

Next meeting
March 28th 2017

Kapiti Connections
by local historian
Chris Maclean