

## Convenor's Comment

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

Kia ora everyone

As you are aware, at our next meeting we will be holding our AGM, so now is the time to let you know that I have decided to step down as Convenor and retire from the Committee.

My three years on the Committee, with two as Convenor, have been very satisfying and I have enjoyed the opportunities that have presented themselves, but I feel it is time to take a break for now.

I have particularly enjoyed meeting so many of our members. You have shared your knowledge and support generously and it has been greatly appreciated. I am fortunate to have worked alongside dedicated committee members. We have tried to meet the needs of members and bring about positive changes as a means of continued improvement.

I have also been humbled by the willingness of members to get involved in our branch activities. The transcribing of the school records is an amazing undertaking. Bill McKeich and John Glover continue to drive this project and with the support of the great band of volunteer transcribers and checkers, are making great strides. My sincerest congratulations to you all.

I have many people to thank, which I will do at the AGM, but what really pleases me is that the Kapiti branch is thriving and in good heart. I can quite rightly attribute this to our amazing committee.

Recently we had an 'outside' speaker who was surprised at the number of members at the meeting. We regularly reach attendance numbers in the 50s, which for an evening meeting is quite an achievement these days. I hope that I can assume from this that we are successfully identifying speakers of interest, backed up by the wonderful job that Ian Brooking does in organising our programme.

Please remember that this is your branch, and we value constructive feedback from members. There will always be opportunities for improvement, so if you have any ideas please bring them to the attention of the committee for consideration, and better still, let them know if you are willing to help.

As winter, (aka long-happy-evenings-researching-family-history) approaches I hope that you discover your nuggets of gold as you dig deeper into your glorious lineage that is known as ancestry.

Ka kite

**Hilary**

**This month's meeting is on  
May 23rd, 7-9 pm**

**AGM**

**Followed by  
Special Interest Group  
session**

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## May Branch Meeting

**When:** May 23rd 2017 at 7-9pm

**Where:** Kapiti Community Centre

**What:** **AGM followed by Special Interest Group speed dating session!**

Find out what the various Special Interest Groups (SIG) have to offer you.

Representatives from each of our "local" groups (Legacy Users Group, RootsMagic, Australian IG and DNA) will give a 10 minute presentation.

We also have speakers for the Maori SIG (Brenda Joyce), the LNI Irish SIG (Jenny Martin) and Greater London/English SIG.

**Meeting Convenor: Hilary Cunningham**

**Supper roster: S – Z**

## Branch news

The **Agenda for the AGM** is on page 3. It has to include confirmation of the minutes of our EGM accepting the new NZSG rules. There have been slight changes since, but nothing to concern us.

Don't forget this means that all Branch members are now eligible to stand for Committee. Please contact any Committee member if you are willing to put your name forward.

**Congratulations** to Carol Prockter who won three awards at the prestigious Adelaide Hills Doll Guild convention.

This beautifully dressed antique reproduction doll proudly wears the Anderson tartan to represent Carol's family heritage.

What an imaginative and creative way to illustrate your family history.

**Congratulations** to Myrna Read who won a year's Branch membership at the Age on the Go Expo.

We look forward to meeting you Myrna.

**NZSG anniversary lunch.**

Otaki Branch have agreed that we join forces for the NZSG lunch on 15th August.

It will be held in the Hadfield Hall (associated with Hadfield Church) which has good kitchen facilities, internet connectivity and projection screen. The plan is to self-cater, but with a bit of co-ordination to ensure a spread of foods available. More details next month.



Members will be sad to hear of the death of **Lyn Lee**, who died on Tues 11th April.

For those who didn't know Lyn, she was our immediate past Secretary and was still a current member. Our sincere sympathies go to husband Kerry, and family.

## Kapiti Genealogy AGM

**Annual General Meeting  
Kapiti Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists  
to be held on Tuesday 23 May 2017 at 7.30pm  
at Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu  
Agenda**

Apologies

Confirm 2016 AGM Minutes

Business arising from the Minutes

Ratification of the new NZSG rules as agreed at our  
EGM held 23 February 2017

Annual Report for the period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

Financial Report for the period 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2017

Reappointment of Auditor

Election of Officers and Committee (see notes below)

General Business

1. Nominations are called for a minimum of five Committee members including the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer.
2. The nominees for the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer must be current financial members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.
3. Nominees for positions of Committee members, other than those for Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer are not required to be current financial members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, but 50% of the Committee must be NZSG members.

## LNI Irish Group AGM and Research Day



**Date: Saturday 20th May Time: 10am to 3pm**

**Venue: Johnsonville Community Centre**

**Address: 3 Frankmoore Ave, Johnsonville,**

*(Entrance off Moorfield Road, opposite the Mall)*

Take lift or stairs to your left inside building, & up one floor. Please bring your lunch, refreshments supplied *or* pop over the road to one of the eating venues in the Mall

WiFi is available plus Ancestry and Findmypast Hope to see many of you there.

Enquiries: Jenny Martin [jenmartin@paradise.net.nz](mailto:jenmartin@paradise.net.nz)

## Update on the Schools Admission project

This is the report for the first quarter of 2017.

In the current round of transcriptions (as distinct from those we did a dozen or more years ago) we have so far completed Paekakariki and Raumati Beach Schools, up to the end of the year previous to copying the registers.

Waikanae Primary School will be the next to be completed. Transcribing is already complete, and checking is completed from 1896 – 1980. Editing of the checked data is completed from 1896 to 1930.

Paraparaumu Beach School will follow that. Transcribing the data (1965 – 2015) is complete. Checking and editing yet to start.

Schools no longer use the 'old' registers? They now use various forms (it's up to the individual school what they chose) of computerised database. Printing these out doesn't give us the range of data as previously, so the new data will be less useful to genealogists. We're doing the best we can with the 'modern' data.

**John Glover**  
Project Co-ordinator

## “Find My Past” and “The Genealogist” login problems

Both the “Find My Past” and “The Genealogist” subscriptions on the APFHC computers belong to our Kapiti Genealogy group, and for them to work, they have to be signed in.

Normally, the ‘Remember Me’ function on the browser does just that, and automatically signs you in. You can check whether you are signed in by looking at the top right-hand side of the screen.

In **FMP**, it will say “My Account”, as well as showing a welcome message.



If you are **not** signed in, you will

see **‘Sign In’**. If this is the case, simply click on “Sign in” and you will be presented with a form to fill in. If the form is completely empty, just type the letter ‘K’ into the Email address box and the full remembered email address should appear, along with the encrypted password: Now click “Sign in” and you should be back in action.

Similarly, for **The Genealogist**. Simply click on the ‘Sign in’ button and you should see the fully populated email address and password. You can now Sign In.

If you continue to have a problem, try one of the other computers – they all seem to behave slightly differently.

Happy searching!

**Ian Brooking**

## Dates for Your Diary

### Kapiti Genealogy

#### Venues

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

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pohutukawa Room, 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: May 23rd, 7-9pm—details pages 2 & 3**

**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 3rd June:** members' Help Session 1-3pm at APFHC. Brick walls! Bring them along for individual help.

**Thursday 29th June:** APFHC Overview Session, 1.30 - 3.00 pm. Using websites, particularly census results.

You may also be interested in the following:

**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 Otaki Branch. See page 2 for more information.

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

**Saturday 20th May:** Roots magic group at Kapiti Community Centre., 1.30-3.30-pm.

**Saturday 10th June:** DNA group at Lorna's. 2-4pm

**Thursday 8th June:** Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

**Saturday 24th June:** 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 June 8th 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.

Why do DNA?

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhxIjgGgw\\_k&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fhxIjgGgw_k&feature=youtu.be)

skip to about 35 minutes in and learn about finding the Irish family whiskey recipe.

Next session **Saturday 10th June 2-4pm** at Lorna's (04 293 7771).

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

Topic: Tools available to make more of your DNA results, and "any questions?"

### Legacy Users

Meetings are the last Saturday of every second month from February to October. Everyone is welcome.  
Next meeting **Saturday 24 June 2017**, 2:00 to 4:00pm.  
Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm.  
Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2  
Contact Gerald Twiss [Gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:Gero[at]ihug.co.nz) for more details.

A new upgrade is available - Legacy Family Tree 9.

### Roots Magic

Two monthly meetings at the Kapiti Community Centre.  
Next session: this **Saturday, 20th May**, 1:30 to 3:30, doors open at 1pm, \$3 door fee.  
<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/> for contact details, request a topic for discussion etc.

It doesn't look as though the promised (optional) link from RootsMagic to/from Ancestry will be available for that meeting, but must be coming soon!  
Bring along your suggestions on getting the most from RootsMagic, and/or your questions.

## What's new?

Have a day out in Wellington doing something a little different – **meet a group of American students who have been researching NZ WWI soldiers**; and while you're at the Dominion Museum take the opportunity to visit the new 'Wounded' Great War exhibition.

### **Measuring the ANZACs: Stories of New Zealand soldiers**

**Thursday 8 June 2017 10.30 – 12 noon** at the Great War Exhibition, Dominion Museum Building within Pukeahu National War Memorial Park (free event)

Join **Evan Roberts** from the **Measuring the ANZACs** project for a presentation of profiles of New Zealand soldiers by a visiting class from the University of Minnesota. Students in the class have been studying in New Zealand for three weeks, and completed a profile of a series of men from the New Zealand Expeditionary Force. Students will give brief presentations about their research. At the conclusion of the presentation there will be refreshments, and an opportunity to talk with the students about their perspectives of New Zealand.

RSVP by 1<sup>st</sup> June: [murrayjo40@gmail.com](mailto:murrayjo40@gmail.com)

### **“WOUNDED”**

The Great War Exhibition opened 'Wounded', the next in its series of temporary exhibitions on Anzac Day. The overall exhibition utilises specifically selected images with audio tapes of extracts read from diaries. This dynamic exhibition portrays the afflictions and hardships New Zealand servicemen received during the many conflicts over the four-year three-month war.

'Wounded' will be open until July - see website for details / entry fee / cafe [www.greatwarexhibition.nz/](http://www.greatwarexhibition.nz/)

**Getting there by bus:** From Wellington Station GO Wellington buses – numbers 10, 11 will stop at bus stop no. 6913 on Taranaki Street.

Walk through Pukeahu National War Memorial Park and up the hill, where the National War Memorial stands, to The Great War Exhibition.

### **Warning!**

There has been a substantial price hike in the prices charged by Internal Affairs for birth, death and marriage certificates, plus it has just got more expensive to be married by registrar or celebrant. The only decreases are in the inspection of any document, or obtaining an electronic printout of any document dated 1848-1874.

Post 1874 has gone up! New fees apply to applications received after 21st may. So get in quickly!

<https://www.govt.nz/assets/Documents/BDM/BDM-2017-Fees-Change-List.pdf>

### **Central Auckland Research Centre Closed for Refurbishment**

The Central Auckland Research Centre is expected to be closed from 18 May till week beginning 12 June for refurbishment.

Films inter-loaned from FamilySearch or the National Library of New Zealand may still be viewed during this time in the Reading Room of Sir George Grey Special Collections on L2 of Central Library.

Research Centre staff are still contactable via email [arc@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz](mailto:arc@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz) during this time.

## Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Meryl Opie at ([RoundRobin@atKapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@atKapitiGen.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.

## Information for new members

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

### This month's meeting:

**Tuesday May 23rd 2017.** Details on page 2.

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

### Supper roster: S - Z

We have a roster to help our supper organiser, Judy Olsen. If your surname 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.

Please consider putting your name forward to join the Committee at our AGM this month.

Following the acceptance of the new NZSG rules, all Branch members are eligible for Committee and can nominate or second Branch members willing to stand. Contact details of current members are on page 8 if you want further information.

### Welcome to new member :

Deborah GIMPELSON. Please make yourself known to Donna on the front table when you arrive at your first monthly branch meeting, so that you can meet other members with similar interests.

### Help with Research

**Our help sessions** on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every second month, *ie.* **Saturday 6th June.** One of these sessions will help you to find your way around.

### 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.

### Website login

Do remember that if you have forgotten your login to our website there is a password reset option.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/wp-login.php>

which works for either your assigned username or the email address you provided to us.

Log in and explore, or update your own contact details, download the current "How to" booklet, and if a member of NZSG, the current discount code for FindMyPast subscriptions.

### 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.

Recently we have experienced difficulty on some of the computers with access to FMP and The Genealogist. Please see page 4 for help to overcome this problem.

You are encouraged to save the results of your searches on a USB memory stick or send them to your own email address. We have a brand **new printer** if you wish to print a hard copy. Please put 10c per copy in the honesty box on the cupboard door.

#### 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@paradise.net.nz))

Please see page 4 for the latest progress.

#### Overview Sessions

**Don't miss** the next session on June 29th 1.30-3pm, showing you how to make the best use of census results.



### Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

### Branch Committee

**Convener:** Hilary Cunningham

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**Treasurer and Membership:**

Lorna Henderson

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**Member:** Bernard Mc Manus

**Newsletter Editor:** Sheila Jolley

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**Computer Liaison:** Frances Braddick

**Webmasters:**

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

**Schools liaison:** Bill McKeich

### Email links

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

### Membership

Subscriptions for the current financial year became due on the 1st of April - only \$25 for the year.

From now on, only the current cream card will be accepted to access our resources at the APFHC.

Full payment options available at

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

where the bank account for internet banking is our NEW account BNZ 02- 0591-0040791-000

Please check/change your internet payee instructions as the old account will shortly be closed.

### 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

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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.

### 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](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

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

Next meeting  
June 27th 2017

DNA for Genealogy  
Share your stories of how  
DNA has expanded your  
family tree