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

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Editorial

Welcome to the first newsletter for 2018. May this year be your year of discovery!

This short edition highlights some of the exciting new initiatives that are planned for the year:

- The Irish Interest Group is up and running with the next meeting on **February 13th**.

- The first meeting of the Kapiti Genealogy Daytime Group was well attended and in future will be the third Thursday of the month.

- A full day Irish Research Day has been arranged for **Saturday March 10th**. Detail are on page 3.

Other interesting events coming up include a DNA workshop with Michelle Patient, organised by Wairarapa Branch on **Sunday 11th February** 10 am to 4 pm. See page 2 for details. Note that there will be a raffle of 2 autosomal DNA kits.

A free online genealogy course run by the University of Strathclyde starts on **January 29th**. You can join now. For more information go to

<https://www.futurelearn.com/courses/genealogy>

Several Branch members have followed the course and found it worthwhile. Even if you are a seasoned researcher you will pick up some useful tips and websites.

On **January 25th**, Branch member Valerie Davidson and her cousin Alison Laurie are giving a talk at the National Library about their great grandmother's sad experience in 19th Century New Zealand, after migrating from Cornwall in 1864. See page 3 for details.

Don't miss our popular '**Here is the news**' Branch meeting next Tuesday. There are so many interesting stories to be found in old newspapers. Bring your favourite along to share.

With so much on offer, there is every reason to start 2018 with a fresh boost of energy. Good luck!

Some members still have not updated their Vodafone email addresses. If you are one of those, please do so now. Thank you.

Instructions can be found at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2017/09/vodafone-email-changes/>

Sheila

Next meeting
January 23rd 2018

'Here is the news'
Don't miss the stories!

November Branch Meeting

When: January 23rd 2018 - 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.
7.30-9pm - main session followed by supper

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

What: *'Here is the news'*

Bring a family story that you have found in Papers Past, Trove, Gale Newspapers etc., and tell us why it interested you.

The Poverty Bay Herald
AND EAST COAST NEWS LETTER.
VOL. VI.—No. 673.
THE EVENING HERALD, THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 1879.
{ PUBLISHED EVERY EVENING }
PRICE: ONE PENNY.

Meeting Convenor: Lorna Henderson

Supper roster: F – J

Branch news

The second series of our Back-to-Basics Workshops

is scheduled for April 2018.

If you would like to take part, please email B2B@KapitiGen.org



Irish Special Interest Group

The second meeting of the Irish Interest Group took place on Tuesday 5th December, 2 - 4pm at the APFHC with 10 members attending; a significant increase from the first meeting.

The next meeting has been scheduled for **Tuesday 13th February, 2 - 4pm at the APFHC**

Future meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 2 - 4pm.

Contact IrishSIG@KapitiGen.org for more details.

Kapiti Genealogy Daytime Group

The first meeting of the KapGen Daytime Group, led by Sonia Coom, was very successful. It attracted 31 people. The group is intended to complement our evening Branch meetings and will be held 10-12noon on the 3rd Thursday of each month.

Informal discussion groups where you help each other with your research/problems or meet people with similar interests could be followed by a group session on a topic of interest.

This month's group session was an impromptu look at several of the free websites - FamilySearch, FreeBMD, FreeCen, FreeReg, Archway, and the new(ish) GRO Birth/Death index

(https://www.gro.gov.uk/gro/content/certificates/indexes_search.asp)

For further details about the meetings see our website. If using the Contact Us form for suggestions/questions, please select "Day Meetings" as the subject.

Wairarapa Branch NZSG - DNA and Family History Workshop

Wairarapa Branch is holding a DNA workshop in the **Family Research Centre/Genealogy Rooms, 79 Queen Street, Masterton on Sunday 11th February 10 am to 4 pm** – with **Michelle Patient**. \$20 for non members of our branch. Morning and afternoon tea provided.

Bring your own lunch or patronise one of the café's in the vicinity.

There will be a raffle of 2 autosomal DNA kits (one from LivingDNA and the other from AncestryDNA). The first name drawn will choose their preferred kit.

For any queries please contact: wairarapa@genealogy.org.nz



Irish Research Day

This will be a must-attend day for anyone with an interest in Irish research.

Saturday March 10th, 10am – 4pm

at Kapiti Community Centre

Entry \$10

Keynote speaker: Geraldene O'Reilly

Convenor of the NZSG Irish Interest Group

Geraldene's session, will cover:

'Using Cancelled Field Books Entries to Identify Ownership of Land'

A demonstration on the use of Cancelled Field Books covering the period following Griffith's Valuation from 1864-1907.

Through the use of these land records, family relationships can be identified. The presentation will take an hour including time for questions.

Copies of supporting documents will be available for viewing after the presentation.

A complimentary talk will be included in the programme and there will be ample time for research with help available. Jenny Martin will be bringing the LNI book collection. Wifi will be available.

Tea and coffee will be provided. Bring your own lunch or go to one of the cafés nearby.

This research day is open to everyone so if you know anyone interested in finding their Irish ancestors, they won't get a better opportunity to meet the country's experts in Irish genealogy.

Contact: IrishSIG@KapitiGen.org for more details and to register.



Family History talk at the National Library

Thursday 25 January 2018 - 12.00pm – 1.00pm

Te Ahumairangi (ground floor), National Library, corner Molesworth and Aitken Streets

In Search of Catherine – ‘the same grimacing and irrational creature as ever ...’

Alison J. Laurie Research Associate, in Gender and Women's Studies VUW and Valerie E. Davison knew nothing of the lives of their paternal great-grandparents William and Catherine Lawry other than that they had emigrated from Cornwall to New Zealand in 1864.

The first cousins then began a search to complete the family records - and found a wealth of startling information, which was available from official sources, demonstrating how even carefully hidden secrets leave a written trail through state records.

They found that their great-grandmother Catherine Lawry was committed in 1873 to Sunnyside Lunatic Asylum in Christchurch, and remained in asylums until her death in 1923. She spent over 50 years as a patient in the lunatic asylums of early New Zealand, never seeing her husband or her 5 children again.

Information can be found here: <https://natlib.govt.nz/events/2018/1/25>

Kapiti Genealogy Daytime Group

Can't make it to our monthly evening meetings? No longer drive at night? Want a more informal gathering to share research ideas/gain tips? Come along and meet the daytime crew.

Third **Thursday** of the month **10-12noon** at **Waikanae Baptist Church Meeting Room**, 286 Te Moana Rd. Door charge of \$3. Contact us through our Web page:

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/day-meetings/>

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 to download and on the calendar.

Monthly Branch meeting: Tuesday 23rd January 2018, 7-9pm - details page 2

Wednesdays: 10 am 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 February: Members help session, 1 - 3pm, APFHC.

Thursday 15th February: KapGen Daytime Group. 10-12noon. Baptist Church, Te Moana Road, Waikanae

See Editorial and pages 2 & 3 for other interesting events.

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

Thursday 8th February: Australian interest group. 10 to 12 noon APFHC

Saturday 10th February: DNA group at Kapiti Community Centre. 2- 4pm. **Note new venue.**

Tuesday 13th February: Irish Special Interest Group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

Saturday 24th February : NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1- 4pm at Kapiti Community Centre.

Saturday 17th March: Roots Magic group at Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday 8th February** for help with any Australian research. **10-12noon** at the APFHC.

Roots Magic

For those using or interested in using Rootsmagic.

Next two monthly meeting **Saturday 17th March, 2 - 4pm** at the Community Centre.

\$3 door fee. to cover rental/refreshments

Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques. Or suggest a topic at

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

Irish Special Interest Group

Next meeting **Tuesday 13th February 2-4pm.**

APFHC, Paraparaumu Library. Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

Legacy Users

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

Next meeting **Saturday 24th February 2 - 4pm.**

Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm.

Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2. Contact Gerald Twiss on gerot@xtra.co.nz for more details.

DNA

We restart our two-monthly meetings (2nd Sat. of month) on **Saturday 10th February 2 - 4pm** at a new venue - the Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu. All welcome. \$3 door charge including refreshments.

Hot off the press as I write - MyHeritage have finally become a major player in the DNA-for-genealogy stakes.

This week they not only fixed their extremely odd match reporting, but also gave us many more matches, AND a chromosome browser. If only Ancestry would follow suit on the latter! With the phenomenal growth reported by MyHeritage DNA testing over the last year, they will be giving Ancestry a run for their money.

Read all about the changes at <https://blog.myheritage.com/2018/01/major-updates-and-improvements-to-myheritage-dna-matching/>

What many don't realise is that it is completely free to transfer between FamilyTreeDNA's FamilyFinder and MyHeritage.

So get the best of both worlds. Test at FamilyTreeDNA to get your sample on file and able to be upgraded to the other more specialised tests available there, and fish in the match pond at MyHeritage for free. Not forgetting to upload your file to GEDMatch.com to fish over there for those from Ancestry.

Information for new members

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

This month's meeting

Tuesday January 23rd 2018. Details on page 2.

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

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

Supper roster: F – J

If your surname starts with the above letters, we would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

Welcome to new members:

Christine PEARCE, Leonora NYSSE and Sandra CLARKE. Welcome back to Marilyn McMillan.

Please make yourself known to Donna on the entrance table at your first monthly Branch meeting, so you can be introduced to other members with similar interests.

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparamu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month will give you individual help to find your way around the facilities.

Website

Log in and explore., update your details and find information on our user groups.

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

The Genealogist - one of the resources on our computers - has an ongoing project with The National Archives to release yet more detailed ***Colour County and Tithes Maps*** with tags to show you where your ancestors lived. Try it out. You will be fascinated!

Facilities at the

Alison Proctor Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparamu 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 red folders mentioned below.

Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder in drawer 5. Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome desk. Please sign the red signing-in book found in the drawer. Replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

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. We have a printer if you wish to print a hard copy. Please put 10c per copy in the honesty box on the cupboard door. Please **do not switch off** the printer.

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))

Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Bev Chappell at ([RoundRobin"at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.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.



Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Branch Committee

Convener: To be appointed

Phone:

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Bev Chappell

RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

Membership

We are now accepting renewals, and new memberships, for the 2018-19 year. Technically these are not due until 31st March, but please be kind to the Treasurer/Membership Secretary and spread her workload.

Still a bargain at \$25 for the year April to March.

Bank account for internet banking payments: BNZ

02- 0591-0040791-000

Further details at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2018/01/membership-for-20182019/>

Ex-officio committee

Trip organiser: Kathy Callaghan

Equipment Support:

Lindsay Olsen backup up Lorna

Catering: Judy Olsen

Schools project: John Glover

Schools liaison: Bill McKeich

Raffle: Stephen Sherring

and Hilary Cunningham

Interest Group Facilitators:

Australian: Deborah Shuker

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Irish: Bernard McManus

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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.

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.

Email links

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Next meeting
February 27th 2018

Looking after your digital
data

Fiona Feltham
Digital Archivist