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

Editorial



Burns Night - January 25th

Scottish researchers will be in their element this month with the opportunity to hear Graeme McKenzie (page 3) and Findmypast adding so many new records to its already impressive list.

However, I could not let the moment pass without acknowledging St. David's Day for Wales. If you are researching in Cymru, the National Library of Wales is a good place to start.
<https://www.library.wales/>

The 'Getting it Right' programme of videos with notes is an exciting development for both beginners and those with more experience. Free access for everyone. Do check it out. Details on page 4.

There are three request for help this month, all very different. Sonia would like assistance on March 5th to set up for the Scottish seminars, Denice is stepping down as Secretary of the Branch and volunteers are sought to join the Committee in that capacity, and Jenny Martin is recruiting regular research help



St. David's Day - March 1st

for the Familysearch desk at the National Library. Contact details are under Branch News on page 2.

Welcome to our six new members. Subs. for the coming year are due on March 31st, but the Treasurer and the Membership Secretary would appreciate a slow dribble of renewals, rather than a deluge on March 31st!

The Committee have an interesting programme lined up for the year and we are lucky enough to have great facilities, all the incentives necessary to keep expanding your family history.
Happy hunting!
Sheila

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Next meeting
February 26th 2019

Familysearch
Affiliate Libraries
by Jenny Martin

February Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: **Tuesday February 26th** 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Kapiti Community Centre, 15, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu,

What: **FamilySearch Affiliate Libraries - Jenny Martin**

Jenny coordinates the Family Search service desk at the National Library – come and discover the many advantages of using this service. You have access to far more digitised material than you think!

Meeting Convenor: Ian Brooking

Supper roster: Q – U

Daytime meeting.

When: **Wednesday February 27th** 1.30 - mix and mingle
2-4pm - meeting

Where: Waikanae Baptist Church cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd., Waikanae.

What: **General Research.** If you have ancestors from England, Ireland & Wales, do come and join in our group discussions. All contributions welcome.

Convenor: Sonia Coom

Branch news

Notice of Extraordinary General Meeting to be held at the start of the Branch Meeting on 26th March 2019 to pass the following motion, so the change can be registered with the Charities Services.

“That Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, having previously adopted as its own rules the rules of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Inc., now adopts the subsequent partial amendment to those rules as registered on 26 September 2018.”

Volunteers required! Our long-term Secretary, Denice McCarten is stepping down and we need a replacement. The work is not onerous; committee meetings are fun. For more details contact Denice at [secretary “at” KapitiGen.org](mailto:secretary@KapitiGen.org) or phone 905 8266.

Calling for volunteers please to help set out chairs at the Graeme McKenzie visit. Please contact Sonia on her mobile 021 2657464.

Full details are on the flyer on page 3 and on the website <http://www.kapitigen.org/2018/11/scottish-seminars-march-2019/>

FamilySearch/National Library/NZSG Volunteers urgently needed (see also page 4)

We have our own desk, computer and printing facilities, plus all requirements to complete any tasks.

Each day is run in two shifts of 10.00am to 1.00pm and 1.00pm to 4.00pm. (3 hour shifts)

You can select your regular shift and how many times you would like to work in a Month.

Our main requirement is that you have overall knowledge of genealogy research, can assist and deal with the public amicably. We will train you in the requirements of our workstation and also help to extend your experience if needed. You do not have to be a NZSG Member to help us.

Contact Jenny if you can help.

jenmartin945@gmail.com Phone 04 478 7621.

Calling Scottish researchers!

Findmypast, is marking the 260th Anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the national poet of Scotland, with the release of almost 700,000 new Scottish records.

Over 275,000 new records have been added to Findmypast's collection of more than 2 million **Catholic Sacramental Registers records**. Covering all eight Scottish Dioces, fully indexed and scanned in full colour, these important documents can't be found anywhere else online.

Almost **75,000 records from the Jacobite rebellions of 1715 and 1745** have been digitised from The National Archives and are now searchable for the first time, forming an expansive collection of assorted documents including lists of prisoners and those banished or pardoned along with correspondence, commission records, briefs of evidence and more.

Over 30,000 records of **Glasgow smallpox vaccinations from 1801-1850**, indexed and available with images of the original documents have been added from the library of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

These cover the very poorest parts of the city, and may be some of the only records that survive for many of these individuals.

From the same archive, come documents relating to almost 2,000 newly indexed names taken from class rolls of those who studied Anatomy under Professor George Buchanan **at Anderson's College, Glasgow from 1860-1874**.

Over 280,000 new burials from cemeteries across Glasgow have joined our **Glasgow & Lanarkshire Death & Burial Index**. These valuable records have been supplied by the latest Scottish family history society to partner with Findmypast, the **Glasgow & West of Scotland Family History Society**.

For more information, visit: <https://search.findmypast.com.au/search-scotland-records>



Scotland Presents Leading Historian and Genealogist Graeme Mackenzie

March 4th & 5th 2019

Graeme Mackenzie is Chairman of the Association of Highland Clans & Societies (of Scotland) and *Seanachaidh* (historian & genealogist) for Clans MacKenzie and MacMillan. He's a trained historian, with a Masters Degree from the University of Cambridge, and has been a professional genealogist specialising in the Highland clans and families of Scotland for the last 25 years.

You will not want to miss out on these four seminars

NZSG Kilbirnie Branch
ASB Sports Centre
72 Kemp Street, Kilbirnie, Wellington
Monday 4th March 2019

1:00 – 2:00pm
The Highlands of Scotland, its Clans and their Traditions

2:30 – 3:30pm
Tracing Your Scottish Ancestors: An Introduction to Family History in Scotland

A Wishbone Café is open all day in the venue
Free parking – no time limit outside and under cover

www.nzsgkilbirnie.org.nz

NZSG Kapiti Branch
Waikanae Baptist Church Hall
286 Te Moana Rd, Waikanae
Tuesday 5th March 2019

9:45 – 10:30am
Morning Tea
10:30am
Clans, Septs and Surnames in the Highlands of Scotland

12noon – 1:00pm
Lunch (Bring your own)
1:00 – 2:30pm
Researching Your Highland Ancestors: Understanding Genealogy in the Gaidhealtachd

2:30pm
Afternoon tea will be available

For more information go to:

www.kapitigen.org

Admission for each venue: \$10.00 per person (cash only at the door)



All sessions are Open to the Public



'Getting it right'

Starting your family history can be daunting! **Getting It Right** is a series of learning resources with a New Zealand focus to help with your family history research.

These have been created by Sarah Hewitt, Convenor of Kilbirne Branch who was commissioned by NZSG with help from a grant from the Wellington Masonic Club.

Although aimed at genealogists who are new to genealogy, these resources are of value to all genealogists as it is always good to refresh your research techniques.

In these presentations you can discover practical steps and tips you can take to start on the fascinating story of your family.

Each resource consists of a video and a set of notes. There are 11 videos, each around 8 to 10 minutes long. So you can pick and choose what you learn, or if you are an absolute beginner, you can start from the beginning and work your way through to get the best introduction to Genealogy and your research journey.

The resources are available through the N.Z. Society Genealogists website. Go to the NZSG home page www.genealogy.org.nz and click on the Getting it Right logo.

You do not need to be a NZSG Member or sign in to access these.

They are available to view on YouTube and you can click through to our YouTube channel from the title of each of the videos.

National Library News

The National Library in Wellington will re-commence the **Saturday Reading room services from March 2nd onward.**

Both the Ground Floor and Reading Rooms will be open from **9am-1pm on Saturdays starting 2nd March 2019.** FamilySearch volunteers will start at 10 am but could be there from 9 am until 1 pm

There will be no deliveries to the Reading Room though, so all requests for items held in the basement will need to be placed before 4pm on the Friday prior. This can be done on line for those who are registered.

Our FamilySearch service desk is still operating only **Tuesday to Friday from 10 am - 4 pm** due to lack of personnel. We are hoping to re-commence Mondays soon, as we are recruiting more volunteers.

Still no date for the computer upgrades (it will happen soon) so please continue to bring your own device.

Jenny Martin

FamilySearch Services jenmartin945@gmail.com Phone 04 478 7621.

Seeking Volunteers to help with research at the National Library. (See page 2)

We are lucky to have such a great research facility on our doorstep. If you have not visited, do take advantage of the next Branch trip organised by Kathy Callaghan.

Volunteers have plenty of time to do some of their own research and take home images that are not available from home computers. This is an unequalled opportunity to learn.

Contact Jenny Martin - details above.

School Admissions Registers project

Quarterly Progress Report on the Schools Admissions Registers Project of the Kapiti Genealogy Group, assisted by Waikanae genealogists, for the first quarter of 2019.

We have transcribed all the available data from schools in the area that have given consent. Our efforts are now concentrated on checking the transcribed data against the original registers, and correcting any errors that are found. If no further schools consent, the current project will end when all the data we have, has been checked and corrected.

Below is the progress made on each school:

Paekakariki School	Project 4640 1849 Records completed and passed to NZSG
Raumati Beach School	Project 4639 3357 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 5 Apr 2017.
Waikanae Primary School	Project 4641 7747 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 9 Apr 2018.
Paraparaumu Beach School	Project 4643 1965 – 2015 transcribed, 1965 – 2011 checked, 1965 – 2000 edited.
St Patricks School	Project 4651 2005 – 2015 transcribed. Some records are being checked.
Kapanui School	Project 4645 1978 – 2015 transcribed. Some records are being checked.
Kenakena School	Project 4653 1978 – 2010 transcribed. Checking is yet to start.

There are 16 volunteers from Kapiti and Waikanae this year.

John Glover

Is your ancestor on the list?

Independent Herald Wellington 13 Feb 2019

Wellington RSA is looking for descendants of these WWI soldiers to pass on medals they no longer want.

Deborah

Ayre	Pte Joseph	INZEF
Ayre	Gnr Wm.Thomas	INZEF
Chambers	Pte John	
Coulby	Gnr E	
Griffiths	Pte N	INZEF RSA Pres. WWI&2
Henley	Pte Wm. George	
Holloway	Sgt Geo. Frederick	
Jackson	Pte Richard Faulkner	

Kennedy	Dvr A	British Army	ASC
Knox	MFA J	British	M.T.E
La	Rfn Thomas		
Paul	Pte J	British Army	RAMC
Ross	Henry	Merchant	Marine
Salt	Lieut. Charles Henry		
Shotter	Pte Wm. John	Wgtn Rgmt	DOW
Sutherland	Pte Robert		
Sutherland	Pte Henry	NZ Rifle Bgd	MM
Westbrook	Rfmn Fred. Victor	NZ Rifle	Bgd DOW
Wilkins	Pte G.S.	Worcester Rgmt	WWI&2

Please contact zenetta@wrsa.org.nz
Ph 04 3851191



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 on the calendar.

Monthly Branch meeting: Tuesday 26th February 7-9pm - details of meetings on page 2

Daytime meeting: Wednesday 27th February 1.30-4pm. Waikanae Baptist Church, Te Moana Rd.

Wednesdays: 10 am to noon. Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC.

Saturday 2nd March: Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. **By appointment.** Phone 293 7771 to book.
(see page 7 for details.)

Monday March 4th: Graeme Mckenzie lectures in Kilburnie.

Tuesday March 5th: Graeme Mckenzie lectures in Waikanae. See page 3 for flyer or website for details of programme & venues.

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

Saturday 23rd February: NZ Kapiti Legacy users group, 1- 4pm. First meeting of 2019.

Tuesday 12th March: Irish interest group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

Thursday 14th March: Australian interest group. 10 - 12 noon APFHC

Saturday 16th March: Roots Magic group. Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

Saturday 13th April: DNA Interest Group. Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to November.

Next session **Thursday 14th March** for help with any Australian research.

10 - 12noon at APFHC.

DNA

Next meeting **Saturday 13th April** at Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm. \$3 door charge for rent/refreshments. <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

For those of you with males who have undergone BigY testing from FamilyTreeDNA, check out this post on the "new"(ish) Block tree from DNA eXplained

<https://dna-explained.com/2019/01/24/family-tree-dnas-new-big-y-block-tree/>

The format is based on that used on the Haplogroup R Big Tree (yTree.net, a free resource for additional BigY matching) but with additional data available in the FTDNA version. If the above means nothing to you and you are interested in where a direct male line "fits" in the tree of mankind down from genetic "Adam", and how "your" line fits, check out <https://dna-explained.com/2017/11/17/why-the-big-y-test/>

Irish Special Interest

Next meeting **Tuesday 12th March 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 23rd 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 details.

Next meeting **Saturday 27th April.**

Roots Magic

For those using or interested in using Rootsmagic to keep track of their Family History.

Next two-monthly meeting will be **Saturday March 16th** at Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm

Keep an eye open for details on

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

\$3 door fee. to cover rental/refreshments
Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques.

Information for new members

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

Daytime meetings are on the fourth Wednesday of the month from Jan. to November.

Next meetings

Tuesday February 26th 7:00pm: supper
7:30pm: meeting starts.

Wednesday February 27th 1.30: meet and mingle
2 - 4pm

Free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3

Details of both meetings on page 2

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

Supper roster: Q – U

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

Welcome to Patricia McKechnie, Chris and Sandra Morgan, Noeline Wagener, Janet Beach, and Marion Fitchett.

If you are a new member and have not been to a Branch evening meeting, please make yourself known to Donna on the entrance table.

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparamu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month, 1-3pm, will give you individual help around the facilities. See below to book an appointment for Saturday.

Website

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

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme>

as well as a full details of meetings, with details, in the calendar.

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.

Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome Desk, when you will be asked to show your membership card.

Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder in the top drawer. Keyboards are in the lowest drawer. Please sign the red signing-in book found in the top 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.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist, as well as free sites like FamilySearch (we suggest you use your own log-in to 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

John Glover and his team are 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. [pamandjohnglo "at" gmail.com](mailto:pamandjohnglo@atgmail.com)

Saturday research sessions

If you are unable to get to the public help sessions on Wednesday morning or need help in a particular area, we have arranged more research assistance for members on the first Saturday of each month - next session is **2nd March, 1-3pm**. This is **by appointment only** and is a great opportunity to get one-on-one help. Please pre-book a slot by phoning Lorna on 293 7771 so that an appropriate person for your query can be arranged.



Branch evening meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Venue: Kapiti Community
Centre,

15 Ngahina St,

Paraparaumu

Daytime meeting:

4th Wednesday, Jan - Nov

Branch Committee

Convener: Ian Barbour

Convener "at" KapitiGen.org

Secretary: Denice McCarten

Phone: 905 8266

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Treasurer and Membership:

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Equipment Support:

Lindsay Olsen. Backup Lorna

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Schools project: John Glover

Schools liaison: Bill McKeich

Raffle: Stephen Sherring

Interest Group Facilitators:

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DNA: 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.

Email links

Throughout the newsletter email links are clickable. Remove the extra @ symbol before sending.

Membership

We are now accepting renewals, and new memberships, for the 2019 - 20 year. These are not actually due until 31st March, but please be kind to the Membership Secretary and spread the 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/2019/01/membership-renewals-for-the-20192020-year/>

Next meeting
March 26th 2019

'The Lie that Settles'
Peter Farrell