

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

Editorial



NB. Change of venue for the Branch evening meeting next week.

Sorry to start the 2021 off with such a startling message, but - just in case you don't read the rest of the newsletter - at least you won't turn up at the wrong place!

At the last minute we have been told that the Community Centre is unavailable so the meeting is now at the Kapiti Impact Hub, address 6 Tongariro Street Paraparaumu.

This is over the railway line at the Paraparaumu traffic lights cross-roads, turn first left at the corner into Hinemoa Street. Tongariro Street is first on the right.

The good news is that with Covid hopefully in abeyance all the Interest Groups will be back to their normal schedules. See page 7 for dates and venues.

Have you memories or photos that could contribute towards a Branch History Project?

If so, ex-convenor and life member, Clive Palmer would love to hear from you. See page 4.

Have you registered for the Rootstech connect conference? (see page 5). Do watch the video archive to see what it's like. It's a real opportunity to hear overseas speakers and gain a different perspective on family history. It's run under the auspices of Family Search.

Over Christmas another of my husband's DNA first cousin matches turned up. This relates to yet another 'grandmother' who was adopted out because great-grandmother went astray while husband was away. Makes life interesting!

Keep safe.
Sheila



This month's meetings:
Tuesday evening
January 26th and
Wednesday afternoon
January 27th

Where did your
ancestors come from?

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January Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

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

Where: Kapiti Impact Hub, 6, Tongariro Street, Paraparaumu.

What: **How to:** 10 minute session on a specific topic.
'PapersPast' by Lorna Henderson

Where did your ancestors come from?

How did they get to NZ and what was their occupation?

If you had prepared something for the November meeting, please bring it along.
Any other stories to contribute? Please bring them too and help to make this a really interesting evening to kick off the New Year.



Convenor: Ian Barbour

Supper roster: F – K

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday January 27th 1.30 – 4pm
2 - 4pm - meeting

Where: Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae

What: **How to:** **'PapersPast'** by Lorna Henderson

Share stories of your family's journey to NZ and any others of interest. How did they survive that 4 month journey at sea? Followed by our usual discussion and research session.

Co-ordinator: Sonia Coom



Branch news

APFHC library news

Have you checked out our library shelves at the APFHC recently? There's much of interest. The Who's Who volumes for 1956 and 1964 have recently been added to the collection.

Ancestry at home was "til the end of December 2020", but is still working. Make the most of it!

Microfiche for sale - Message from former member Stewart Oliver, who is no longer researching.

"I have a very good microfiche reader, library quality and barely used, has a double carrier so makes comparing 2 fiche at one time easier, also has a cover. Also 49 fiche, mostly NZ but also 4 'Scottish Records Office.'

I'm hoping that these can be of use to someone else and would like to sell the lot together. I have no idea of value but would consider any sensible offer." Contact Stewart Oliver. Phone 0212635162

Membership

Our financial year finishes 31 March 2021. <http://www.kapitigen.org/2021/01/renewals-membership-for-the-202122-year/> has details on how to join or renew.

If you used to pay by cheque and do not do internet banking, cash is accepted but please only in an envelope with details of name / address / membership number.

How to: Monthly pop up session

These Zoom sessions are short hands-on interactive sessions, during which you can explore the topic with others in the comfort of your own home, using your own computer. The technology allows you to share your screen for help / demonstration of techniques you've found useful. **Members only:** Free. Max 40 minutes.

Next session: Saturday 6th February, 2pm, via Zoom. (yes Waitangi day, but we're sticking to the 1st Saturday of month routine)

Using PapersPast. <https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/> is more than just old NZ newspapers.

Pre-registration required. Please reply to your newsletter email, or use the Contact Us form on our website, http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/

Given our focus for How-to sessions this month is on PapersPast, to find out what's new, click on the appropriate section from the home page:

Latest additions to Newspapers - November 2020:

[Feilding Star](#) (23 Jul 1879 & 24 Mar 1880), [Northland Age](#) (Sep 1904-1950),
[Pahiatua Herald](#) (Sep 1893-1894, Jun 1897-Oct 1943), [Waipawa Mail](#) (Sep 1878-1940)

Latest additions to Magazines and Journals - August 2019:

[Canterbury Police Gazette](#) (1863-1877), [New Zealand Police Gazette](#) (1877-1945)
[Otago Police Gazette](#) (1861-1877)

- October 2019: [Forest and Bird](#) (1924-1945)

National Library Tour

Another successful tour of National Library NZ took place Nov 17th, after an aborted attempt caused by lockdown earlier in the year! For some it was their first tour, others have been many times. There is always something new to learn.

Fiona Gray gave an overview of some of the resources for family historians, including the extensive CD collection and the online resources (some of which are only accessible by logging in to the website onsite). Not all resources are online and it is certainly worth taking a look at the photographic collection, where you can find places, portraits, ships, etc. that are not yet digitalised.

If you are visit on your own, a librarian is always available to help you find what you are looking for. We are very fortunate to live where we do and have easy access to our National Library.

Check it out for yourself!

Kathy Callaghan

Roots Ireland

If you're into Irish Research, have you tried Roots Ireland yet?

The latest addition to our facilities at the APFHC, Roots Ireland, is a valuable asset to Irish researchers. This programme is so easy to use and provides information that is not readily accessible on other sites. It's on trial, so do try it. The more people that use it, the more likely it is that the subscription will be extended.

Kapgen History Project

BRANCH HISTORY UNDERWAY

The inaugural meeting to set up what would eventually become a Kapiti Branch of the NZSG, was held nearly 37 years ago on 25 May 1984, chaired by June Pritchett. She was to become the first Convenor.

Your Committee has approved a write up of the branch history by a Life Member and Convenor 2003-2009, Clive Palmer. Clive originally proposed this project about six years ago but got waylaid with other commitments.

I have agreed to be the contact person for this project and assist Clive to have access to documents and relevant information. He will be making contact with former Convenors and others who played key roles in our development and I would appreciate you giving him the benefit of your memories of the times.

This is also an opportunity for members who have been with us for many years to put their heads together, rummage through memorabilia and photos to help us. We will give updates on progress in future newsletters and I am hoping that Clive will brief us at a Branch meeting later in the year.

If you have information which you think would be useful, please contact Clive,
email address, c-mpalmer@xtra.co.nz



20th anniversary celebrations in 2004 with first Convenor June Pritchett cutting the cake, joined by former Convenors from left John Glover (2000-2003), Clive Palmer, Brian Mountjoy (1991-1993), Deborah Shuker (1996-1998) and Gwenda Cole (1993-1995).

Thank you Clive for undertaking this very important project for our Branch.

Ian Barbour, Convenor

Rootstech connect - free and online!

February 25-27th.

What to expect: Celebrity speakers from across the globe
Dozens of classes to choose from in multiple languages
Online interactive marketplace featuring companies from all around the world
Cultural activities that celebrate your heritage
Learn new skills

Sign up free and take full part. Past conferences have always provided a wealth of information via free webinars. There is a video archive available at <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive>

To register go to <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>

There are so many reasons to get involved. 200 sessions; brilliant speakers; and the ability to connect with distant cousins via a virtual event platform.

GRO Ireland raises cost of research copies

The General Register Office in Ireland (www.gov.ie/en/organisation-information/55ccbe-general-register-office-gro-research-facility/) has raised the cost of some services, including research copies for birth, marriage and death records from €4 to €5 each. These research copies, available via email, are particularly useful for more recent records for the Republic of Ireland not available on the free to access Irish Genealogy platform at www.irishgenealogy.ie.

TNSTAAFL or there's no such thing as a free lunch!

This article in the Legal Genealogist reiterates that asking someone else to procure a document for you from a subscription website, to which you don't subscribe, is theft and illegal. Read the compelling blog. **Cite/link to this post:** Judy G. Russell, "TNSTAAFL," *The Legal Genealogist* (<https://www.legalgenealogist.com/blog> : posted 11 Dec 2020).

Round Robins

The two magazines for Round Robin circulation are 'Family Tree' and 'Who Do You Think You Are?' The fees are \$15 for each magazine for the year from July. Please let Bev Chappell know at [RoundRobin"at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org) if you wish to be on the circulation list. Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#). Every issue has some really interesting articles, so this is a really good way of keeping up with the latest news and having access to new ideas, views and websites, without having to subscribe to the magazines.

In 'Family Tree' for October 2020, a very topical article by Paul Carter gives lots of tips on how to "Get in Charge of your Family History Files". Much of it might be common sense, but how often does common sense prevail? His top tips are as follows:

1. Store files in clearly labelled folders, relevant to their subject.
2. Use standard naming techniques for files to make them easy to sort and find again.
3. Label photos and remove duplicates.
4. Aim for an empty inbox by using labels or folders for emails.
5. Clean up your web Browser and remove unwanted bookmarks.
6. Clean up deleted files that remain in the recycling bin.



Branch information

Kapiti Genealogy Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre,
Ground Floor, north west corner, Paraparaumu
Library

Kapiti Impact Hub, 9 Tongariro Street,
Paraparaumu

Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd,
Waikanae

Branch meetings:

Evening meeting is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.

Daytime meeting is on the following day, usually the fourth Wednesday, from January to November.

Details of this month's Branch meetings are on page 2. Attendance is free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3 to help cover expenses.

Committee meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday evening of the month.

Evening meeting supper roster:

If your surname starts with the letters **F - K** Judy Olsen would appreciate your assistance at the next evening meeting. Since the next meeting will be our first at the Kapiti Impact Hub, facilities have yet to be assessed!

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month, 1-3pm, will assist you to make the most of our facilities.

The Wednesday sessions are open to the public, so if you have a friend interested in joining the Branch, do bring them along.

Saturday's are by appointment only. If you need individual help phone Lorna on 293 7771 to book a session. Next session **Saturday 6th February**.

Monthly pop up 'How to' session.

These zoom sessions were introduced during the Covid restrictions and are on the first Saturday of the month. The next one is **Saturday 6th February**. See page 3 for details of topic and how to register.

Facilities at the Alison Procter Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library . Turn right inside the library entrance to the area containing 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 sign for the key and show your membership card for the current year.

Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder in the top drawer.

Please sign the red signing-in book found in the top drawer.

Keyboards are in the lowest drawer.

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

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist and Roots Ireland as well as free sites like FamilySearch. (Use your own log-in to FamilySearch).

NB. Please do **NOT** sign out of RootsIreland, FindMyPast or TheGenealogist.

A microfiche is available and there are books on a variety of topics which can be borrowed. Boxes of copies of 'Who do you think you are' and 'Family Tree' are on the shelf. The Paraparaumu library also has copies of 'Family Tree' on their magazine shelves.

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.

All Kapiti Branch events are in the programme on our website, on the calendar.

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

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> gives full details of all meetings in the calendar and is easy to negotiate.

Interest Groups

Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 9th February, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

DNA

Two-monthly meetings, on the 2nd Saturday of the month, Feb. to Oct., for those interested in exploring how DNA testing can help their genealogy. **Next meeting Saturday 13th February.**

Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. Doors open 1:30 for 2-4pm session, \$3 entry please.

If you wish to be added to the DNA group mailing list, please use the Contact link on our web page <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>. Keep an eye on that page for any updates.

Notes from each session are usually sent out to those who attended.

DNA News:

DNAPainter Shared cMs project interface* has had a tweak. It now also reports on the most DISTANT common ancestors you and the match are likely to share

<https://dnainter.com/blog/recent-updates-most-distant-common-ancestors-and-more/>

This saves all the mental gymnastics of how many greats a 4th cousin shares (answer count the gs, 3 for the greats and one for the grand)

* use this tool to check the ranges of possible relationships for a reported match, a highly recommended process.

Online Trees/software.

Our two-monthly sessions on the main online tree sites will run again this year, last Saturday of months February through October. Paraparaumu Library meeting room, 9 Iver Trask Place.

\$3 to cover expenses. Starting with **Ancestry on February 27th 1.45 - 3.45pm** Doors open 1:30.

There's a wide range of views about online trees. Whether you already have a tree or are considering one, come along and share your hints for making the most of one.

Do you use other's trees as hints for your research? Did you know that you do not have to have a subscription to have a tree online at Ancestry? Want to create one for yourself but don't know how?

Want to share it with others whilst retaining control of edits? Do you only want to publish some of your data online? Do you know how to create a back up of it?

Why you might want to also consider the companion software FamilyTreeMaker.

Any other questions you want answered? - Someone will be able to help. All welcome.

For more information go to

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/online-trees-their-companion-software-programs/>

Australian

For help with Australian research. Check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes.

In future the Australian SIG will meet on the second Thursday of every second month from February to November. The first meeting in 2021 is scheduled for **Thursday March 11th, 10-12noon** at APFHC.

Roots Magic

For those using Rootsmagic to keep track of their research and record family history.

Our two-monthly sessions, 3rd Saturday of the month, will restart **March 20th;**

Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Rd, Paraparaumu. Doors open **1 pm for 1:30 - 3:30pm**

Please note the change to the Kowhai room and the slightly earlier start time. \$3 entry fee.

All welcome. Usual Q & A section where you can share hints and tips and ask questions.

For last minute changes go to: <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic>

Rootsmagic News:

The long awaited Version 8 is making progress and has been released for the adventurous wishing to try it out and give feedback, but not yet ready for use with your main data. Keep an eye on the RootsMagic blog <http://blog.rootsmagic.com>

Mac users can now run RM7 under the latest Mac OS, Big Sur



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Membership

We are now accepting renewals, and new memberships, for the 2021/22 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

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Further details at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2021/01/renewals-membership-for-the-202122-year/>

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the **Who Does What** section

<http://www.kapitigen.org/home/who-does-what/>

Email links

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

Next Evening meeting
February 23rd
Polish Immigration
by Irena Lowe

Daytime meeting
February 24th