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Groups, and  
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changes.

## Editorial

### August - Family History Month



Thomas Jolly - born 1894

Family History Month seems to have come around very quickly this year.

Don't miss out on the interesting session planned by the Wellington branches of NZSG for **Saturday 20th August** - that's this Saturday at the Pataka complex in Porirua. See page 4 for details.

Those researching Australian family will be sorry to see the Deborah has decided to give up leading the Australian SIG. However she has volunteered to continue giving assistance if you email her. Deborah has given freely of her expertise and knowledge over many years - an invaluable resource. Thank you, Deborah on behalf of anyone who has benefitted from your help, including me.

Thanks also go to Judy Olsen, who will no longer be the supper person at our evening meetings. Is there anyone out there who will volunteer to take over this vital position?

This year's Back to Basics course has got off to a great start with 20 participants, including five new members.

Webtember (see page 4) looks as though it would be a great starter if you haven't tried an online genealogical conference previously. You can register for just one session or several and subjects are varied.

If you missed the Branch luncheon check out Deborah's photos on page 5. They had fun.

I hope you find something in Family History Month to stimulate and interest you. Spring will soon be here!

*Sheila*

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Meetings this month:  
Tuesday Evening  
August 23rd

The Police Gazette  
Speaker: Rowan Carroll

Wednesday afternoon  
August 24th

## August Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When: Tuesday August 23rd** 7pm - refreshments, meet and greet.  
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where: Coast Community Church** 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

**What: The NZ Police Gazette**  
speaker, Rowan Carroll, Director of the NZ Police Museum  
Will your family be named?!



### Supper roster: P - T

**Convenor:** Denice McCarten

### Daytime meeting

**When: Wednesday August 24th** 1.30 – 4pm  
2 - 4pm meeting

**Where: Waikanae Baptist Church Café** , 286, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae

**What: Update and news from the evening meeting followed by discussion and research.**

**Co-ordinator:** Denice McCarten

## Branch notices

**Welcome to new members:** Violet Duguid, Marilyn King, Doug Miller, Mike Scott , Isobel Whooley, Dawn MacPherson and Stephen Allan.

We look forward to meeting you all and sharing your interests.

**Back to Basics Workshops.** The current series of workshops commenced Thursday 11th August with 20 enthusiastic participants making this the largest Back to Basics workshop series we have held. Of the 20, five are new members to our Branch.

The first workshop was an overall introduction to genealogy with lots of discussion, and hilarity from time to time. Our helpers, Denice, Lorna, Colin and Ian Brooking, were kept fully occupied when we broke into small groups to engage in hands-on workshop activities.

I certainly enjoyed leading this first workshop and we received much positive feedback at the end of the afternoon.

Participants were given the opportunity to visit our Alison Proctor Family History Centre in the corner of the library, where Ian Brooking and Denice McCarten gave a comprehensive overview of our facilities.

Next weeks workshop, led by Ian Brooking, is on 'Searching', which I am sure both participants and helpers will be looking forward too. *Ian Barbour*

### Many thanks to Judy Olsen who is resigning her voluntary position.

Judy has been the refreshment provider at our evening meetings for as long as I can remember.

Judy says " I have thoroughly enjoyed my time in this role. I'm very aware that I was the first friendly face seen at the meetings and that some attendees didn't know or talk to anyone else.

I am very willing to take new volunteers to this position 'through the ropes.'

It's been a good way of meeting the members, and I'm grateful to those who came 'behind the counter' to help out."

**Thank you on behalf of all the members, Judy. You did a sterling job and will be missed.**

## Deborah and OZSIG

I've decided to stop leading the OZSIG as the numbers have dwindled, but have left it open for someone else to take up the lead.

People can still email me questions about Australian research, but the answer won't have the benefit of several brains thinking about a puzzle. That was the value of our group -sharing collective experience.

The first OZSIG meeting I led was on 15 Sep 2009 so it will be thirteen years of enjoyable friendships and genealogical talk.

The research covered included all states excluding Northern Territory and many research lines, although convicts have only recently featured. The unusual surnames like Phin, Vye, Kirchner, Teale and Brittle were welcomed although others showed up. Bill McKeich's research led him to employ ground penetrating radar to find his ancestors' burials. Another member was astonished to discover her very law-abiding mother had "married" in Wellington after fleeing her "husband's" first family in Victoria. The stories are the jewels of genealogy.

*Deborah Shuker*

## Ian Barbour: published in 'The Volunteers' Journal.

You may recall some time ago we published in this Newsletter a short story Ian Barbour had written having researched his Grandfather's life. A significant part of the story covers John Barbour's World War One experiences in the New Zealand Field Ambulance.

'The Volunteers' is the journal of the New Zealand Military Historical Society Inc., is published quarterly and strives to foster the study of New Zealand military history for future generations. Ian's story has been enhanced with the addition of illustrations of the activities of the New Field Ambulance in World War one.

The editor commented to Ian that the story was well rounded.

Ian said "he was quite chuffed and proud to have had his story selected for publication"

**Check out this blog sent in by Lindsay Olsen of the amazing statues and the history behind them in this Italian Cemetery.**

[Breathtaking Italian Cemetery Statues - BillionGraves Blog](#)

## NZSG update

The Working Committee tasked with reviewing the rules around Branches and Interest Groups has submitted their report to the NZSG Board. Feedback from NZSG given to the representatives at the recent Lower North Island (LNI) Regional meeting gives us hope that the main issues, levies and protection of assets, will be resolved to the satisfaction of all.

For background information on the issues please refer to the document sent to you back on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, and also loaded to our website under the Members Only content, NZSG page <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/nzsg/>

## FH Month in Porirua



**Who do you think you are?  
Who do you think *they were?***

**Learn how to search for  
YOUR FAMILY HISTORY  
at our  
BACK TO BASICS**

**Workshop  
20 August 2022 10am – 4pm**

Speakers:

- Panel on What Programme to use to store your family tree
  - Steve Watters from Te Ara
- Joan McCracken from National Library NZ on Papers Past & Digital NZ
- Helen Hawkins – The Jillet Family of Titahi Bay

**Free Entry**



Performing Arts Studio  
Pātaka Porirua CBD  
Cnr Norrie and  
Parumoana Streets

Organised by the Wellington Area  
NZSG Branches  
[www.facebook.com/WgtnFHM](http://www.facebook.com/WgtnFHM)

Covid Restrictions will apply – wear a Mask

## Free Webinars

Legacy Family Tree Webinars is hosting their third annual **Webtember: free, month-long online genealogy conference!**

Every Friday in September, Legacy Family Tree Webinars will host multiple live and pre-recorded webinars with expert speakers on a wide variety of family history and DNA topics.

A total of 31 webinars will be available to view for free until the end of the month.

Myko Clelland, Director of Content in Europe at MyHeritage, will speak about tracing migrating ancestors; Emmanuel Condamine, COO of Filae, will provide an introduction to this extremely valuable French platform; and many more sessions of interest to MyHeritage fans are in the line-up.

You can register for just one session, several, or all of them — completely free.

**Click here** (<https://familytreewebinars.com/webtember>) to view the full schedule and register for sessions.

## Scottish Indexes Conference

**Saturday 3rd September**

<https://www.scottishindexes.com/default.aspx#c>

Zoom - free with donation link

The wonderful Emma and Graham Maxwell make sure wherever you are there are sessions in your timezone - they run the whole conference twice. Long, long day for them.

Speakers / sessions include:

‘Scottish Research Resources Before 1800’ by Chris Paton  
‘A Better Class of Lunatic?’ by Catriona Haine  
‘Traquair's Tenants, Cottars and Workers’ by archivist Margaret Fox

Scottish Indexes  
Conference  
SATURDAY 3 SEPTEMBER 2022

Learn how to trace your Scottish family history

[www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com)

**Researching Irish passenger lists of the immigrant ships**

This comprehensive article by Brian Mitchell of the Tower Museum in Derry, on <https://irelandxo.com/ireland-xo/news/researching-irish-passenger-lists-immigrant-ships>, gives which passenger lists are available, the dates and where to find them.

Researching  
Passenger Lists

[www.IrelandXO.com](http://www.IrelandXO.com)



## Branch Lunch Photos by Deborah



Judy Olsen enjoying someone else's catering. (see page 2)



"The food and service were great. The company superb.  
For the benefit of partners we even avoided talking non-stop genealogy."  
*Deborah Shuker*

## Monthly Zoom Session

**Saturday September 3rd at 2pm for 45 minutes.**  
**"Finding out more about any criminal connections"**

By the time of this Zoom session you'll have heard Rowan Carroll's talk about police gazettes.  
Let's explore some additional resources for both criminals - and victims.  
Police Gazettes, Newspapers, Old Bailey.....  
Do register and share your favourites.

**Members only. Free.**

**Pre-registration required.** Please do so by replying to your newsletter email or by using the Contact Form on our website selecting the topic "How to".

**<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/>**

You are welcome to register and attend to contribute your tips / questions, or to simply listen.

*Lorna*

## Branch information

### 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.

Attendance is free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3 to help cover expenses.

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

### Evening meeting supper roster P – T

If your surname starts with any of these letters, Your help would be appreciated with the supper. Thank you.

### Help with Research

**Wednesday mornings** 10-12am, at the Paraparaumu Library. Open to the public.

### The first Saturday of every month 1-3pm.

By appointment, for individual assistance.

To book, phone Lorna on 293 7771.

Next session **Saturday September 3rd**

### Monthly zoom session

**Saturday September 3rd** at 2pm. Short (45mins)

**See page 5 for details.**

**Pre-registration required** Members only: visit <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/> to register, or use the *Contact us* form on our website [http://www.kapitigen.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/)

## Round Robins

'Family Tree' and 'Who Do You Think You Are?'

Annual fees of \$15 for each magazine are renewed in July.

Bev Chappell has room for new subscribers if you wish to join the circulation list. Contact Bev on

RoundRobin"at" KapitiGen.org

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.

### Facilities at the

#### Alison Proctor 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 September 13th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.  
Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

### Roots Magic

The next two-monthly meeting is **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September**.  
Paraparaumu Library Meeting room. Doors open 1:30pm for a 3:45pm finish (library closes at 4)  
\$3 entrance fee please, **all welcome**, all versions covered.  
<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/>

### DNA

Our next two monthly DNA interest group is **Saturday October 8th**  
Notes from the August meeting have been forwarded to attendees.

Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. Doors open 1:30 for 2-4pm.  
\$3 entrance fee please, **all welcome**, all levels covered.

For updates go to: <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-group>

### DNA News

Fiona Brooker and Michelle Patient, aka the Talking Family History team, have organised a DNA Day on 10<sup>th</sup> Sep 2022 (\$95).  
Places limited, so get in quick to hear from Jonny Perl on new DNAPainter tools, learn about Visual Phasing your DNA matches from Stephen Fox,  
BigY from FamilyTreeDNA's Janine Cloud,  
Fiona about organising your matches,  
and a clustering case study by Greg Carlill.

Check out

<https://memoriesintime.co.nz/collections/talking-family-history/products/dna-discovery-day>

Here's a good post from Dr Leah Parkin about inferring more from your DNA matches, or more importantly, the missing shared matches you might be expecting.

<https://thednageek.com/dna-as-negative-evidence-revisited/>

Lorna Henderson

### NZSG Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the *NZSG Scottish Interest Group - Greater Wellington* will be on

**Saturday 10th September** at 1:30pm at the Tawa Union Church, 6 Elena Place, Tawa.

This meeting is a time to discuss any challenges you may have with your research and in particular with your Scottish families. I'm sure the collective knowledge of the group can give you some good pointers on how to find a way forward. Also following on from the Family History Month event (see page 4) in Porirua we will spend some time collating and sharing some good resources for those people who are beginning their family history journey particularly in Scotland. Afternoon tea will be served and there is the usual small entrance fee of \$3.



**DNA Discovery Day**  
10 September 2022



### Branch Officers

**Convener:** To be advised  
Convener "at" KapitiGen.org

**Secretary:** Colin Cameron  
Phone: 022 674 9165  
Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

**Treasurer :** John Miller  
Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

### Branch responsibilities

**Membership:**  
Lorna Henderson: Phone: 293 7771  
Membership "at" KapitiGen.org

### Programme & Activities:

Ian Brooking  
Programme "at" KapitiGen.org  
Denice Mc Carten

**Librarian:** Beverley Chappell

**Members:** Ian Barbour  
Jenny Wilson

### Daytime co-ordinator:

Denice McCarten  
daygrp "at" KapitiGen.org

### Magazine Round Robins:

Bev Chappell  
RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

**Website:** <http://www.kapitigen.org>

### Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Membership -** New members always welcome.

Please note increase to **\$30** for the year April 2022 to March 2023.

Bank account for internet banking payments: BNZ  
02-0591-0040791-000

To access our resources at the Paraparaumu Library use your current membership card.

Further details at  
<http://www.kapitigen.org/2022/02/renewals->

**Meeting registrar:** Donna Bridgeman

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

**Newsletter Editor:** Sheila Jolley  
editor "at" KapitiGen.org

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Publicity:** Donna Bridgeman

**Equipment Support:**  
Lindsay Olsen. Backup; Ian Brooking

**Catering:**

**Raffle:** Jenny Wilson

### Interest Group Facilitators:

**Australian:** OzSIG "at" KapitiGen.org

**DNA:** Lorna Henderson

**Irish:** IrishSIG "at" KapitiGen.org

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

### Email links

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

### Kapiti Genealogy Venues

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

Coastal Community Church, 57, Hinemoa Street,  
Paraparaumu

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

Next Evening Meeting  
Tuesday September 27th

His/herstory  
Speakers; Jan Bolwell and  
Kate Jason-Smith

Daytime Meeting  
Wednesday September 28th