

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

Editorial



Remember, remember....

This last newsletter of the year is very much 'bread and butter' stuff. Dates to glide into the New Year and no scandalous diversions.

The cream and jam to go on the bread are the End of Year celebrations planned by the Committee. If you have found anything that will be of interest to other members, do bring it along to the 'Show and Tell'. And do you remember the hilarious quiz last year? You may not know all the answers, but you will learn something.

Come and enjoy companionship and supper with fellow genealogists.

If you missed Kathy's family secret at the last evening meeting, you'll want to read the write up on page 3. it's amazing what anomalies DNA reveals. You might want to join Lorna's talk to the NZSG Online DNA Group for more revelations. See page 5.



It just remains for me to wish you all a restful, peaceful break from all the hard research hunting (tongue in cheek). Have a good Christmas with family and friends, refreshed and enthusiastic for 2025.

Where has the first quarter of the century gone?

Sheila



Meetings this month:
Tuesday Evening
November 26th

**END OF YEAR
FESTIVITIES**

Wednesday afternoon
November 27th

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November Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

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

Where: Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What: Christmas Festival Function

Have you an interesting heirloom or find that you can share?
Come and enjoy the quiz, then join us for supper.
Have fun and celebrate the season!

Convenor: Ian Barbour and Friends



Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday November 27th Doors open 1.30pm, Meeting 2 - 4pm

Where: Waikanae Baptist Church Café, 286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae

What: Christmas Festival Function

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Branch notices

Welcome to the last Branch meetings of the year.

The usual fun, social sessions including a 'Show and Tell', a test for your memory/knowledge/brains in the genealogy quiz, a chance to win the bumper raffle and partake of refreshments!

What is not to enjoy ?

By the time you read this, you should already have received an email asking for a response by **Friday the 22nd November**, as to which meeting(s) you will be attending.

Please do remember to respond by due date as we need an idea of expected numbers for each meeting, Day and Evening, to fine tune the catering.



Monthly Members Only "How to..." via Zoom

These 1 hour Zoom sessions have now been completed for this year.

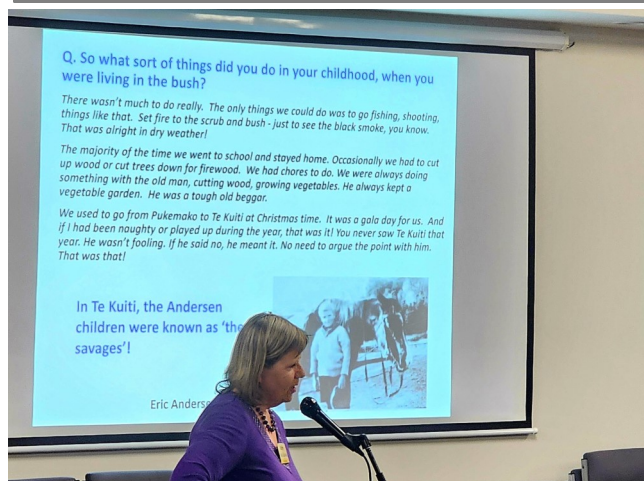
Held on the first Monday of the month in the evening, they will re-commence on the first Monday of February, February 3rd 2025. Check out the How to page at

<https://kapitigen.org/online-how-to/>

Many thanks to our hard-working Committee who have brought us such interesting meetings during the year and the volunteers who give their time and knowledge to the sessions aimed at promoting genealogy and the Branch.



A family secret revealed



Kathy Callaghan gave a very interesting talk about her father, Eric Oscar Andersen, who was in the 11th NZ Forestry Company during World War II, and the repercussions of his time in the war that follow into today.

Eric was brought up in Pukemako Bush Camp, a two-day horse ride from nearby Mangapehi, so he was around the forestry environment most of his life.

He went to Tiroa Native school, where he was described by his teacher as indolent.

At about 14 years old his mother, Rene and the children moved to Mananui, because she did not want them working in the bush, which was dangerous. Eric's first job was in a box factory cutting the boxes for butter storage, where on his second day he cut his little finger off. The family then moved to Ongarue, where his mother ran a boarding house and Eric worked for Ellis and Bernand, with his father.

In 1940 there was a plea for forestry workers to assist in the war effort. Eric was one of 153 chosen for 11th NZ Forestry Company. They sailed for Europe on 2 May 1940 – Eric was on the Andes, one of 7 ships in the flotilla. An advance party and equipment had been sent to France ahead of the NZ Forestry Company convoy, but Hitler invaded France, and all the equipment was lost. This resulted in the NZ 11th Forestry Company being redirected to Britain, travelling via Freemantle and Cape Town. They arrived in Britain on 6 June and were sent to Cirencester, Gloucestershire to work making anti-tank barriers, and railway sleepers. They also cut down Balsa trees which were used to make the Mosquito bombers.

In February 1943 Eric was sent to London to man the NZ Forces Club and be a fire fighter. He was traumatised by his experiences in London. He met and married Joyce Jones on 7 September 1943 at Tonbridge, Kent. Shortly after his marriage he was recalled to New Zealand and had to leave his pregnant wife in England.

In February 1945 Joyce and Eric's first child, Patsy, arrived in New Zealand. After the war Eric and Joyce lived in Hamilton and raised a family of six. Eric passed away in October 1987, aged 69.

But Eric's story does not finish with his death.

In April 2024 a new DNA match appeared for Kathy. Tracey was listed as a first cousin. When Kathy did her research, she found that Tracey had two family trees, one named "Dad's adopted side".

Kathy contacted Tracey asking how they could be related, suggesting her father's family.

Tracey's response led Kathy to believe that Tracey's father could have been related to her, particularly on the Scandinavian side. Tracey's father's birth certificate showed he had been born in 1942 in Cirencester.

Tracey then provided Kathy with access to her DNA results which, showed no matches to his "birth" father; many matches to his birth mother and many matches to Kathy's father!

Photos of Tracey's father beside Kathy's father showed was no doubt about their relationship.

Unfortunately, Kathy did not meet her new brother as he had passed away at the age of 61, in 2004. But

Kathy has contact with Tracey, who also appeared on the presentation talking from England.

Thanks for the great talk Kathy, it was very interesting and moving.

Jenny

Kapiti Branch needs you!

No, don't run for cover. Kapiti Genealogy survives on our volunteers.

There is a wealth of knowledge out there amongst our membership. Have you some spare time to help others amongst our membership, or potential members amongst the public, who don't yet know their way around - either our resources or genealogy in general.

The wonderful friendly, helpful crew who are on duty at the APFHC on Wednesday mornings every week for the majority of the year could do with more people on the roster.

You do NOT have to know all about everything. Part of the fun is learning about new resources and how to do something yourself. All you need is to be keen to help.

Does this sound like you? Why not mosey along to one of the Wednesday morning sessions and talk to those on duty; learn what is involved and know you can pass on your interest.

In the same vein, new members are assigned a "buddy" to help them into Kapiti Genealogy. These buddies explain what resources we have and how to access them, but are not expected to do their research for them, The roster for buddies is shrinking and could do with some more "meeters and greeters" for new members.

To help with this one, please contact Lorna at [membership "at" kapitigen.org](mailto:membership@kapitigen.org)

Thank you.

Missing library books

In a recent check of our library shelves the following books were missing. If you have borrowed books, please could you look at home to make sure you have returned them.

We are particularly keen to locate the following:

298.693, BRO	Remembrance of Friends Past;
929.1 PAT	Chris Paton's book on tracing you Irish history
929.3939 CEN	Central Otago family register

Books missing from library shelves (APFHC collection)

016.929 PAR Parish register copies in the library of the Society of Genealogists

016.929 YEO The British overseas : a guide to records of their births, baptisms, marriages, deaths, and burials, available in the United Kingdom

289.693 BRO Remembrance of Friends past : testimonies and memorials to lives and works of New Zealand Quakers who died from 1843 to 1998 [Audrey & James Brodie 1999 235p]

914.21 WIT Discovering London villages [John Wittich]

914.212 WEB Genealogical research in Edwardian London [West Surrey Family History Society, c1987 23p]

929.1 PAT Tracing your Irish family history on the Internet : a guide for family historians [Chris Paton 2013. 157p]

929.3939 CEN Central Otago family register : index [NZSG 1998 76p]

These specialist books are irreplaceable and are valuable for research.

Please help us find them.



Look what DNA did to my Tree!

This month's NZSG Online DNA Interest Group (ODIG) presentation is not one to miss. On Wednesday 27th November our own Lorna Henderson is speaking on "Look what DNA did to my tree!" with some examples of discoveries and validations thanks to autosomal-, mitochondrial- and y-DNA.

All members of ODIG receive the link for the 7:30 – 9pm -ish Teams presentation and can view all past presentations, along with many other resources, by logging in to their Google account. Check out the 9 dot menu top right on eg your gmail account, and select Classroom.

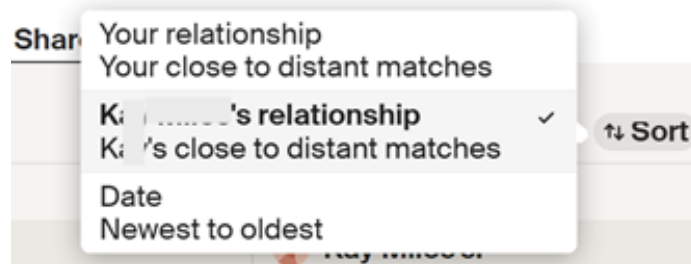
If interested in joining in, and not already a member, check out the NZSG DNA menu:

<https://genealogy.org.nz/DNA-Overview/11167/>

DNA News

Ancestry has listened to the feedback from day 1 of their Shared Matches tool - available with their Pro-tools sub.

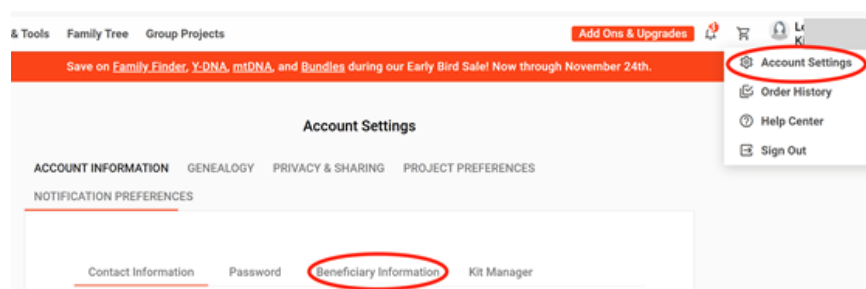
There is new a DNA matches sort option, to sort by the strength of the shared match.



Intimations of Mortality:

Who do you want to manage your DNA accounts when you no longer here?

FamilyTreeDNA has long had a Beneficiary tab for such information.



Hover over your name then click Account settings

Under Beneficiary you get the choice of a person, or a Group Project. Ancestry has just announced their equivalent ability to add an Ancestry Legacy Contact. Read about it and how to set it up on your account at:

<https://support.ancestry.com.au/s/article/Ancestry-Legacy-Contact>

Have YOU completed this information for yourself at either site?

Lorna Henderson

Interest Groups

DNA Interest Group

The promised annual bonus online session via Zoom is on **Saturday 23rd Nov, 2pm:** DNA Painter - particularly chromosome mapping. Pre-registration, required.

Free to those on our DNA mailing list, who will be sent the link nearer the time.

To join the mailing list, follow the instructions at <https://kapitigen.org/dna-special-interest-group>.

Reminders of the meetings are sent to those on our mailing list.

Lorna Henderson



Irish Interest Group

Next Meeting: Paraparaumu Library Tuesday 11th February 2025
Discussion topic: To be decided.



All welcome, whether new to Irish research or experienced.

<https://kapitigen.org/irish-special-interest-group/>

RootsMagic Users Group

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Our last 2-monthly Zoom meeting for the year will have been held while this newsletter was in preparation.

Theme for the meeting was working with Groups.

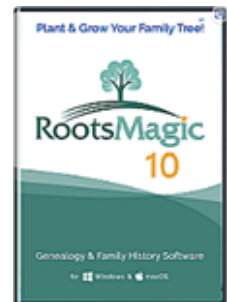
Re-starts third Saturday of March, **March 15th 2025. 2-4pm**

All welcome. Free to all.

The pre-registration link for the session is sent to those on our mailing list nearer the time.

To be added to our mailing list please see our [RootsMagic page](https://kapitigen.org/rootsmagic-special-interest-group/) at <https://kapitigen.org/rootsmagic-special-interest-group/>

Lorna Henderson



RootsTech

RootsTech, hosted by FamilySearch, is the world's largest family history conference. The [free event](#) will be held online **March 6-8**, and registration is now open.

Take your skills to the next level with:

Exciting keynotes

The latest innovations around DNA

How AI is taking family history to the next level

And much, much more!



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 \$5 to help cover expenses.

Help with Research

Wednesday mornings 10-12am, at the Paraparaumu Library. Open to the public. Volunteers required, please.

If you can help, please go to the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library on a Wednesday morning and speak to the person volunteering.

NB. The last session for 2024 will be December 18th. Restarting **15th January 2025**.

First Saturday in the month 1-3pm.

To book an appointment for individual assistance phone Lorna on 04 293 7771 so you can be directed to the person who can help you.

Next session **Saturday February 1st 2025**

'How to' Monthly short Zoom session

First Monday of the month for 1 hour.

Next meeting is **Monday February 3rd 2025 at 8pm.**

Members only. Free.

Publicity

For flyers of our events, along with other local special events, check out our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558732100830>

Reminder about the procedure for returning the key to the Branch cupboard containing the keyboards.

When you sign in at the issuing desk to get the key (see above in next column) **you are responsible for returning it**, even if someone else is still researching when you leave.

Please take the **remaining person** to the issuing desk to get them signed in as the person responsible for returning the key when they leave.

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 Issuing 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.

Please **do not switch off** the printer.

A microfiche reader is available and there are books on a variety of topics that can be borrowed. Boxes of copies of 'Who do you think you are' and 'Family Tree' are on the shelf.

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.



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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

Coast Community Church, 57, Hinemoa Street,
Paraparaumu

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

Membership -

\$30 for the year 1 April to 31st March. Use your membership card to access our resources at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library. New members always welcome.

For further details please visit our membership page <https://kapitigen.org/membership-2/>

Payment may be made to:

Kapiti Genealogy BNZ 02-0591-0040791-000.

Please put your phone number in a payee field.

First Branch Meetings in
2025

Evening Meeting
Tuesday January 28th 2025

Watch this space!

Daytime Meeting
Wednesday January 29th
2025