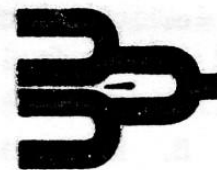


Kapiti Group Newsletter

NZ Society of Genealogists Inc



MEETINGS	PARAPARAUMU COMMUNITY CENTRE	
	7.30 pm	First Wednesday
February 1992	February	- December
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CHAIRMAN	BRIAN MOUNTJOY	297 0710
SECRETARY	BARBARA HUMPAGE	298 6970
TREASURER	JOHN ROSS	293 3771
MINUTE SEC	MARY McLEOD	293 4487
PROGRAMME SEC	JAN BONNETT	298 5834
LIBRARIAN	LORRAINE GUTHRIE	298 6874
PROJECTS	CAROL PROCKTER	298 6826
HOSTESS	VALERIE FREEMAN	298 7396
FUND RAISING	CHERYL HODGES	293 3009
NEWSLETTER	GWENDA COLE	298 5466
MICROFICHE OFFICER	TERRI MANU	298 5071
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WELCOME TO KAPITI GROUP FOR 1992

AT THE HELM.....Brian Mountjoy has accepted the position of Chairman, he brings with him a wealth of experience & knowledge, particularly in the sphere of shipping. Another newcomer to join the committee is Lorraine Guthrie as Librarian. Lorraine replaces Ken Oakenfull who held this position for several years. Ken has retired from the committee & we would like to thank him for his efforts with the library, & trust he will now be able to sit back & enjoy our meetings. Barbara Humpage formerly one of our hostesses replaces Eric McNae as Secretary. We thank Eric for his contribution to the Group during 1991, & although he is taking a rest from committee this year, we hope he may be able to offer his services at some future time.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Jan Bonnett who has retired from the role of Chairperson for her tireless efforts over the past several years, & hope she will now find more time to persue her own research. Jan remains as our programme co-ordinator. It is great to welcome back Terri Manu to the committee with all her experience, & as microfiche officer. All other positions remain as for 1991.

OBITUARY.....KEVIN McANULTY (# 3710) Vice President NZSG.

It is with great sadness we learned of the recent death of Kevin McNulty of South Auckland. His sudden & untimely passing leaves a great gap in the New Zealand Society of Genealogists. Kevin will be well remembered for convening the highly successful 1990 South Auckland Conference & A G M. Kevin was born & educated in Otahuhu, & was a fourth generation New Zealander. One line of his family dates back to the arrival of the Jane Gifford in 1842. Since 1983 Kevin has been a member of the Papakura Group of the NZSG, becoming chairman in 1984. He also served on the committee of the Otahuhu Historical Society, & was a member of ARANZ. In 1983 Kevin organised a McNulty family reunion with more than 700 people attending. To Kevin's 'extended family' & to the NZSG we extend our sympathy, & we will share the loss of this great enthusiast for the work of the NZSG.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW OVERDUE..... We are pleased to advise that subscriptions have not increased. \$12.00 per member or \$20.00 per couple. Upon payment a membership card & number will be given. This to be produced when hiring books & microfiche records. Remember, group borrowing facilities are only available to financial members. Eleven meetings a year, Feb - Dec. Newsletters included in subscription.

NOVEMBER MEETING & A G M.....This evening was well attended & Jan Bonnett presented her Chairman's report for 1991 at the conclusion of another very successful year for Kapiti. The business of the A G M was quickly dealt with & new committee announced. Business over & we were privileged to hear Mrs Louise Buckingham address the gathering on 'Researching in London & Greater London'.

CHRISTMAS EVENT..... Our evening of Nostalgia, hosted by our new Chairman, Brian Mountjoy, brought forth a great number of speakers each with their own particular item of memorabilia, these were many & varied. It was gratifying to have so many members participate in this. We were all very entertained & particularly impressed by Mrs Emilie Nicholls who showed us her family tree so long it occupied a roll of wallpaper! We would love to hear more from you at another time. Thankyou for sharing these special items & their stories with us, this is family history coming alive. (*Dare I mention the range of Victorian nightwear so provocatively modelled?*)

SCRAPBOOK.....Barbara Humpage has made up a scrapbook of NZ Womens Weekly articles entitled "Those were the days". This will be placed in our group Library. Thankyou Barbara.

NEWSLETTERS.....those received from other groups have been filed in a ringbinder & are also in the library. The groups are, Hutt Valley,

NEW ADDRESSES.....The Registrar General's Office has moved further south to 191 High St, situated between Countrywide Bank & Radfords. The public area is on the first floor, access from High St, lift available. A separate room for researchers has been provided, with microfiche & seating. Electoral Rolls will eventually be in this room also. See noticeboard... Dept of Justice. We parked our car in Rutherford St, one block behind High St, no parking meters!

NATIONAL ARCHIVES.....The long awaited opening of the National Archives is now a reality. Archives House is situated in Mulgrave St, just up from the Railway Station & a hop & a skip from the National Library. Some of us have already paid a visit. Some observations... if you are planning a day of researching in Wellington which includes National Archives make your call there early in your day, as archives are produced in a batch system. Batch times are: 9.15, 11.15, 1.15, 3.15. Requests should be in 15 Minutes before batch time for delivery by the next batch time. When your documents have been retrieved your number will be shown on the electronic display board. (rather like playing Keno at Jupiter's Casino)! On arrival at National Archives on your first visit you must register at the desk & obtain a numbered reader's card. This is valid for 12 months, & must be produced on subsequent visits. You will be shown how to access your request via the computer. Shipping files are still accessible, also the NZ Gazette is on open shelves, & Indexes to Coroner's Reports are in a separate room. Strict security is maintained in the building, & all bags must be checked in. There are cabinets of Microfilm records, but it was unclear to us just what was available on them. There is still much to be done, but then it is a major undertaking & my guess is that it will be some time yet before everything is running smoothly. You will be given an information pack on arrival. A tip we'd like to pass on if you are travelling by car is to take the old Hutt Rd/Thorndon Quay route to the parking lot on the left where you may park all day at 50c per hour. Aitken St parking is 80c per hour on 2 hour meters. Cafeteria not open as yet.

The new Public Library in Victoria St is in much larger premises than before, in fact the public area floor space is increased by 4,000 square metres, with 30,000 plus more books on the shelves! The second floor is probably of most interest to researchers of Family History, most of the Stones & Wises directories are now on open shelves, electoral rolls are here too & all manner of New Zealand records. There is a large newspaper reading area. For newspapers on microfilm there are three reader/printers, copies are 70 cents a print!

Don't forget to look at the view from this floor of the Civic Square & the harbour. On arrival ask for an information leaflet. (example on notice board tonight).

Wellington, Stratford, Palmerston North & Papakura. Lots of helpful advice & information in these so avail yourselves of them.
NEWSLETTERS.....Kapiti. Previous newsletters are available from the treasurer if you have missed yours, or if you are a new member you may avail yourself of these.

WANTED TO SELL.....two microfiche readers for sale, reconditioned.
Interested, see Jan Bonnett.

THANKS.....Thanks are extended to Gerry Cole for giving his time &
expertise to servicing these readers for the group.

LIBRARY NEWS.....The library will be open from 6.30 pm on meeting nights. This will give members time for book perusal before the meetings commence at 7.30pm. We have taken the extra room through the folding doors for the library books to be set out for ease of selection, & for the sales table, a good selection of forms & charts for sale, also UK & Aust. stamped envelopes.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS.....There are some books outstanding from last year. Please remember books are due back at the next meeting after borrowing. If you are unable to get to a meeting & you have books to return, please try to get them to a committee member, or leave at Tavern Bookshop, or phone Lorraine Guthrie. Others are possibly waiting to borrow those same books.

HUTT VALLEY GROUP.....Meetings are held first Tuesday of the month, Feb - Dec in the St James Church Hall, Woburn Road, Lower Hutt, at 7.30pm. A note accompanying their programme for 1992 kindly invites Kapiti Members to attend their group meetings. Thankyou Hutt Valley.

1992 CONFERENCE & A G M.....Is to be held in **NELSON**. Nayland College is the venue. 13 -17 May 1992. The St Catherine's House Index will be available there. Nelson is celebrating 150 years of settlement this year.

ST CATHERINE'S HOUSE INDEX.....From the Group Liason letter of Dec 1991 : It has been decided to split this index into two parts, with the birth index remaining in Hastings. The marriage & death index will operate from Christchurch. The division will take place after the May Conference & A G M.

More on this arrangement later.

GEORGE REDMOND'S TOUR.....Notice has been received that Mr George Redmond from Yorkshire will be speaking at the National Library on Thursday 20 Feb at 7.30pm. Door charge \$5.00. His Subject: BASTARDRY & ALIASES. Mr Redmond's tour has been sponsored by the British Council.

PIONEERS..... An excerpt from the 'Listener & TV Times' follows: 'Following on the success of the long-running series of 'Pioneer Women of New Zealand' on National Radio, the producers Cathie Harrop & Ilona Rodgers are following up with 'Pioneer Families of New Zealand'. Cathie Harrop would like to hear from people who have a family history reaching back to the early days of NZ. Contact Cathie Harrop, C/-National Radio, Radio NZ, P O Box 2209, Auckland.

National Radio, Monday 4.40pm, Saturday 12.45pm.

Thankyou to the member who passed this on to me at the December meeting.