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for the Branch,  
together with our  
Interest & User  
Groups are on our  
website under  
Programme  
[http://kapitigen.org/  
programme/](http://kapitigen.org/programme/)

## Convenor's Comment

The month has flown by far too quickly for me this time. Perhaps it's because I'm so involved with my Lions Club's 50th Anniversary celebrations and also its Sports Awards function both set down for May that time has been well and truly taken up. However genealogy research is never far away and I could not help but agree with Kay Carter's remark in her recent address to Branch members that we should always listen to our old folk and also verify..verify...verify.

I will always remember the time when a 90 year old cousin vowed that her grandfather held the rank of Captain. This was my great grandfather Robert McKeich. I insisted that he held the rank of Lieutenant After all, I had the original commission document signed by the Premier at the time, Richard Seddon. Many years later I had to eat humble pie when I discovered a cup presented by "Capt Robert McKeich" hidden away in the Lawrence Museum and

this was followed shortly after by the discovery of a brief notice in the NZ Gazette which stated that Captain McKeich had resigned from the rank of Captain in the Tuapeka Volunteer Rifles to take up a position as Sergeant Major in the Tuapeka Mounted Rifles. He was reappointed to a commissioned rank of 1st Lieutenant prior to sailing for the Boer War.

Yes, always verify your facts and in this case what my 90 year old cousin remembered was correct.

We are fast approaching the time when, at the next Branch Meeting we will hold the Branch AGM. You are asked to give your earnest consideration to being nominated for a position on the Committee. If anyone wishes to be nominated for the position of Convenor I will willingly step aside. Following the AGM our guest speaker will be Blanche Charles whose topic is "Online Parish Clerks".

Bill McKeich, Convenor

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This month's meeting: Tuesday 23rd April  
The AGM at 7.30 p.m. followed by  
" Online Parish Clerks"  
Presented by Branch Member Blanche Charles

## Publishing your Family History

Our March monthly meeting was a very instructive and well illustrated talk by Branch Member Kay Carter giving suggestions as to how the amateur genealogist might preserve their research for future generations. The following is a précis of her address.

Kay began her address by asking, "How many of you are at the stage of considering producing a book?"

She had produced two family history books and some smaller ones for the family. She commented that she enjoyed the research more than adhering to the discipline of writing a book.

It was necessary to write a book NOW and not leave it until you have finished your research. That never happens. Kay said that it was important to talk to the old people. They can tell so much but always there are more questions left unanswered. Having heard these stories it is also important to verify the stories "No two people have the same memory."

Short stories of family events, plays based on factual information, childhood memories, writing your story and family reunions are all great ways to share your family history. Using modern media such as You Tube, Face Book, DVD's, 8mm film, video, letters, diaries and blogs are all means to be used.

Visiting the places your ancestors left from was important.

"In my case I was not prepared for the feeling (*I had*) as I drove in Ayrshire and found a coal mine. I had to stop the car and just let the feelings flow over me. I later found out that my father's Fisher grandfather was an iron ore miner and not a coal miner but that is research for you. I had a similar experience when Jim Steele of the Ayrshire Family History Society drove me to Lugar where some of the miners' cottages, now well restored, remain as desirable holiday homes. My Fisher ancestors lived in one of those

houses."

Kay also spoke of the experiences she had when she was researching her Gallaher family in Ireland when having found her great grandfather's shop she may actually have slept in her grandfather's room.

Kay stressed that it was necessary to be very careful who had access to your material and in this day and age consent was vital when publishing dates and names of living persons. Charts which go for more than two pages can be confusing to people who are not genealogists and the spelling of names and places needs to be carefully watched out for.

Chapters in a book are important and Kay considered that the following questions need to be answered:

- Who were they?
- Where did they come from?
- What was it like?
- Why did they leave?
- How did they get here?
- What was it like when they got here?
- What did they do?

Followed by personal stories contributed by individual family members about themselves and their ancestors.

Kay went on to discuss costs, the format of a book, use of photographs, binding, editorship, proof reading, indexing, the title cover, EBook and book sales.

Finally Kay asked the question as to where your research material was going. Hers is set to go to the Alexander Turnbull Library.

We hope that the wonderful needlework family tree and quilt made by her daughter go to a safe home.

## Dates for your diary

### Kapiti Genealogy

#### Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Level 1 Paraparaumu Library

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pak 'n Save Hall, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

**Please note these dates in your diary now as they will not be repeated in separate email notifications.**

**They are also all in the [programme information on our website](#)**

**Tuesday 23 April** (KCC): 7:30 pm **AGM** followed by our **monthly meeting** this month will feature Blanche Charles speaking on "Online Parish Clerks."

**Saturday 4 May** (APFHC): 1 to 3pm **Members Only Personal Session** Monthly research session at the APFHC for members only, with experienced researchers on hand to help.

**Every Wednesday:** 10 a.m. to noon Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. Now with six computers available, all with Ancestry, three with FindMyPast. Public and members welcome.

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

Saturday 27 April : **Family Tree Maker** (KCC) 9:30 am V16/2006 10:45 later versions including Mac (sources ++)

Saturday 27 April : **Legacy** (KCC) 2pm How tos: Gedcom

Thursday 9 May: **Australian** group (APFHC) 10 am

Saturday 11 May : **Irish** group (APFHC) 10 am

Sunday May 12: **DNA Group** 2 pm at Lorna's (04 293 7771) Share and learn about DNA testing for genealogy

Monday 13 May : **Computer** group (KCC) 7:30pm. Navigating sites such as GenUKI and CyndisList

#### Events around our region

**Sunday 5 May : NZSG Scottish Interest Group of Greater Wellington** will hold a research afternoon with all our resources and a brief AGM from 1.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m. at St Giles Church House, Corner Vallance Road and Kilbirnie Crescent, Kilbirnie, Wellington on Sunday 5 May 2013. This will be our 10th AGM and time to review what we do. Wee door charge \$5. All welcome. Contact Pen Brown 04 389 7211: [penbrown "at" globe.net.nz](mailto:penbrown@at.globe.net.nz)

#### **Tuesday 21 May: 12.10 - 1pm : Search strategies: tools & tips**

Fiona Gray, Research Librarian, will share her knowledge to help you find your way around the Library's electronic resources and websites. National Library, bookings essential [click here for Apr to Jun schedule](#)

### Computer Friendly Group

The topic at the last Computer Friendly Group meeting was on finding and using military records. Sue gave details of NZ, Australian and British websites which she has found useful including a very good forum site. A couple of members gave names of family they were looking in military records for and Sue used those as examples to find your way around the sites. Sue also talked about a database that FamNet is endeavouring to create honouring all military personnel who have served on our behalf. They are looking for stories, photos, lists of personnel, anything that will enable them to be remembered. It is envisaged that the database will have links to websites so that readers can look up further information and possibly contact a submitter.

The topic for **May 13th** is navigating such sites as Genuki and Cyndi's List both indispensable tools in your online research.

Future topics may be seen on [our website](#). Those wishing to be added to an email reminder list for this group should contact Sue.

### DNA Group

A completely informal group for those interested in exploring genetic genealogy, all welcome.

Wondering where to start?

Who to get to test to prove your theory, break down your brickwall?

Already tested and trying to interpret your results?

Come and share so that we all learn.

Held at Lorna's, (04) 293 7771 for directions and headcount for biccies.

Meeting Sunday **12th May** 2pm

*Branch officers and contact emails  
listed on back page*

[FindMyPast \(Australia\)](#) is advertising free access to all military records from 22-26 April

## From the Committee

### **This month's meeting:**

**Tuesday 23 April 2013**

7:30pm AGM Followed by Blanche Charles  
"Online Parish Clerks"

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start

Supper roster: **P - T**

Your continued help with this would be appreciated.

### **Website**

Remember to check [our website](#) every so often, especially for late breaking news and events that we find out about between newsletters.

These will normally appear in the Recent Changes

section top right sidebar, but you can always click on any "tag" in the list to find all pages marked as of relevance to the topic selected.

### **FindMyPast**

A friendly reminder to those using FindMyPast at the APFHC. Please do NOT log out of the site. Simply close the browser window, or leave it open when you log off the pc so that the next user can still access the site.

### **APFHC CDs**

From the 24th to the 29th April applications needing a cd to be loaded will be unavailable as we are making backups of them all. Normal service will be resumed ASAP. Your patience during this period will be appreciated.

## Subscriptions

Subs fell due on the 31st of March. They remain at the bargain price of \$20 per individual for the year (1 Apr 2013 through 31st March 2014) although the rental increases this year may entail a review of that next year.

Payment may be made by internet banking, mail, or by handing your payment, and details, to a committee member at any meeting.

Internet banking: Westpac 03 0732 0263025 00 - please include your membership number for identification purposes, preferably also your surname, and emailing the [Treasurer "at"](#)

[KapitiGen.org](#) to advise that payment has been made.

Cheques made out to Kapiti Genealogy may be posted to The Treasurer, Kapiti Genealogy, P.O. Box 703 Paraparaumu, 5254

If also a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, please provide your NZSG number. Please allow up to a fortnight for processing & delivery of your new card.

We look forward to your continuing membership and participation in our activities.

These instructions are also on our website as at [Membership Renewals](#)

## At the APFHC

### **Thurs 18th April 6pm to 7:30pm**

The first of our early evening familiarisation sessions on our resources at the APFHC.

Come along and find out what you can find there, and how to access them using your membership card.

See [our programme](#) for the later sessions in June and August targeting specific resources and how to use them.

This overview session will be repeated in October following the next Back to Basics (B2B).

## Kapiti Branch NZSG Notice of Annual General Meeting

### NOTICE OF AGM TO BE HELD

KAPITI COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
15 NGAHINA STREET, PARAPARAUMU

**23 APRIL 2013 AT 7.30 P.M.**

### AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRM 2012 AGM MINUTES
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2012 - 31 MARCH 2013
5. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1 APRIL 2012 - 31 MARCH 2013
6. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR FOR 2013/14
7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE \*
8. GENERAL BUSINESS

\* Nominations are called for a minimum of five Committee Members, including the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer.

Nominees, Nominators and Seconders must all be members of both the New Zealand Society of Genealogists and the Kapiti Branch.

Nomination forms are available from the Secretary or from [our website](#).

While nominations will be received at the AGM, members are encouraged to submit these beforehand so that credentials can be checked.

Lyn Lee

Secretary

*May meeting Tuesday  
28th May  
Don Niccol*

*"Skeletons in the Niccol  
family closet"*

Mark the third Tuesday of the month as your day to visit Wellington.  
Free monthly lunchtime lecture sessions at the National Library  
May 21st - Margaret Hurst " **Search strategies: tools & tips** "  
April to June programme available [on our website](#)  
Bookings essential

**Branch meetings:** 4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,  
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

**Branch fundraiser - Used ink cartridges**

The Branch collects used ink and toner cartridges for recycling: Canon, Lexmark, Hewlett Packard, Epson & Brother. Bring your old cartridges to Derek at a branch meeting, put them in a box in the locked glass cabinets at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library, or leave them in Derek's letter-box: 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae.

**Branch fundraiser - Bag, sweat shirt, t-shirt**

Available from our store

<https://KapGen.printmight.co.nz>

**Computer Password at the APFHC**

APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the cupboard key from library help desk. We also request that you sign the blue sign-in book in the drawer - such statistics help us when applying for grants such as those that allowed us to add the two new computers.

**Email links** throughout the newsletter are clickable, remove one of the @ symbols before sending.

**Committee meetings:** 7pm, 1st Wednesday

**Branch Committee**

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**Newsletter content deadline:** Saturday after 1st Wednesday  
Send copy to: [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)  
Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher  
NB: To ensure publication, submissions **must** be received by deadline

**VISIT TO ARCHIVES NEW ZEALAND**

**Thursday May 9th, 2013**  
**Meeting in the Foyer on the Ground Floor**  
**10 Mulgrave Street, Wellington.**  
**Starting at 10.30 a.m. *prompt***

**Numbers are limited so please register**

**By Friday 3rd May**

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**Preparation and transport information available on [our website](#)**