

Programme details
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

As I sit at my computer this morning I have absolutely no idea where my thoughts will lead me. However, as I look back on my presentation at the last Branch Meeting when I spoke of the journey I took in discovering my ancestors and where I hope to go in the future I couldn't help but recall a comment that was passed to me by one of our very astute genealogists that the dates between the birth of one member of my family and the next were almost impossible to have taken place. Lorna had carried out some quick mental arithmetic as I rushed through the slides. I tried for many hours to locate the source of my information through Ancestry and Family Search without any luck. I even went to other researchers who all said that they had taken the dates off my records. The only saving grace was that after biting the bullet and purchasing another round of credits from Scotland's People I found the marriage of the particular person in an OPR dated

29/08/1809. In it I was thankful to see that her parentage was correct and that the place was the same. I'll just have to take out the exact date from my records and notify my other relatives overseas. The moral of the story is that you should always record the source of your researched information. I had failed to do this.

Kathy and Frances continue to provide us with an interesting programme and you are reminded to take note of all future events which are reported on in our Newsletters.

I would also like to make mention of the excellent work Denice McCarten is doing in promoting the activities of the Branch in as many media outlets as she can find. From posters on notice boards around the town to radio coverage, web pages on the internet and local newspapers. Denice is in contact with them all. Thank you Denice.

Bill McKeich, Convenor

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This month's meeting: Tuesday 26th March

"Publishing and Sharing Your Family"

Kay Carter will be the presenter and she has some creative ways by which you can do this.

February Branch Meeting in Retrospect

Sadly our speaker Dr Jean Bryson was unable to attend the February meeting due to ill health. She was to speak on historical medical terms. We are hopeful that we will be able to reschedule her at a later date.

Stepping up to the plate at the last minute, Bill McKeich shared the story of his Scottish ancestors and their journey from

Scotland to New Zealand via Australia. Using photographs, maps, social history information and family stories Bill wove a fascinating story. As he showed the progression of his research he reminded us again how chance meetings or coincidences can lead to some unexpected connections.

Bill displayed a number of books

he has put together of the different lines in his and his late wife's family history. This impressive collection brought together the result of years of methodical and detailed research and is a priceless gift for future generations.

Support your branch

A local t-shirt printing service, offers a wonderfully efficient, prompt service with a great arrangement for shared sales, so we have set up a Kapiti Genealogy store offering a bag, unisex sweatshirt, men's and



Click on the t-shirts on the site for size and colour options. If you check the home page for PrintMighty there may also be discount codes on offer. Be in, publicise and support your Branch at the same time!



women's t-shirts, all with a basic version of our logo. The store can be found at <https://kapgen.printmighty.co.nz/>

For each product sold from our Kapiti Genealogy store the branch gets a small contribution.



What's at the APFHC?

Thursday April 18th 6pm - 7.30pm at APFHC. An overview (for members only) of the resources held at the APFHC.

A chance to become familiar with the facilities at the library, what is held there, and how to access the information. This is a repeat of the sessions held last year. The first session will overview signing in procedures, using the computers, using micro fiche, together with the resources and the book collection. It will be followed by more detailed sessions in June (BDMs) and August (FindMyPast and Ancestry).

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 26th March (KCC): Our **monthly meeting** this month will feature Kay Carter presenting us with some novel, and more conventional, methods of publishing and sharing your family tree with others.

Saturday 6th April (APFHC): Another of our new monthly **Members Only Personal Research** sessions - volunteers on hand to help.

Thursday 18th April (APFHC): Introduction (to members) of our resources held at the APFHC 6-7:30pm

Tues 23rd April (KCC): AGM, followed by our monthly meeting with Blanche Charles speaking on Online Parish Clerks

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](#))

Monday 8 April : **Computer** group (KCC) 7:30pm. Find and using military records.

Thursday 11 April : **Australian** group (APFHC) 10 am

Saturday 13 April : **Irish** group (APFHC) 10 am

Saturday 27 April : **Family Tree Maker** (KCC) 9:30 am

Saturday 27 April : **Legacy** (KCC) 1pm

Events around our region

Hutt Branch Research Day on **Saturday 6th April**, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Petone Community Centre 7-11 Britannia St. Free to Hutt Branch members \$5.00 to others. Tea, coffee, Milo provided. Attendees are asked to bring their lunch and stay the day. Internet access and hook-ups via the branch computer. Help provided for NZ, Australian, English, Irish, Scottish, American and Military research. Interest group resources will be available.

Tuesday 16th April National Library free lunchtime session: Margaret Hurst "How Our Collections and Databases Can Help Your Research"

YURU 2013—Jazz it Up

Make a diary note. YURU with jazz man, trombone player and leader of The Big Jazz Band, Rodger Fox, will be presented at a Southwards Theatre, Paraparaumu. Matinee on Sunday August 18 and at Circa One, Wellington evening show on Monday 19 August.

Family history with a musical accompaniment will be the order of the day.

So watch this space as the presentation develops.

Sue Greene is well advanced with her research journey including a visit to Hawera where some Fox ancestors lived.

And the 2012 show is not over yet. Dame Kate Harcourt has kindly agreed to take "*Virtues From The Past*" to the opening of the NZSG AGM weekend in Pukekohe on 31 May.



Did you know that you can now access the UK Electoral rolls 2002 to 2012 via FindMyPast?

Unfortunately many people have chosen to opt out of being included in the published information, but you never know your luck in tracking down an elusive relation who may be able to provide the missing piece of your family jigsaw.

From the Committee

Welcome

We welcome five new members since our last newsletter: Peter BAILEY, Gaye GRANVILLE, Judith MacDONALD, Dianna MARSDEN, Dawn JACKSON

This month's meeting:

Tuesday 26 March 2013
 "Publishing Your Family History"
 with Kay Carter

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start

Supper roster: **K - O**

The sign-in book

A big 'thank you' to members who have consistently signed the blue book when using the APFHC. It is appreciated that it can feel a nuisance at times especially if you are just popping in briefly. The records from the blue book are extremely important when compiling statistics for future planning and

initiatives of the Branch. The question is often asked why the book cannot be left out to make it easier for those who do not need to access the contents of the cupboard. The answer is threefold:

1. The Branch facilities are in a public place and we are not at liberty to leave the book out for non members to access. If our resources were housed in a private, members only facility, we would be able to do this but we are very fortunate indeed to have the use of the space at the library.
2. Should the book go missing we would not have the statistics needed for funding applications and this could affect the receipt of future funding from charitable organisations. The roll-on effect would be that the Branch member fees would

have to be increased substantially in order to purchase the wonderful resources and equipment we have at our disposal. The relationship Kapiti Branch has with our local library is the envy of many branches.

3. The Kapiti Branch of NZSG is registered as a Charitable Trust and as such we are required to submit annual returns acknowledging the role we play in public and community education. These usage statistics help provide this. They can only be obtained from the statistics gleaned from the blue book held in the branch cupboard which is only accessible by signing in at the Information Desk at the library entrance and being handed the key to the cupboard.

Your continued help with this would be appreciated.

Subscriptions

Subs fall 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 cash, or cheque (payable to Kapiti Genealogy) and handed to a committee member at any meeting, or by internet banking Westpac 03 0732 0263025 00 If paying by internet banking,

please remember to include your surname and membership number for identification purposes, preferably also emailing the [Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Treasurer@KapitiGen.org) to advise that payment has been made.

If also a member of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, please enter your NZSG number in one of the payee/reference fields. 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](#)

**Deadline for next month's
 newsletter contributions :
 Saturday 6th April**

NZSG News with Clive Palmer



Those of you who belong to the Branch but are not members of our parent body are missing out on heaps of resources and research help. So why not consider joining, particularly if you feel your confidence level has reached a point where wider access to resources could be useful.

One myth that has to be dispelled is that the Society only has facilities on New Zealand genealogy. Wrong! Services cover the world.

The engine room of the Society is the Family Research Centre in Panmure Auckland, but a team of volunteers can search appropriate resources for members irrespective of where they live.

The Library collection has a loan service and requests can be made on line.

Members also have online access to a huge database of material with links to other agencies. While NZSG can help you with your international family research it has specialist collections of data on New Zealand immigration, BD & M certificates, First Families, Pedigree records and much more.

Go to the Society's website at

www.genealogy.org.nz and browse through the information on resources and how to join. There are also items that can be purchased.

Key information about resources is also contained in a series of "Gen Guides" and you can pick these up at Branch monthly meetings.

Application forms for membership are available at the APFHC and other district libraries and at monthly meetings.

The Society's journal "*The New Zealand Genealogist*" is published 6 times a year with further information on services available, updates of international genealogy news and local stories. There are special interest groups with ethnic and geographical focus. Both a members e-mail message board and a forum allow sharing of information and requests for assistance. If you are into social media there is also a Facebook page. Members with e-mail can subscribe to a monthly update of Society news. Don't miss out on this national resource.

Clive is our Deputy Convenor, and also an NZSG Councillor with regional responsibility for Taranaki and the Lower North Island

Certificates Collection

One of the gems of the NZSG offerings is the Certificates Collection.

YOU can help make it even bigger and better. It only takes four NZ certificates of interest to you in the existing collection to repay your NZSG sub.

Log in to the [NZSG web site](http://www.genealogy.org.nz) (ie NOT our Kapiti Genealogy web site) and navigate the lower blue menu from Members Area > Record Collections > NZSG Certificates Collection for full details.

The index to the some of the collection is on the Kiwi Index cd (and older versions of the index)

again, only available to members of the New Zealand Society.

Use the facility as a backup for some of your own certificates.

We are happy to submit your unwanted certificates, or copies of any certificates, on your behalf.

Please bring them to any meeting and hand them in to the Help Desk person on duty, or any committee member.

If requesting or submitting copies yourself directly from/to NZSG, check the latest magazine for contact details.

Are you using, or interested in Family Tree Maker?

The Branch has a Family Tree Maker User Group for those who have this programme for preserving and displaying your family history. Equally those who are interested in what the programme has to offer are also welcome to attend.

The group meets at the Kapiti Community Centre, and rest of year dates are Saturdays on April 27, June 29, Aug 31, Oct 26, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

FTM has been around for many years and some members will still be using Version 16 released in 2006 and other releases well before that date. The company owning this programme was bought out by Ancestry.com, one of the world's biggest genealogy data providers, and in 2008 released a new 21st Century version with modern graphics, chart formats, family reports, heaps of other new features and the option of linking to the Ancestry.com database.

I and many of my colleagues took this option and the results are just fantastic.

Once linked up on-line, if your information responds to like information across the Ancestry.com database, a little green flag waves against your ancestor.

Not only does this give details of possible official records like BMDs, probates and all the other resources on this world site, but gives details of other members who have agreed to make their trees public.

Since Christmas last I have been contacted by another subscriber who has data on my wife's grandmother's family of which we had no knowledge.

Likewise I have been contacted by a second cousin on my mother's side whom I did not know existed.

And yes this data is available if you use Ancestry.com in any event, but the beauty of the

modern FTM versions is that you have a seamless process of access to this huge database, while directly recording the information into your family file.

If you score a hit on another member's family tree you have the bonus advantage of 'talking' to them online and sharing information, charts, photos, and other details via FTM.

FTM's book publishing facility allows you to tell your own story, with photos, charts, copies of documents. This facility is also in the older versions but the formatting is much improved in the current ones.

At the Saturday morning sessions we cover older and newer versions so you can learn heaps about both.

While we try and spend some time on specific features, we expect members to have lots of questions we can help answer and demonstrate with examples on the big screen.

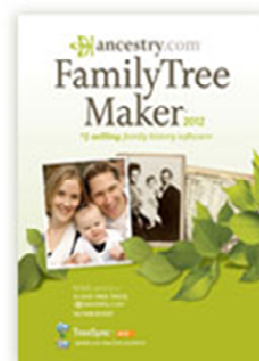
Come along and join the group. You are welcome to bring your laptop.

See our [branch website](#) for details.

The FTM website is full of background information - www.familytreemaker.com

Check it out yourself.

Clive Palmer.



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

AGM Tuesday 23rd April
followed by
Blanche Charles
"Online Parish Clerks"

Mark the third Tuesday of the month as your day to visit Wellington.
Free monthly lunchtime lecture sessions are planned for the National Library
April 16th - Margaret Hurst "How Our Collections and Databases Can Help Your Research"



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.

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.

Help needed

Sue needs an on the spot Computer Support person, primarily for the library computers, which, together with the printer, are networked to our server. Duties are listed on our [Who Does What page](#).

To apply, please contact the Secretary outlining your computer experience.

Branch Committee

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Computer Support: Sue Greene & vacancy

Research Officer: Sue Greene

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Email links above are clickable, remove one of the @ symbols to send.

Committee meetings: 7pm, 1st Wednesday

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

Back to Basics - 16th March



A group of beginners, and not so beginners, from around the region met on Saturday for Kapiti's Back to Basics (B2B) day.

Great finds were made in the research breaks, one attendee finding a record about his



grandparents that he had been looking a long time for. Feedback from participants has been positive: "learnt a lot today", "the feeling in the room was one of camaraderie and enthusiasm" being just a couple



of comments received. If you missed out, there's another chance coming up later in the year. Frances and Lorna are reviewing the day to come up with an even better version for 21st September.