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## Convenor's Comment

I am currently reading a book entitled "*Pauatahanui—A Local History*" by Helen Reilly a Whitby resident. Having lived for 28 years in Camborne overlooking the Pauatahanui arm of the Porirua Harbour I was very familiar with place names around the inlet and knew some of the descendants of the early settlers. With this in mind I purchased the book and am being led on a journey of development and social interaction in an area which extends from Paremata to the top of Hayward's Hill, Paekakariki Hill and to Camborne and includes the whole of Whitby.

Some history of the Pauatahanui area has been recorded previously in a fragmentary way. This book succeeds in bringing it all together as a complete account of the land and its people from earliest times to the present day.

When gathering information for the book the author spoke with and recorded the stories of many of the descendants of the early settlers. Their comments are interspersed

throughout the book and add a personal perspective to the historical narrative.

The book is 307 pages with approximately 60% text and 40% images of which there are over 300.

The author is Helen Reilly a professional historian living in Whitby who researched and wrote the text. The book costs \$65 + \$6 postage and packaging. Orders can be made from:

**[orders@pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz](mailto:orders@pauatahanuihistorybook.co.nz)**

For a genealogist who has connections with the Pauatahanui area this is a must read.

This month's meeting is a time when we can share those snippets from "Papers Past" which have grabbed our attention. They don't have to be reports connected to your family. If you have something of interest and wish to project it onto the screen please let Kathy or Frances our Programme convenors, or any of our Committee Members, know.

Bill McKeich

Convenor

*January meeting Tuesday  
28 January  
First Meeting for 2014  
"Here is the News" from "Papers  
Past"*

## OzSIG Web Sites Explored at December Meeting

Divorce & status of women 19th cent Australia

[www.aifs.gov.au/institute/seminars/finlay.html](http://www.aifs.gov.au/institute/seminars/finlay.html)

ACT record collection by Ann Gugler

[www.hotkey.net.au/~jwilliams4/act.htm](http://www.hotkey.net.au/~jwilliams4/act.htm)

Sydney Morning Herald 1955-1995

<http://archives.smh.com.au>

Australian Navy Lists

[www.navy.gov.au/Publication:Navy\\_List](http://www.navy.gov.au/Publication:Navy_List)

Sth Aust British farm Apprentices 1913-1941

[www.safarmapprentices.net](http://www.safarmapprentices.net)

Genealogy Search Australia, the free Australian Genealogy and Family History

<http://www.genealogysearchaustralia.com.au/>

**All About N.S.W. Birth Declarations per NSW family history Transcriptions/ M.Rowan**

In 1913 administrative arrangements were made to assist people unable to register the true details of their child's birth and parentage because of inadequacies in the New South Wales legislation.

The three areas of concern were:

Parents who had not registered their child's birth within six months. Legislation was amended to accommodate this in 1935.

Parents who were unable to legitimate their child, despite their subsequent marriage, because there had been a legal impediment to their marriage at the time of the child's birth. This anomaly was not remedied until the introduction of the Commonwealth Marriage Act in 1961.

Foster parents who had "adopted" a child and were unable to have their own details recorded in any form on the child's birth registration. Legal adoptions were not introduced until 1924.

The system of Declaration allowed the necessary details to be formally declared and recorded by the N.S.W. Registrar General. No formal registration was created however certified copies of these declared details were issued.

Declarations were indexed along with normal registrations in the year the birth occurred, although there are some instances when the index entry appears in the year the declaration was made without any cross reference to the year of birth.

[www.nswtranscriptions.com.au](http://www.nswtranscriptions.com.au) Upgraded site.

New South Wales, Australia, Registers of Coroners' Inquests, 1796-1942

<http://search.ancestry.com.au/search/db.aspx?dbid=1785>

<http://www.rootschat.com/forum/index.php?topic=505902.0>

<http://www.rootschat.com/links/0b6o/>

We also tried out Google Images for photos of small towns of interest. Open Google / Click Images at top RH . In the search box, enter the place of interest e.g. Lopen Somerset and photos people have uploaded appear. The photos can be downloaded. Always credit the source.

You can also enter names in the search box.

Deborah Shuker  
OzSIG Convenor

[\(http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/australian/\)](http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/australian/)

## APFHC News



Sue and Dirk's work on our computers at our Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC) continues.

It did however receive a major setback last year, thanks, we assume, to some bored children in the school holidays. One enterprising someone managed to completely wipe the new program from one of our computers, which then had to be re-set up from backups meaning the planned work on the disk access did not happen.

Cables have also been disconnected and cases attempted to be opened.

It also meant that in order to foil another attempt that the keyboards were locked in the cupboards. This will be reviewed after the school holidays to

see if we can revert to normality then. Thank you all for your patience.

The work outstanding is for us to be able to access our disk based resources from our server without having to load the disks. This may not be possible with all of our disks, but it is the aim.

Please do not fiddle with settings. The aim is to have consistent settings on all of the computers for ease of both your use, and our maintenance. Status updates are posted on the APFHC section of our web pages: <http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/apfhc/>

### Printer, Paper and Toner

Branch Members are reminded that a printing facility is available in the APFHC for you to record your research findings.

This is provided at considerable cost to the Branch and you are asked to contribute 10c. per copy for the service provided.

This amount does not even cover the cost of the toner used.

Where possible you are encouraged to use memory sticks instead to record the results of your research.

Not only does this reduce our dependence on toner and paper but also gives you an electronic copy to examine in more detail at home in your document viewer of choice, and a copy to attach as evidence in your family tree program.

### Cupboards

We are aware that the cupboards may not always be easily locked. This is being attended to shortly. Please however do try to leave them securely locked.

### Lost pedigree?

Anyone researching Beatrice Carrie Smith and Alfred Pixman? A pedigree chart was left by the computers.

### APFHC Familiarisation Sessions

March 20th is the first of our evening sessions on our resources at the APFHC.

## UK Resources

### Online Newspaper Archive Passes the 7 Million Page Mark

The British Newspaper Archive (BNA) passed a giant milestone today, as page number 7,000,000 was added to the site at [www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk](http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk).

Since its launch in November 2011, the BNA has been committed to transcribing thousands of pages a day. With a target of 40 million pages by 2021, this 10-year project is the biggest digitisation of newspapers to take place in the UK.

Ian Tester, The British Newspaper Archive's Brand Director, said: "We are ecstatic to reach the 7 millionth page. Newspapers are one of the richest resources available to historians, and historical newspapers packed a lot more into a page than modern papers. The Archive holds newspapers that date back to the early 18<sup>th</sup> Century, and with the 7 million mark passed, we now provide access to comfortably over 100 million stories and articles online – a unique perspective on more than 200 years of historical events."

The 7 millionth page to be added to the online archive was page seven of the 'Burnley Express' for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 1945. The main headlines of the day include a visit from Winston Churchill, images of servicemen, and an article on the cost of living and pensions.

(FindMyPast publishes many of these, their web pages stating:

We are working in association with the [British Library](http://www.britishlibrary.org) to bring you the newspapers and we're adding new pages to the collection all the time. When the project is finished, you'll be able to search 40 million newspaper pages from the British Library's collection.)

### Historical Birth, Marriage and Death Records Go Online (ScotlandsPeople)

Scottish records of births from 1913, marriages from 1938 and deaths from 1963 will go online for the first time tomorrow (1 Jan 2014).

Almost 222,000 images of birth, marriage and death records will be made available to family history researchers, including those of well-known people and unusual stories.

There were 38,716 marriages in 1938, including that between German circus performer and lion tamer Alfred Kaden, then 35, and Vera Hüsing (née Lütke), 25, the poet daughter of a German landowner. At the

time a Glasgow newspaper described Hüsing as "vivacious, flaxen haired and handsome" and said she had "won distinction by her poems and songs."

The records show that in 1938, the average age for women to be married was 26.7 and for men was 29.7. In 2012, the average age for women was 34.8 and for men was 37.2, and there were 30,534 marriages. In 1913 the population was 4.73 million and there were 120,516 births. By contrast, in 2012 there were 58,027 births and a total population of 5.31 million people.

The records also show the change in babies names over the past century. In 1913 only three baby girls were named Sophie, whereas 580 girls were registered with the name in 2012. Likewise, while in 1913 only three boys were called Jack, over 500 boys were named Jack in 2012. In 1913, the most popular names for baby girls were Mary, Annie and Agnes, and John, James, Robert and William for boys.

The newly-released images include entries for 65,521 deaths in 1963, which compares to 54,937 in 2012. The life expectancy of Scots has risen during the last 50 years, as the growing number of centenarians shows. In 1963, only 28 people died at or over the age of 100, but in 2012 the equivalent figure was 389, or almost 14 times as many people, and well ahead of the increase in Scotland's population.

(NB indexes are available up to 2012, what is new are the images for the next year's registrations released from privacy constraints as listed in the first paragraph.)

### FindMyPast issues 19 million new British Rate Books

These beautiful handwritten records are exclusive to findmypast and we've made them available online for the first time:

- Rate books are like very early census records – they go back as far as 1598
- Discover where your ancestors lived: their names, addresses and who owned each property

Find ancestors from the north and south of Britain: from Manchester, Westminster, Southwark, Plymouth and Devon

(These can be found under Census, Land & Survey records)

## A Message from our IT Consultant

# Bugs Hoax Calls & Security

By Dirk (DBZ Tech)



### **Online Security and Protection**

As a general rule when navigating online make sure that your Antivirus and anti-Trojan software are up to date.

An essential item to pay particular attention to is the status of your Windows Updates: if you are up to date then you have more protection, which is a necessity.

### **Hoax Callers and other Scams**

If you are the recipient of one of these irritating calls, be well aware that no third-party can define that your antivirus is out of date, or a new angle that is currently played is that your Windows Licence has expired. This is not a reality as WINDOWS DOES NOT EXPIRE.

If you are unsure of the licencing status of any of your computing devices, a quick check with Microsoft will verify for you.

<http://www.microsoft.com/genuine/validate/>

### **Safe Guidelines to Utilise**

There is a very good and informative website in NZ that will give you answers to any of your queries regarding current Scams and other annoyances.

<http://www.netsafe.org.nz>

### **Payments Online**

I suggest that when you are planning to purchase anything online, check to ensure that the vendor's website is legitimate and under no circumstances give out your credit card details to a caller from an organisation that can not be clearly identified.

### **Links to Security and Antivirus**

There are several very good protection options available to ensure the safety and integrity of your PC.

Open Source (Free) options

<http://downloads.sourceforge.net/clamwin/clamwin-0.98-setup.exe>

Microsoft has a superb Antivirus Product available : Microsoft Security Essentials

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-NZ/windows/security-essentials-download>

### **Hoax Calls and What You Should Do**

If you do receive a call suggesting that issues are detected with your computer, I suggest that you hang up the phone immediately or if you wish to give the caller a reminder that they are wasting yours and their time as there can never be any success with the call.

And notify your Phone provider that their security should be improved.

Dirk has been helping Sue get our computers at the Alison Procter Family History Centre uniformly set up. The aim is that all are consistently able to access the same resources and no disks need to be loaded. The latter may not be possible but it is our aim, along with overcoming the log in problems with FindMyPast. Please log any issues experienced in the yellow book in the cupboard.

## 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](#)**

**January 28th: Tuesday “Here is the News”** First meeting for the year. See notice below

**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. Six computers available, all with Ancestry, three with worldwide FindMyPast. Public and members welcome. **Restarted 22nd January.**

**February 25th: Tuesday “APFHC and NZ Gazette”** Monthly meeting (Sue Greene)

**March 6th: Thursday 10:30 am** Tour of the Police Museum. Details in February newsletter.

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

**February 9th: DNA Group** 2 - 4pm (Lorna's ph 04 293 7771 for directions)

**February 13th: Australian Interest Group** 10 am to 12 noon (APFHC)

**February 22nd: Family Tree Maker Group** 9:30 to 12:30 (KCC) \$4 door charge; 2006 and earlier versions - 9:30am back to basics and revision (Hanley) Later versions (Lorna) after 10:30 morning tea - media;

**February 22nd: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group** 2 to 4pm (KCC) doors open 1pm. \$3 door charge;

#### You may also be interested in:

**February 8th: Tracing your ancestors in Scotland, with special reference to the Highlands Graeme McKenzie,**

Scottish Genealogist, Researcher & Author, Clan McMillan 10am to 1pm Connolly Hall Guildford Terrace Wellington.

Parking in School ground off Guildford Terrace adjacent to the Hall. Graeme's presentation will start at 10.15 and there will be time for questions afterwards. Finger food luncheon. Hosted by NZSG Wellington Branch & Kilbirnie Branch. Door charge \$2.00 per person

**February 13th: Researching Highland Ancestors in Scotland; Clans, Septs and Surnames, Graeme McKenzie** 9.30 - 12.30pm Waikanae Chartered Club, 8 Elizabeth Street Waikanae. Parking available. Starts 10 - 10.15am, time for questions afterwards. Morning tea on arrival. Hosted by Waikanae Family History Group. Door charge \$2. For lunch details/bookings contact Hanley Hoffmann ([hdhoffmann "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:hdhoffmann@paradise.net.nz)) (04) 904 3276 , numbers needed by 12th Feb.

**30 May to 2 Jun:** NZSG 2014 Conference (**Hills - Harbours - Heritage**) and NZSG AGM - mark your calendars now.

Registration & more information available from NZSG Web Site at [http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Conference\\_2014\\_254.aspx](http://www.genealogy.org.nz/Conference_2014_254.aspx) .

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## Programme News

### January Branch Meeting

#### “Here is the News” Papers Past Articles

**When:** Tuesday Jan 28th 7 pm—9 pm

**Where:** Kapiti Community Centre

Get searching in Papers Past and bring along an interesting article to share with the group. It does not necessarily have to be connected to your personal family history. If you note the Newspaper name and publication date, we can show it on the screen. Not everyone is comfortable with public speaking, so if you have an interesting article but would prefer not to read it personally, a committee member will be happy to do that for you.



10-15 mins on searching Papers Past and

### February Branch Meeting

#### Changes with Computers at APFHC and Using NZ Gazette

**When:** Tuesday Feb 25th 7 pm—9pm.

**Where:** Kapiti Community Centre

Our Research Officer Sue Greene will explain how to use the new interface on the computers at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Public Library. Sue will also explain how to access and use the NZ Gazette.



10-15 mins on how to use tabs and split screens

## From the Committee

### This month's meeting:

**Tuesday 28 JANUARY 2014**

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting start.

Supper roster: **E—H:**

Your continued help with this would be appreciated.

### Welcome

We welcome Scott GWYNNE to the branch.

### 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.

### Research Assistance

Members are reminded that should they need assistance with their research they can attend the weekly Wednesday morning sessions also held at the APFHC at the Paraparaumu Library, contact their buddy, or use the Kapiti Gen Forum form on our website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/research/genforum/>) to contact our Kapiti Branch Research Officer, Sue Greene.

### Kapiti Genealogy on Facebook

Check out [our facebook page](#) .You don't need to be a registered user of facebook to read it, simply click on the link if reading this on your computer, or search for Kapiti Genealogy facebook. Please let Kathy Callaghan have any suggestions as to how best to use this medium. If a Facebook user, do remember to click "like".

### Branch fundraiser - Used ink cartridges

It is pleasing to report that our call for a volunteer

has been heeded. Pat Keppel will be taking over the collection of used ink cartridges. Derek Griffis has carried out this task for many years and reports that in the last 10 years the project has been worth \$3000 in funds to the Branch. Thank you Derek. Please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly Branch meetings or leave them either in or on top of the glass cabinet in the APFHC.

Alternatively if it is more convenient for you to drop the cartridges off in Raumati, Pat has offered to allow this at his home at 39 Lorna Irene Drive. If they won't fit in the letterbox just leave them at the front door. Pat Ph (04) 299 1100

### Raffle

Bring your small change to the meetings, we have a raffle organizer again. Many thanks to Hilary Cunningham for volunteering to run our raffles. Any donated prizes for future raffles would also be welcome.

### Committee members

At the April AGM three current committee members have announced their intention to step down. Please do begin considering now whether or not you would like to contribute to our group by standing for office. Under current rules, all officers must be a member of both Kapiti and NZSG.



Starting with the January meeting we are introducing a 10-15 minute "how to" segment to our monthly meetings.

If you have a request for a specific topic that will fit into the timeslot, please [contact the committee](#).

Have you done your backups of your genealogy database (and any associated files and photos) lately?  
Including an offsite backup well away from your own home?

I (Lorna) consider this a timely reminder as guess who lost several days work by being too carried away with the trail she was on she forgot to run nightly backups? As I'd always managed to re-open a database after a crash and carry on in the past, it was a salutary lesson that this isn't necessarily always so.



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

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

Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,  
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

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

Available from our store

<https://KapGen.printmighty.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 replacement computers.

### 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.

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

**Committee meetings:** 7pm, 1st Wednesday of months February—December.

### Branch Committee

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Denice McCarten, Dianne Sleeman, Kathleen Gibson

### Branch Officers

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Research Officer: Sue Greene

### Interest Group Facilitators:

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - hover your mouse over the "About" menu.

**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

## Subscriptions

Our membership year runs from 1 April to 31 March. Although your pink membership card doesn't expire until the end of March, it would be appreciated if you would consider renewing your subscription early to spread the workload involved. As an incentive, any subs paid early will remain at the bargain price of \$20 per individual for the year.

The sub may have to be reviewed at the AGM - as we may have to cover security changes at the Library, and consider the impact of last year's increased rentals.

Payment may be made by cash or cheque (made out 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 of your new card.

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

These instructions are also on our website as a post ["Membership Renewals"](#).

**February Meeting  
Tuesday 25th 7 pm.  
APFHC program & NZ Gazette**