

## Convenor's Comment

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

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Hello again!

I suppose it is fair to say that winter has arrived, and the season for genealogy research has begun!

There is something quite pleasing about sitting in front of a fire, music quietly playing in the background, being surrounded by computers, ring binders, scraps of paper, pencils, pens, rubbers ..... well you get the picture I'm sure.

Keep in mind that we have members with a huge amount of knowledge, so if you start feeling frustrated with what you are doing, don't be shy about asking for help. Bev runs our Wednesday morning help desk at the library, and although she is taking a well-earned holiday at the moment, we have volunteers covering for her. So pop on down and see if you can get some help with your research using the resources we have there, including our helpers.

The Otaki Family History Expo held on May 28th was well attended with 120 people going through. All the talks were popular, two of which were by Kapiti members Deborah Shuker, who's title was 'Trove Papers - Australia's Papers past and BDM records', and Lorna Henderson who spoke about 'DNA - What test is useful for what.'

Following our speaker last month, Mike Guest of the LDS Family Research Centre in Upper Hutt, it was interesting to hear a different perspective on Family Search given by Gary Howard at the Otaki Expo. Gary has also worked at one of the LDS Family History centres and his easy familiarity with Family Search made it all sound so simple. He was able to give several tips on how to enhance a search and explained some of the terms that appear in the results.

There will be a slight change for this month's meeting. Bill McKeich will be running the meeting and Stephen Sherring is going to be doing the raffle.

Thank you gentlemen, I really appreciate your help.

Good researching everyone!

*Hilary Cunningham*

**This month's meeting is on  
Tuesday June 28th  
7-9 pm**

**Speaker: Bill Carter**

**Wellington's Illegal  
Marriages**

## June Branch Meeting

**When:** June 28th at 7-9pm  
**Where:** Kapiti Community centre  
**What:** **Bill Carter: Wellington's illegal marriages.**

The new Wellington settlement of 1840 found itself without an Anglican ordained minister who was able to perform marriages. One Richard Davy, a clerk in holy orders, who was **not** ordained and who was a little too fond of the bottle, carried out several illegal marriages. Don't miss Bill's fascinating insight into Davy's story and the consequences of his actions.

Bill and his wife Kay, who spoke to our meeting a couple of months ago, were two of the five founders of the Kapiti Genealogy Computer Group at a time the NZSG actively discouraged the use of computers.

**How to:** **Using your FamilySearch Source Box** (or Ancestry's shoebox) by Lorna

**Meeting chairman:** Bill McKeich

## How to - Register for Familysearch.org

Oh, that won't take long to either prepare or present, thought I.

As I was already registered, Sheila was roped in as the guinea pig for the screenshots to be presented at our May Monthly Meeting 'How To' slot.

An hour later we had: attempted to register, found what happens when you have already registered using the same email address, and snapshotted all the screens involved when you need to be reminded of either the user name that goes with the email address, and/or the associated password.

Trust me, it is simple, honest. Should only take a few minutes to think up a username, register your chosen username and email address, and verify your email address is valid. After which you are good to go.

### Why register?

- Search the Family Tree
- Contact people who have contributed to the Family Tree
- Save sources found in searches to your Source Box
- Order films from the catalogue
- Pay back to others what benefits you've gained, by indexing scanned images

### What is a Source Box?

See June meeting 'How to', above

*Lorna Henderson*

FamilySearch

Volunteer Get Help

Sign In **Free Account**

Tell Us a Little About Yourself

1 2 3

Account Information

First Name  Last Name

User Name

Password   Show Password

Confirm Password

Use one of the suggestions or create your own unique name containing a combination of letters and numbers, no spaces.

At least 8 characters with any combination of letters and numbers with no spaces.

## National Library Tour

On June 9th a group of seven did another excellent tour of the National Library. There is always benefit from taking these tours as each is different and often you learn new aspects of what is available for genealogists.

It is important to remember that the National Library has two collections - the Alexander Turnbull Library Collection and the National Library Collection. The reading rooms are open 10.00am - 5.00pm. Downstairs (virtual library) open 8.30am. Café opens 7.00am!

You access each collection differently. Registration for both is done via the National Library website. You will be given a card with your National Library number. Use this number to order records and books.

For the Alexander Turnbull Collections, (which are viewed in the Katherine Mansfield room in the library), you need to set up an unverified Real Me account, which is done via the National Library website. Those who have ordered new passports in recent times will be familiar with verified Real Me. Unverified means you do NOT need to get photos verified (as with passports). Follow instructions on the website. If you already have a verified Real Me, you can use that account. A staff member will help you if you are there in person.

The Alexander Turnbull Collection contains unpublished articles (such as diaries, church records), original publications, documents, maps, photos, paintings, audio recordings etc.

It is widely known that all Electoral Rolls are accessible, but a useful, less-known tool for family historians is the Habitation Index - which is the electoral roll by street name, ie. you can see who else was living in the same street. The Habitation Index starts from 1980 onwards.

The family history centre is on the first floor and there are always people to help you with any questions you might have. Try putting your family names, towns or anything you can think of in the website search field. It is amazing what is held there.

*Kathy Callaghan*

## Coming up

**Don't miss** the next overview session.

**July 21st.** 5.30-7pm at Paraparaumu Library.

Using the census records on Ancestry and Find My Past.

**Family History Month in August.** We will be holding two research days open to the public- on 6th and 20th August from 11am-3pm - when individual help will be offered in 2 hour slots.

## The Battle of Jutland

The Battle of Jutland - 31 May and 1 June 1916

To commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Jutland, the National Records of Scotland (NRS) has written **\*a feature article\*** [http://tracking.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/t/eccba23M6QBBLjYIbB-Taa-AFzaaaaaBLU-TOya?s=UN44253&c=UavN\\_Nmtlc.egl.px&n=u&z=&p=%7E63222](http://tracking.scotlandspeople.gov.uk/t/eccba23M6QBBLjYIbB-Taa-AFzaaaaaBLU-TOya?s=UN44253&c=UavN_Nmtlc.egl.px&n=u&z=&p=%7E63222) about the biggest sea battle of the First World War, telling the story of the battle and the effect that the loss of life had on Scotland - especially on small communities like Wick, in Caithness.

In total, 6,097 UK sailors and 2,551 German sailors died in the 2-day battle.

*Scotland's People*

## APFHC News



Help instructions for the above program are now on our website under **Membership > Members only**.

### Help Sessions

Bev Chappell organises sessions to help with research for the public and members on Wednesday mornings from 10-12am at the APFHC.

Volunteers to help with these sessions are always welcome and appreciated by those needing assistance.

**Thanks** to those volunteers who offered to help while Bev was away on a well-earned break.

### Research Assistance

Apart from the weekly Wednesday morning sessions, members needing assistance with their research can 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.

### Location at Paraparaumu library

Our facility, the Alison Procter FHC, is on the ground floor of Paraparaumu library. Turn right inside the door and go to the far wall.

The keys for the APFHC cupboard are held at the Welcome Desk opposite the entrance.

Please replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

Any matters relating to the Genealogy Society should be taken up with a committee member, **not** library staff.

### The Kapiti Genealogy Menu

Remember that you do not have to load physical cds.

Simply click on the image of the cd beside the resource you want to view, then click on the title. If there isn't a cd image, just click on the title.

### Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red folder in the drawer. Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome desk. We also ask that you sign the blue sign-in book found in the drawer - such statistics help us when applying for grants.

### Printer, Paper and Toner

Please remember that you are asked to contribute 10c per copy for the printing service provided.

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

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

### Computers

We ask for your consideration on Wednesday mornings. If you are researching and do not need the help of the volunteers, please consider coming at a time other than the 10 to 12 timeslot, when use of the computers is at a premium.

See page 7 for an exciting new resource to be added in the near future.

**Watch this space!**



## Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Meryl Opie at ([RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org)) Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

Subs \$15 per year (starting Jul/Aug) to either Family Tree magazine or Who Do You Think You Are.

This is a really good way of keeping up with the latest news and having access to interesting articles without having to subscribe to the magazines. They all have a wealth of ideas and information.

When the 'round robin' of subscribers have finished with them, the magazines are put into folders in our library at the APFHC. So do check them out. Most articles do not date.

## Dates for Your Diary

### Kapiti Genealogy

#### Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Ground Floor, North West Corner Paraparaumu Library

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

**All Kapiti events are also in the [programme information on our website](#), both in a downloadable document and on the calendar.**

**June 28th: Tuesday 7pm (KCC)** Monthly meeting . Details on page 2.

**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, and worldwide FindMyPast. Public and members welcome.

**July 21st: 5.30-7pm.** Overview session. Paraparaumu Library. Census searching on Ancestry and FindMyPast

**August history month.** Public research help sessions on 6th and 20th August, 11am-3pm. at APFHC.

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

**Thursday 14th July:** Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

**Saturday 16th July 2-4pm** at Kapiti Community Centre. Roots magic group. NB. Meetings every other month.

**Sunday 14th August** DNA interest group , 2-4pm at Lorna's. For all those interested in DNA for genealogy.

**Saturday June 25th:** NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1- 4pm at the Kapiti Community Centre.

## Interest Groups

### Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December - next session **Thursday July 14th** for help with any Australian research. 10-12am at the APFHC.

### DNA

Informal (free) 2-monthly group for anyone interested in adding DNA testing to their genealogy toolkit.

Our June meeting consisted of Q&As from people at various stages of testing: yet to venture, awaiting results, and trying to make sense of results.

Next meeting **Sunday 14th August** 2-4pm. Lorna 04 293 7771. All questions welcome?

### Legacy Users

Our meetings are the last Saturday of every second month from February to October. Everyone is welcome.

Next meeting **June 25th. Subject - Research; Log; Guidance; and To Do List.**

At the Kapiti Community Centre. Cost \$3, pay at the door. Tea and coffee available. Bring a laptop if you have one and a power

cord if you need power.

The following meeting is on **August 27th.**

Contact Gerald Twiss [Gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:Gero@ihug.co.nz) for more details.

### Roots Magic group

Our next meeting is on **Saturday 16th July** 2-4pm

Bring along your questions and useful tips. There will be a brief presentation on one of the useful tools available within RootsMagic.

Mark the future meetings for the year: 3rd Saturday every 2nd month:

**Sep 17th; Nov 19th**, all at the Kapiti Community Centre, from 2 - 4pm, doors open 1:30pm. \$3 to cover costs/refreshments.

Email [RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RootsMagic@KapitiGen.org) for enquiries/suggestions.

### BREAKING NEWS

At the NZSG AGM the new rules were passed and will come into force when registered with the Registrar of Incorporated Societies. Also, our local Councillor, Peter Gibson , was elected as Treasurer. Details in next newsletter.

## Resources to explore

### Ancestry

[New South Wales, Australia, Tickets of Leave, 1810-1869](#)

[New South Wales, Australia, Certificates for Publicans' Licences, 1830-1849, 1853-1899](#)

[Australia, Newspaper Vital Notices, 1831-2001](#)

[Tasmania, Australia, Convict Court and Selected Records, 1800-1899](#)

[Australia and New Zealand, Obituary Index, 2004-2015](#)

[England & Scotland, Select Cemetery Registers, 1800-2014](#): includes, amongst others: Dumfries and Galloway, Kincardineshire and Kirkcudbrightshire, Wigtonshire, Scotland. And yes that does say to 2014. A quick look at Annan showed recent burials, but with the Plot Purchaser column blanked out.

## The sad case of Hannah Norman

My friend, NZSG member Marvyn Crone, sent me this tale of poor Hannah—her 4x great grandmother. It was a brick wall! Marvyn tells all.

“My Hannah was a mystery figure. According to family rumours, she was supposed to have been landed gentry with MONEY, then a Vicars wife, or even an Irish Go Go dancer with travelling gypsies! After a great deal of research between me and my lovely newly-found English cousin, we pinned Hannah down to Farrington Gurney, Midsomer Norton, or possibly Ashwick, in Somersetshire.

But the trail stopped there, until I was contacted by a lady from the Tasmanian Female Convict Society who recognized Hannah in my family tree on Ancestry. I was seriously stunned at first, but sure enough it was our very same Hannah.

I managed to find this report of her trial in the Taunton Courier, April 4th 1827. She was accused of stealing two half crowns from a shopkeeper who had marked the coins. She said that one had come from some men to procure beer, the other was handed to her by a young girl aged 14.

She was proclaimed innocent by the judge, but despite that was sent to Ilchester Prison to await transportation.

Poor Hannah, aged 43 with 7 children including a two year old that she had to leave, was transported on the ship *Sovereign* to Van Diemen's Land in 1827. Little Hannah died. Three other daughters managed to get pregnant, and the vicar with little to do one Sunday afternoon baptised the three results, one of them being my great great grandmother, Hannah Dorse, nee Norman.

The records from Tasmania are fantastic; we have Hannah's height, blue eye colour and brown hair. We have a record of her as one of a couple asking permission for marriage - not granted of course. The last record of her was in 1836 from Trove. She was drunk and was sent to the chapel.

I would be drunk too. According to her report, she became the worst class of prisoner, spending quite a few days in solitary confinement on bread and water. Writing this now brings tears to my eyes as she was not supposed to be sent out - she was judged innocent. Sadly we cannot find any record of her death but I think she may lie in a paupers grave somewhere.”

piated her offence.

*Hannah Norman*, (40) for stealing three half-crowns from James Thatcher. Prosecutor, a shopkeeper at Midsomer Norton, had missed silver at various times, and in order to detect the culprit, he marked some half-crowns and put them in the till on the morning of the 9th of January. In the afternoon, on going to the till, missed the marked silver, and eleven shillings from another till. Prosecutor gave notice to the other shopkeepers in the village of his loss, and by that means found some of his money in the possession of Mr Smith, a brewer, and Mr Hayland, a grocer, who had received two of the half-crowns lost, from prisoner, in exchange for goods. The actual stealing of the money by prisoner was not in evidence, but her passing them was clearly proved.—In her defence, she said one of the half crowns Elizabeth Symonds, her fellow prisoner, gave her, the other she got from some men to procure beer.—*Guilty.—Seven years' transportation.*

## From the Committee

### This month's meeting:

**Tuesday June 28th 2016**

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

### Supper roster: L - P

If your surnames starts with the above letters, your help with the supper would be appreciated.

**Committee meetings:** 7.30pm, 1st Wednesday of months February - December

### Welcome to new member:

Shirley STEERE

Please make yourself known to other members at the monthly meetings. It's our chance to get to know you and share experiences, and your opportunity to find out where you can get help with your story. We hope you'll enjoy our facilities and get great benefit from your membership.

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### The Genealogist

Your committee has agreed to a new (trial) subscription site for the Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC).

Look out for future notification at the Centre to find out when it becomes available.

The subscription is for The Genealogist (<http://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/>).

Along with the standard UK vital records (births, deaths and marriages) and census data, it also has specialised records only available at that site. Just some of the collections available on the site, in no particular order, are:

\*Scanned copies of the Railway Gazette,

\*Tithe map collections - complete for England and Wales (<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2015/the-tithe-maps-project-317/>),

\*Parish records for Norfolk (indexed and images),

\*Transcriptions for Worcestershire and Essex Parish registers - and many others.

Our **Round Robin** magazine, FamilyTree, regularly offers free records from The Genealogist for up to 3 months from the sale date of the magazine, a good reason to sign up for it. See page 4 for details.

### School records transcription project

This project is playing an essential part in digitizing our local school records.

If you are willing to take part in this project contact the coordinator, John Glover. He will be pleased to hear from you.

([pamandjohn "at" paradise.net.nz](mailto:pamandjohn@paradise.net.nz))

### Publicity and marketing

Is there anybody out there who would be willing to help with our publicity? We still need someone interested in taking on this role for the Committee. It is not onerous and involves mainly contacting newspapers with coming events and organising the distribution of flyers.

If you can help, please contact a member of the Committee.

**Late breaking news** and events that we find out about between newsletters are added to [our website](#) and remember that by logging into the website you are able to post events of relevance and interesting links yourself as well as update your own contact details.

### 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 on how to make the best use of this medium. If a Facebook user, do remember to click "like".

### How to?

Please let the Committee know what topics you would like covered in our meeting "How to" sessions.

It's a chance to find out how to resolve any difficulty you're having with a programme or make the most of the extensive facilities we have available. Nothing is too simple or odd. Please give us your ideas.

It's your Society! Keep it alive!





### Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

### Branch Committee

**Convener:** Hilary Cunningham

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Lorna Henderson

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**Member:** Bernard Mc Manus

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**Computer Liaison:** Frances Braddick

**Webmasters:**

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

### Email links

Throughout the newsletter email links are clickable. Remove the "at" and insert the @ symbol before sending.

### Membership

We welcome new and returning members. Our annual subscription is \$25.

(Please refer to the website (<http://www.kapitigen.org/2016/01/membership-renewals-201617/>) for joining and payment instructions.

### Ex-officio committee

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Magazine Round Robins:**

Meryl Opie

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**Meeting registrar:** Donna Bridgeman

**Equipment Support:**

Lindsay Olsen backup up Lorna

**Research Officer:** Sue Greene

**Catering:** Judy Olsen

**Ink cartridges** Jill Craig

### Interest Group Facilitators:

**Australian:** Deborah Shuker

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**Legacy Users:** Gerald Twiss

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**DNA:** Lorna Henderson

**Roots Magic:** Lorna Henderson  
(04) 293 7771

Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the **Who Does What** section of the "About" menu.

### Used ink cartridges

Please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly Branch meetings.

They will be handed on to Jill Craig, our used cartridge collector.

### Newsletter contributions.

Deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday of month.

Please send copy to: [editor "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher.

Next meeting  
July 26th 2016

Speaker: Donna Bridgeman  
Using Facebook for Genealogy