

Convenor's Comment

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

Kia ora

It is a pleasure to present this summary of the Kapiti Branch's activities for the year, ending 31 March, 2016.

The year started with the move from our upstairs location in the library to downstairs along the western wall. Naturally there were several teething problems but, by and large, these have now been resolved. Thank you to our Committee and the library staff for working so hard to make the transition as smooth as possible. And thanks to you, the members, for your patience while we got things up and running again.

One final outstanding issue is installing the Alison Procter plaque in our new location. The plaque went missing for a while, until it was discovered that the builders had actually built it into a wall. I am happy to report that a replacement plaque will be organised for us by the library.

Programme of Activities

Our gratitude goes to Ian Brooking for co-ordinating our excellent "Speakers' Programme", which I am sure is largely responsible for such good membership attendances at our monthly meetings. Ian tells me that a lot of planning had already been done by Kathy and Frances from the previous year so thank you ladies, and thank you Kathy for continuing to organise our trips to the National Archives and National Library.

Special Interest User Groups

Our Special Interest User Groups are in good health thanks to the dedication of our group leaders; the Australian Interest Group led by Deborah Shuker, and the Legacy User Group led by Gerald Twiss. I am pleased to say that we will also be adding a Roots Magic User Group led by Lorna Henderson.

Schools Records Project

John Glover and his team continue to make impressive progress with transcribing the admissions records of our local schools, with Paraparaumu Beach School being the latest school to be recruited by Bill McKeich. John, we extend our thanks to you and your team.

YURU

For many years Clive Palmer and Sue Greene have successfully researched and presented the YURU programme, and there is no doubt that they have achieved great results. However, due to the demands this programme was placing on the Committee, and following discussion with Clive and Sue, it was with regret that the Committee decided to relinquish the Agency for this programme.

Cont. on page 2

**This month's meeting is on
Tuesday May 24th
7-9 pm**

**Speaker: Mike Guest
LDS Family History Centre,
Upper Hutt
"Family History Centres and the
Family Search catalogue"**

Inside this issue:

Convenor's Comment	1
May meeting	2
Convenor's comment cont.	2
Novices' notes	3
Coming up	3
APFHC news Round Robins	4
Dates for your diary	5
Interest groups	5
NZSG members: don't forget to vote	6
Otaki FH Expo	6
From the Committee	7
Committee changes	7
Branch information	8
Membership	8

May Branch Meeting

When: May 24th at 7-9pm

Where: Kapiti Community centre

What: **Mike Guest: Family History Centres and the Family Search catalogue.**

Mike Guest is the Community Consultant for the Upper Hutt LDS Family History Centre.

Mike will be showing us how to make the best use of our Family History Centres and the Family Search catalogue. The catalogue leads to books, online materials, microfilm, microfiche, and publications that can be loaned through your local Family History Centre.

How to: **Register for Family Search** by Lorna

Convenor's comments cont.

Despite this decision, our heartfelt thanks go to Clive and Sue for their dedication and energy towards the YURU programme.

Clive is continuing his work on the "30 Year History of Kapiti Genealogy" and has recently assisted a member of the public to compile a family history booklet. He has generously extended an offer of assistance to Branch members who may wish to present their family history in a similar way.

Acknowledgments

At our end-of-year November 2015, meeting we took the opportunity to say a special thank you to Beverly Chappell and Lorna Henderson by awarding them both with Kapiti Branch life membership. They make an outstanding contribution to the Branch, Bev as our Librarian and organiser of the Wednesday morning public help-desk sessions, and Lorna as our Treasurer, and a multitude of other tasks. Their commitment to the Branch is highly valued by us all.

To Dianne Sleeman, who is stepping down from committee this year, thank you for your time, energy and good humour while on the committee.

Thank you to Meryl Opie, for continuing to run the Round Robins for "Family Tree" and "Who do you think you are?" magazines.

Thanks also go to our willing helpers at the Branch meetings: Lindsay Olsen for technical support, Judy Olsen for supper duties, ably assisted this year by Nina O'Flynn.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed material and ideas for discussion and training, and to those who have provided our Editor, Sheila Jolley, with information for the newsletter. Sheila has done a wonderful job and is so polite when chasing me for my report!

Lastly, I would like to say a personal "Thank you" to all our committee members, particularly Denice and Frances who have shared the more difficult duties of Secretary. It has been a real pleasure working with such a marvellous group of people.

Looking to the future.

We have a positive and vibrant Branch that is led by an equally positive and vibrant Committee and we would really like it to stay that way. In order to do this, we need a healthy succession plan. Many of our volunteers are at the time of their lives when they wish to pursue other interests, such as travel and different hobbies. We would like to be in a position to say to all our volunteers that we have the resources to cover their duties, so that they can take time off without causing disruption to the running of the Branch.

I would, therefore, request that all members consider ways in which they may be able to "deputise" any of the numerous, but generally simple duties within the Branch. We would appreciate any offer of help, no matter how small.

Hilary Cunningham

NZSG No. 26242

Novices' notes!

Family Search. For those just starting their family history research, Family Search is a great starting point. It is free to search at home at familysearch.org and the database contains 4 + billion names and records, compiled by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Family Search is a non-profit family history organisation dedicated to connecting families across generations. Their vision reads “ learning about our ancestors helps us to understand who we are - creating a family bond, linking the present to the past and creating a bridge to the future.” Historically, Family Search was known as the Genealogical Society of Utah, which was founded in 1894, and was dedicated to preserving the records of the family of mankind.

For more information, check out their website familysearch.org and go to “about” at the bottom of the home screen. Or to start searching choose the “Search” option.

Coming up

Otaki Family History Expo on May 28th 10am-4pm at the Memorial Hall, corner of Main and Aotaki Streets. Talks on both Family Search and Ancestry. See programme on page 6. Specialists from interest groups based in the Wellington region will be there to assist researchers in those areas.

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.

Guided Tour of National Library New Zealand Thursday 9th June, Starting at 10.30am Meeting in the Foyer Corner of Molesworth Street and Aitken Street, Wellington.

If you would like to take a guided tour of National Library New Zealand, then this is your opportunity. This tour is suitable for both experienced and not so experienced genealogists. You may be surprised just what is held there.

The tour is approximately 1 hour duration. It will give a general overview of National Library NZ, with a focus on Genealogy and Family History. A moderate amount of walking and standing will be involved.

We recommend that the group takes the 9.00am train from Waikanae (9.05 Paraparaumu). It is a short walk to Molesworth St from Wellington Station (slightly uphill). You can use your Gold Card from 9.00am (return voyage by 3pm). Of course you can use private transport. A day Rover fare is \$14.00 if you do not have a gold card.

After the tour you can stay and do some research. All bags will need to be left in lockers on site, free of charge. The café is located on the 1st floor, so you can stay and have lunch if you wish.

In preparation for the tour, it may be useful to visit <http://www.natlib.govt.nz>

**Numbers are limited so please register
by Fri 3rd June
email: Kathy Callaghan at kathycallaghan@gmail.com or Ph: 297 0733**

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 of you who have offered to help.

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.

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.

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

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.



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.

May 24th: 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.

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

Thur. 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 12th June. 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.

NB. There will be no meeting of the Australian Interest Group in June.

DNA

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

Next meeting **Sunday 12th June** 2-4pm.

Lorna 04 293 7771

All questions welcome. Have you explored SNP testing to position your family on the Y-DNA tree of mankind?

Mapped your chromosomes yet to identify the atDNA matches that provide hints to the brickwall ancestor you are trying to find?

Come on Sunday June 12th and find out how?

Legacy Users

Our meetings are the last Saturday of every second month from February to October. Everyone is welcome. Next meeting **June 25th**. At the Kapiti Community Centre. Cost \$3, pay at the door. Tea and coffee available.

Bring a laptop if you have one.

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

Roots Magic group

Our last meeting on 15th May was a lively Q&A session with contributions from all on how to use the various tools available within RootsMagic.

Bernard Mc Manus has since advised that a short, succinct video, on what is new in RootsMagic 7, had just popped up on the 'BYU Family History Library' YouTube channel, relating to Rootsmagic <https://youtu.be/r6pq45odeMg>

(It focuses on the major changes from RM6 to RM7, not the subsequent additions of FamilyTreeMaker imports from all versions, and the addition of FindMyPast hints).

Future meeting will be on 3rd Saturdays:

Jul 16th; 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.

Note from Clive Palmer

I've recently made enquiries about the future of Family Tree Maker and the good news is that an IT company has bought the rights to continue this product when Ancestry.com withdraws its involvement in coming months. You can check it out on www.mackiev.com/ftm

NZSG Members

★ Revised rules and postal votes—don't forget to vote by Friday 20th May!

The new rule at 12.2 - **Branch and Interest Group Local Membership** could have favourable implications for our Branch.

At present only members of NZSG are eligible for the Branch Committee. This new rule will allow members to become Local Members of NZSG and although they will not get access to NZSG research facilities, it will permit them to be on the Branch Committee. This will give us much more flexibility in attracting members with particular skills to come on to the Committee.

The 49th AGM of NZSG will be held on Sat. June 4th at the ASB Arena, Mt. Maunganui

Otaki Family History Expo.

Don't miss it!

Uncover your family story!

Otaki Family History Expo
28 May 2016 10am—4pm

Expert presenters:
Ancestry
FamilySearch
try FindMyPast
forms & charts
research tips

Whether starting out or more experienced you'll discover helpful tips & insights

Talk with experts in Australian NZ-Whakapapa English Scottish Irish & DNA research

Memorial Hall, cnr. Main & Aotaki Streets, Otaki

Entry by Gold Coin donation



Speaker Programme

- 10:30 FamilySearch.org - Make the free website work for you with Garry Howard
- 11:45 Whakapapa - Primary and secondary resources for your research with Brenda Joyce
- 12:30 Ancestry.com - The hidden secrets for your NZ research with Christine Clements
- 13:30 Trove Papers - Australia's Papers Past & Australian BDM records with Deborah Shuker
- 14:30 DNA - What Tests are useful for what? with Lorna Henderson

Your chance to find out more...

Talk to the specialist researchers who have come to Otaki for the Expo. Discover what is available in our branch to help you researching your Family History (different records, books, fiche files, subscription to research sites).

Make it a successful day and...

Bring with you a list of what you already know:

- * dates and names (parents, grandparents, siblings)
- * full names, including surnames, first names, nicknames
- * any maiden names
- * relationship connections
- * addresses where your relatives lived and worked
- * family anecdotes, legends, 'skeletons in the cupboard'

Documents you already have:

- * any documents (birth, marriage or death certificates, school records) you may already have
- * other sources like a family bible, passports, photos
- * letters (private and official), medals
- * newspaper clippings

What do you hope to discover?

- * a date of birth for your grandparents
- * your mother's family
- * how your family arrived in New Zealand / Australia

Sorry about the poor reproduction of this flyer. Zoom in to read the programme. There are some interesting talks including two by members Deborah Shuker and Lorna Henderson. Should be a good day!

From the Committee

This month's meeting:

Tuesday May 24th 2016

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

Supper roster: F - K

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 members:

Karina CAMERON and Dean LEGGOTT.

Welcome back to Brenda HARDEN and Dave MUIRHEAD

Please make yourselves 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.

Changes to the Committee.

We are delighted to welcome **Bernard McManus** onto the Committee. Thank you for volunteering, Bernard. Your expertise and ideas will be of great value. We look forward to working with you.

Diane Sleeman has resigned from the Committee due to other commitments. Thank you Diane for your contribution over several years.

Donna Bridgeman has agreed to take over from Diane as Meeting Registrar, which involves keeping in order and setting out the name labels at the beginning of meetings. This is really helpful as it frees up Committee members to do other jobs during the meeting. Thank you Donna.

We are delighted that **Jill Craig** has offered to take over from **Pat Keppell** in the collecting of used ink cartridges and recycling them tough Cartridge World. **Pat Keppell** has done a great job over several years and made a valuable addition to Branch funds.

Please continue to bring your empty cartridges to the monthly meetings from where they will be passed on to Jill.

School records transcription project

As you will have read in the Convenor's Comments, this project is playing an essential part in digitizing our local school records.

If you are willing to take part in this project please contact the coordinator, John Glover.

([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 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 as to how best to use 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" session.

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!

Looking for ideas?





Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Branch Committee

Convener: Hilary Cunningham

Phone: 04 971 7986

Convenor "at" KapitiGen.org

Secretary: Denice McCarten

Phone: 905 8266

secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

Treasurer and Membership:

Lorna Henderson

Phone: 293 7771

treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

Programme & Activities:

Ian Brooking

programme "at" KapitiGen.org

Librarian: Beverley Chappell

Member: Bernard Mc Manus

Newsletter Editor: Sheila Jolley

editor "at" KapitiGen.org

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

Thank you to those members who have renewed for the year 1 Apr 2016 to 31 Mar 2017.

For those who have not yet done so, this is your **last** newsletter. From this newsletter on, only the new pink membership card is valid for accessing our resources.

(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

RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

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

OzSIG "at" KapitiGen.org

Legacy Users: Gerald Twiss

Gero "at" ihug.co.nz

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
June 28th 2016

Speaker: Bill Carter
'Wellington's illegal marriages'