

Convenor's Comment

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

Kia ora!

I trust you have all had a pleasant Easter break despite the soggy weather!

I apologise for the lack of a newsletter last month. March managed to produce a perfect storm of events determined to block us at every turn, so in the end something had to give, and the newsletter was it.

However, in the midst of all that chaos we were most fortunate to have the very experienced writer and public speaker Chris Maclean, who gave a fascinating talk on the history of the Kapiti Coast.

His talk covered some of the background research he undertook in compiling his books. He told us how fortunate he was as a young man, to have accompanied his mother as she visited and interviewed some of our early settler families and learned more about their day to day lives. His repeated message to us? Value the knowledge of our older generation and take the time to listen and record their stories.

Talking of stories, how is yours coming along? We are far more interesting than our BDM records! If you are finding it difficult getting started, try giving yourself a deadline and work toward having what you need to get started by that date.

Procrastination a problem? Join the club!! Make your goals small and achievable – a timetable might help.

Don't leave someone else to tell your story – they will probably get it wrong!

If you need help with your research, remember that we have our help-desk sessions at the library every Wednesday morning 10 – 12am, and every **first** Saturday of the month 1– 3pm. Call in any time during those hours and our library assistants will try to give you some pointers on where to look.

Regards
Hilary

**Notice of 2017 AGM
The Annual General Meeting
of Kapiti Genealogy,
Kapiti Branch of the
New Zealand Society of
Genealogists
will be held on
May23rd at 7.30pm
at the Kapiti Community
Centre.**

**This month's meeting is
on
April 25th, 7-9 pm
War Diaries
By
Jonathan Newport
Archives NZ**

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April Branch Meeting

When: April 25th 2017 at 7-9pm

Where: Kapiti Community Centre

What: **War Diaries** **Speaker: Jonathan Newport, Archives New Zealand**

Archives NZ holds a variety of WWI records, including unit diaries, maps, photographs and administrative records. Jonathan will provide advice on how you can find these records at Archives NZ and use them, together with other records, to assist with your family history research.

Meeting Convenor: Hilary Cunningham

Supper roster: M – R

Branch news

Apologies. Please accept our apologies for the lack of a March newsletter. Due to circumstances beyond our control, it was not possible to produce it on time. *Ed.*

Notice of 2017 AGM. Our AGM this year will be held at the Branch meeting on
Tuesday 23rd May. at 7.30pm

Please consider putting yourself forward for the Committee.

NB. As most of you will know, the new rules of NZSG were adopted at our Extraordinary General Meeting in February which means that all Branch members are now eligible for the Committee. If you have skills which could contribute to the running of the Branch or would like to help in any way, please contact a member of the Committee. We are a very friendly, welcoming bunch!

Certificate collection. Kathy asked that this note from June Stratford, the NZSG Certificates Collection officer, be passed on to all those who donated certificates.

"Please thank your Branch members for the wonderful contributions which were sent to me earlier this month. I can assure you they are very much appreciated and will be included in the index shortly."

Kapiti Connections. You missed a treat if you did not hear the slide-illustrated talk by Chris Maclean at our Branch meeting in March.

Chris explained how written accounts by some early settlers in the Waikanae area, such as Norman Elder, Willie Field, and Daisy Bryant contributed considerably to his books on local history.

Chris emphasized that written records add immeasurably to your family history, giving an insight into what life was like at the time and into personal characteristics. It was a timely reminder that stories from today's generation relying on emails and archives for preservation could be lost unless we take care to record them in a readable and accessible form.

May meeting - Tuesday 23rd. Following our AGM, we are having a "Speed dating" session for Special Interest Groups.

Find out what the various Special Interest Groups (SIG) have to offer you. There will be representatives speaking from each of our "local" groups (Legacy Users Group, RootsMagic, Australian IG and DNA) We also have speakers for the Maori SIG (Brenda Joyce), the LNI Irish SIG (Jenny Martin) and hope to have a presenter for the Greater London/English SIG.

Coming events

Hutt Valley Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists



FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH DAY



Saturday 29 April 2017, 10 am to 2 pm

Everyone Welcome

Come and learn how to get started on researching your family history, or get help to break down those genealogy brick walls.

Branch members will be there to assist, and to show you how to use the resources available at the Petone Library. Specialists in New Zealand, English, Irish, Scottish, USA Family History & Military research will also be there to answer questions. Interest Group Resources will be available

Petone Public Library, Meeting Room
7-11 Britannia Street, Petone
(Use the Peel Place Car Park)

\$5 charge for non-members
Tea, coffee and Milo provided
Bring your own lunch

Hutt Valley Branch, New Zealand Society of Genealogists
P O Box 31 024, Lower Hutt 5040

More Information www.huttvalleygenealogy.org.nz

Or email us at: huttvalley@genealogy.org.nz

Age on the Go Expo

Saturday 29 April - 9.30am-3pm

Waikanae War Memorial Hall

This Expo is aimed at retirees, but has all possible interests and activities represented with over 40 stalls to view. Kapiti Genealogy will be the only genealogy organisation present, so it's a good opportunity to recruit new members and rekindle interest in family history.

If you would like to be involved, have an hour to spare for the roster or have genealogy items that could be displayed to draw attention to the stall, (an old photo, a war medal etc.) please contact Bev Chappell at chappell@paradise.net.nz

Hooked on Genealogy tour

2017 marks 25 years of Hooked on Genealogy Tours (HOG Tours) with Jan Gow

We leave **9 June 2017** - there is time to get organised so that you can fully benefit from three weeks in **Salt Lake City at the world's largest Family History Library!** Option to go on to London for 10 days and then Ireland for 10 days (5 days Dublin, 5 days Belfast).

We are in Salt Lake City for 21 days - the Library opens 8am- 9pm. We stay in the Plaza Hotel next door to the Library and have free wi-fi. No telephones ringing; no meals to cook; no housework !! Just research.

Information and help is available everywhere, all the time - you just have to ask. .

For more information Email Jan@genealogy.net.nz or phone 09 521 1518.

Just a few places left so do phone or email soon.

What's new?

FindMyPast has announced the launch of their **Six Counties in Six Months** project which will see the online publication of vital parish records from six counties across England over the next six months.

First up is Wiltshire's parish records published to mark the opening of Who Do You Think You Are Live! 2017.

The Wiltshire parish records will be followed by Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Nottinghamshire, Somerset and Warwickshire.

The Wiltshire collection comprises transcriptions of nearly 5 million parish records of baptisms, banns, marriages and burials dating back to 1538. They form the largest online collection of Wiltshire records available. They are full of fascinating details of life through the ages. Anyone can go online and search for their Wiltshire ancestors by name, location and date.

Ancestry has just released the Metropolitan Police Registers from 1852-1932. They contain birth and marriage records and, from 1923, details about spouses.

Papers past. Jenny Martin has passed on information from Emmerson Vandy that the following will be added to Papers Past from late April:

Manawatu Times (1924-1928); Patea Mail (1921-1941); Pelorus Guardian and Miners' Advocate (1911-1919); Rangitikei Advocate and Manawatu Argus (1907-1920); Southern Cross (1893-1935); Waihi Daily Telegraph (1924-1935) and Western Star (1873-1920).

The following snippets come from the GenealogyInTime Magazine.

If you haven't found it yet, do look. It has some really interesting articles.

FindMyPast has created a collection of 37,000 **University of New Zealand Graduate records** spanning the years 1870-1963. Records include name of graduate, year, university and degree. Access is by subscription from Historic University of New Zealand Student Records.

France – Family Search has indexed some 600,000 records from the Saone-et-Loire census of 1876. This district (or department to use the formal French name) is near Burgundy between the Saone and Loire Rivers. The collection covers part of modern-day Burgundy.

This was a population census. It lists the name, address, gender, age, marital status, occupation and nationality of every household member. The collection can be searched by first name, last name, gender and marital status.

Access is free. Saone-et-Loire 1876 Census

US – The Danish National Archives has just launched a free new website to commemorate the day 100 years ago when the Dutch transferred the Territory of the Virgin Islands over to the United States. The website is called Danish West Indies - Sources of History.

Known as the Danish West Indies or Danish Antilles, it consisted of the islands of Saint Thomas, Saint John and Saint Croix. The Dutch West Indies (1754-1917) was transferred to the United States on 31 March 1917.

This new website contains some 5 million images of original documents, maps and drawings related to the time when the Dutch controlled the islands. More than 150 volunteers have been working on digitizing these records for genealogical research. It is a treasure trove for anyone looking for ancestral records, including slave records.

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 in the programme on our website, both in a downloadable document and on the calendar.

Monthly Branch meeting: April 25th, 7-9pm

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, FindMyPast and The Genealogist. Public and members welcome

Saturday 6th May: members' Help Session 1-3pm at APFHC. Brick walls! Bring them along for individual help.

Thursday 27th April: APFHC Overview Session, 1.30 - 3.00 pm.

BMD NZ & overseas - online records and microfiche.

You may also be interested in the following:

Saturday April 29th: Age on the Go Expo . 9.30-3pm at Waikanae War Memorial Hall. (see page 3)

NZSG Conference: June 2nd– 4th 2017, Auckland. The programme for this year's NZSG conference looks really exciting. Check it out on their website.

Tuesday August 15th at 12 noon, NZSG is holding a national lunch at various venues around the country to commemorate the founding of the Society. Kapiti Genealogy will be joining the celebration in some form. See future newsletters for details.

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

Saturday 29th April: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1- 4pm at Kapiti Community Centre.

Thursday 11th May: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

Saturday 20th May: Roots magic group at Kapiti Community Centre., 1.30-3.30pm.

Saturday 2nd June: DNA group at Lorna's. 2-4pm

New Zealand, Kapiti, Legacy Users Group

If you are new to genealogy, Legacy is a database programme which is owned by Millennia Corporation, the commercial arm of the Later Day Saints. It is based in Arizona, USA, has a staff of 12 and turns over about 2.5million(US) dollars a year.

The Legacy programme is: based on Microsoft Access (MS database programme); is straight forward to use; free to download; and appears only on your computer (not on an online genealogy website (Ancestry etc.)

People come to our meetings from as far away as Palmerston North, Wellington and the Hutt Valley. 25- 40 attend each of our meetings. Attendees bring their own laptop so as they can follow and practice what is being demonstrated. If a person doesn't have a laptop they sit next to someone who has, so no one misses out.

Because of the distances some people travel to the meetings, the doors open at 12:30p.m. and we have a cuppa before we start. You can bring lunch and eat it in the hall before the meeting. Cost for each meeting is \$2.00 to cover the hall hire, tea, coffee, milk, council cordial and biscuits.

We meet at Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu. Meeting dates for 2017 are as follows:

Saturday 29 April 2017, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Saturday 24 June 2017, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Saturday 19 August 2017, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm. - NB. Not the last Saturday of the month!

Saturday 28 October 2017, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Saturday 25 November 2017, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

Convenor: Gerald Twiss. Contact Gero"at" ihug .co.nz

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday May 11th 2017** for help with any Australian research.
10-12am at the APFHC.

DNA

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

Our 8th April meeting brought a range of topics up for discussion: who to test for what covered for those new to DNA testing for genealogy; another saved from spending money on a needless yDNA test (you don't need two brothers to test yDNA unless you are exploring a potential family mismatch - better to buy just the one yDNA and spend the money saved on the brother's yDNA on another autosomal test instead); a brief look at the new kid on the block's results look like (MyHeritage); explaining X chromosome matches; among several other topics. Several have commented that each time they come it all becomes a bit clearer as another piece slots into place.

Next meeting 2nd Saturday of June (10th), 2pm at Lorna's (<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>)

Legacy Users (see page 5)

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

Next meeting **Saturday 29th April.**

Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1 - 4.30pm.

Meeting 2-4pm

Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2

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

Roots Magic group

Next meeting **Saturday 20th May 1:30pm**, doors open

1pm. \$3 door charge. Kapiti Community Centre

Topic requests may be made via our website

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/>

Ancestry/FamilyTreeMaker/RootsMagic/MacKiev

You may recall an initial announcement back in Dec 2015, along with subsequent updates about Ancestry retiring their FamilyTreeMaker software.

<https://blogs.ancestry.com/ancestry/2015/12/09/more-information-on-family-tree-maker-desktop-software/>
As with all such software changes, things take time.

The software world continues to evolve.

Ancestry have also now announced that as at 29th March 2017 the ability to synchronise your Ancestry tree with FamilyTreeMaker will cease (the initial announcement was to 1 Jan 2017). And so it seems to have done so.

Two companies were announced as having an ability to access your Ancestry online trees, MacKiev, who have taken over the supply and support of FamilyTreeMaker software, and RootsMagic. At the moment, they are the only two licensed to use the new interface being developed.

Neither have quite made it yet, but progress is being made.

The latest announcements from these companies are:

RootsMagic

Initial announcement (Dec 2016)

<http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=2612>

The current (Mar 2017) update

<http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=2996>

MacKiev

FAQs about FamilyTreeMaker software from MacKiev

<https://www.mackiev.com/familytreemaker/ftm3/faq.html>

Update on MacKiev's replacement tree synch with Ancestry trees

<https://support.mackiev.com/498640-RELEASE-OF-FTM-2017>

None of the above means that your existing FamilyTreeMaker program will stop working on your desktop, nor that your tree on Ancestry can't be added to. But if you wish to continue synchronising between desktop and ancestry, you need to consider the alternatives. This can include simply using the Ancestry app to have a copy on your tablet/ipad

<http://www.ancestry.com/cs/ancestry-app>

Not that I recommend only having an online tree.

Your data is too precious to have only one copy, and that at the whim of the service provider. Keep your master copy in the program of choice on your computer with lots of backups, including off site ones separate from your computer/location.

Lorna Henderson

Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Meryl Opie at ([RoundRobin"at"KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@atKapitiGen.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 have a wealth of ideas and information. When the 'round robin' 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.

Information for new members

Branch meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.

This month's meeting:

Tuesday April 25th 2017. Details on page 2.

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

Supper roster: **M - R**

We have a roster to help our supper organiser, Judy Olsen. If your surname starts with the above letters, she would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

Committee meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 1st Wednesday of months February - December. Please consider putting your name forward to join the Committee at this years AGM in May. If you have a skill the Branch could use, we need you. Please contact a Committee member for more information. All the contact details are on page 8.

Welcome to new members :

Hello there Bronwyn MAY and Viv GRAY. Please make yourself known to Donna on the front table when you arrive at your first monthly branch meeting, so we can arrange a 'greeter' to introduce you to other members. Welcome back to Adrienne YATES.

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and at the new time on **Saturday May 6th 1-3pm** are a great start towards getting help. Do come and tell us what areas you are researching and learn how to use our excellent facilities. One of these sessions will help you to find your way around.

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

Kapiti Genealogy on Facebook

Check out [our facebook page](#). You don't need to be a registered user of facebook to read it. Kathy Callaghan would love your suggestions on how to make the best use of this medium.

School records transcription project

This project is playing an essential part in digitizing our local schools' 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@paradise.net.nz)

Facilities at the

Alison Proctor Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library . Turn right inside the library entrance and at the far end you'll see the six computers, microfiche and library. The cupboard on the right hand side of the area contains the blue and red folders mentioned below.

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.

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

Resources

We have wonderful resources on all six of our computers at the APFHC, quite apart from all the other records and books. You are encouraged to use these resources as often as you need. They are the envy of other Genealogy Societies.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist, as well as free sites like FamilySearch. A microfiche is available.

You are encouraged to save the results of your searches on a USB memory stick or send them to your own email address. We have a brand **new printer** if you wish to print a hard copy. Please put 10c per copy in the honesty box on the cupboard door.

Overview Sessions

Don't miss the Overview Session on April 27th, 1.30-3pm, which will acquaint you with the various resources available and how to use them.

The Committee is reviewing the timing of these sessions as recent ones have not been that well attended. Do give us your feedback on the new time and keep an eye on 'dates for your diary' in the newsletter or the website programme for future dates.

Computers

If you are researching and do not need the help of the volunteers. please consider avoiding the 10 - 12am time slot on Wednesday mornings, when use of the computers is at a premium.
Thank you.



Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

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

Branch Committee

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Email links

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

Membership

Welcome to new and returning members. Subscriptions for 2017/18 are due NOW and remain at \$25.

Members who have not renewed their subscriptions are requested to do so as soon as possible.

Please refer to the website ([http://](http://www.kapitigen.org/2017/02/membership-for-20172018/)

www.kapitigen.org/2017/02/membership-for-20172018/)

for joining and payment instructions.

NB.The account for Internet Banking is

BNZ 02 0591 0040791 000 (Kapiti Genealogy)

Ex-officio committee

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Magazine Round Robins:

Meryl Opie

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Interest Group Facilitators:

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Legacy Users: Gerald Twiss

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DNA: Lorna Henderson

Roots Magic: Lorna Henderson

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

Used ink cartridges

We are no longer collecting empty ink cartridges as the company receiving them still has not paid for the consignment handed in last June.

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
May 23rd 2017

AGM followed by
Speed Dating for
Special Interest Groups