

## 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.

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Happy New Year!!



I trust you have had a pleasant time over Christmas, and if the weather would just settle down a bit, we might eventually have a pleasant summer!

So, have you made your genealogy new year's resolutions yet??

I have decided that this is the year I start writing the story of my family.

The only trouble is, it is likely to become a work of fiction early into the piece because I still know very little about my family.

This is a result of not growing up with my family, so there are many gaps, but as we have been told over and over, "Start with what you know", and I guess that means my story.

A little while ago the realisation hit me that I am "the first family" that we so often hear about. I am the one who left England, for the first time, to set sail for a country on the other side of the world that I knew nothing about, only that I wanted to live here. If you were to ask my children why I did such a thing, they would be hard pressed to answer. They are just kiwi kids who have a "pommy" mum – end of story!

As you may have experienced for yourself, it is often when our parents are no longer here that we realise we have so many unanswered questions. Is this true for you and your children? Is it time to write "Your story" as a legacy to your descendants? Something to think about perhaps?

Now, looking forward instead of back, by the time you read this the committee will have held a special meeting to look at the results of the member's questionnaires. Our thanks to Bernard for overseeing this project, and thank you to the members who responded – both with praise and

constructive comments on ways that we can improve. This is your branch, and if you have any suggestions or requests to help make your membership more valuable to you, then please pass them on to myself or to a committee member – in writing if possible – a hurried comment at the end of a branch meeting is not always remembered!

Also in this month's newsletter is a report on the School Records Transcription Project.

John Glover and his team of volunteers are to be congratulated on their achievements in digitising our school records. A remarkable undertaking, inspired by Bill McKeich, that is just awe-inspiring. Well done to all of you!

*Hilary Cunningham*

**This month's meeting is  
January 24th, 7-9 pm**

**Finding my Great-Great-  
Grandfather's Grave.**

**Bill McKeich**

## January Branch Meeting

**When:** January 24th 2017 at 7-9pm  
**Where:** Kapiti Community Centre  
**What:** **Finding my Great-great-grandfather's Grave**  
Speaker: **Bill McKeich.**

Last year, Bill was invited to speak at the unveiling of an Information Board at Yanakie Cemetery , Wilsons Promontory, Victoria, Australia. Buried here are two of Bill's great-great-grand parents, and it took the use of Ground Penetrating Radar to find them!

**How to:** Access the survey results on our website by **Lorna.**

**Meeting Convenor: Ian Brooking**  
**Supper roster: U - Z**

## Branch news

### Kapiti Branch Survey

Thanks to everyone who took the trouble to complete our survey. We were very pleased with the response and the variety of suggestions. The results in pictorial form are on the website under the Members Only section. If you are unsure how to access this section be sure to come to the meeting next Tuesday when Lorna will explain how to sign in etc. All will be revealed!!

The Committee is having a special meeting shortly to decide on how to implement some of your ideas.



### Last chance to give any certificates to Kathy before February 2017

Kapiti Branch will be making a bulk contribution of certificates to the NZSG collection in February. Please photocopy your certificates, or bring originals if you don't need them, to the next meeting on January 24th, to give to any committee member or directly to Kathy Callaghan. Or you can post them to 81 The Drive, Paraparaumu Beach. Please print out scanned copies, as this saves time and money for those doing the indexing.

Besides birth, death and marriage certificates, Kathy will be collecting baptisms, parish records, marriage banns, intention to marry certificates, coroner's reports, and burial records from all over the world, not only New Zealand. This your opportunity to help others benefit from your research.

### Genealogy programme for retirement villages

Following a presentation in December by **Clive Palmer** at Charles Fleming Village, attended by 32 residents, he and Sue Greene have been invited to set up small interactive groups, with follow ups to include in-house meetings and networking. The programme will include a range of general family history presentations as part of the village activity schedule, small informal group meetings for more detailed help and one-on-one assistance to those who require it.

At least one resident is in the process of joining the Kapiti Branch and others have been encouraged to attend the Wednesday sessions at Paraparaumu library to find out more about our activities.

Clive is also the registered agent for the YURU trademark, with NZSG approval. What a brilliant initiative Clive. Well done and thanks for promoting the Kapiti Branch.

### Land Transactions index CD

Lorna has a spare copy of the above CD if anyone wants to buy it off her. \$45 + \$5 p&p.

## Extraordinary General Meeting

**An Extraordinary General meeting will be held at the beginning of the February Branch meeting on 28th February at 7.30 pm, to put forward the following additional NZSG Rule 12.9 for members' approval.**

As you'll be aware from previous newsletters, **NZSG's new rules** were adopted and have since been registered, are in effect and have been provided to the Charities Services.

Kapiti Genealogy, a branch of the NZSG, is registered as a separate entity with the Charities Services, who require additional protection relating to private benefit or profit. To cover this NZSG has introduced another rule, which has since been accepted by both the Registrar of Incorporated Societies and Charities Services.

Each Branch acting as an independent entity has to formally adopt this rule at an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) held for the purpose.

### **Rule 12.9 Branches and Interest Groups Registered as Charities**

*A Branch or Interest Group operating as an unincorporated group, and registered as a charity, must insure that:*

- *Any income, benefit or advantage must be used to advance the charitable purposes of the Branch or Interest Group*
- *No member of the Branch or Interest Group, or anyone associated with a member, is allowed to take part in, or influence, any decision made by the Branch or Interest Group in respect of payments to, or on behalf of, the member or associated person of any income, benefit or advantage*
- *Any payments made to a member of the Branch or Interest Group, or person associated with the Branch or Interest Group, must be for goods or services that advance the charitable purpose and must be reasonable and relative to payments that would be made between unrelated parties.*

The Branch has to give its members 30 days' notice of the EGM. Charities Services has given us until 23rd March to update our rules, hence the EGM's timing at the February meeting. It should only take a few minutes and the Minutes of this EGM will be registered with Charities Services and ratified at our next AGM.

## Update on Schools Admission register project

Apart from myself, there are currently 13 members of both the Kapiti Branch and Waikanae Genealogy Group involved in transcribing the data (a new addition is Brenda Harden who had previously been involved 13 years ago. Welcome back Brenda!) Another seven members are involved in checking the data.

- The 1849 Paekakariki records (up to the end of 2014) have now been sent to the NZSG.
- 3358 Records of Raumati Beach School have been transcribed and checked. I still have the last ten years of corrections to enter.
- All 120 years of Waikanae School data has been transcribed, and is currently in the checking process. This is a particularly big task (entering the corrections will be big too!) but the team of checkers is doing great work.
- I copied 50 years of Paraparaumu Beach School data. Most of that has now been transcribed. Checking is yet to start.
- 12 years of St Patricks School data was copied. This school had been started 13 years ago. Most of this data has now been transcribed.
- 40 years data was copied for Kapanui School. This data is now being transcribed and will occupy the first half of 2017.
- 40 years data was copied for Kenakena School as well. That will be the next transcribing job, later this year.

My thanks to all the volunteers involved so far in this project. Your enthusiasm has achieved much in just two years.

**John Glover. Project Convenor**

## 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: January 24th, 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

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

**Thursday 9th February:** Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

**Saturday 11th February:** DNA group at Lorna's. 2-4pm

**Saturday 11th March:** Roots magic group at Kapiti Community Centre., 1.30-3.30pm.

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

## Interest Groups

### Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday February 9th 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.  
All questions welcome.

First meeting of 2017 will be at 2-4pm on  
**Saturday 11th February.**

Contact Lorna 04 293 7771

### Legacy Users

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

Next meeting **Saturday 25th February.**

Kapiti Community Centre 1- 4pm.

Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2

Contact Gerald Twiss Gero "at" ihug.co.nz for more details.

### Roots Magic group

First meeting for 2017 - **Saturday 11th March.**

Q and A session. 1.30-3.30pm

\$3 to cover expenses

Contact form on our web page (<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/>) for enquiries/suggestions.

## 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' 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 January 24th 2017.** See page 2 for details.

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

### **Supper roster: U - Z**

We have a roster to help our supper organiser, Judy Olsen. If your surnames 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.

If you would like join the committee or have a skill we could use, please tell a committee member. All the contact details are on page 6.

### **Welcome to new member:**

Sharyn CHRISTIAN and welcome back to Karin TAYLOR

We would love to share experiences with you. Please make yourself known to other members at our monthly meetings. You can find out where to get help and how to use our excellent facilities.

### **Help with Research**

Bev Chappell organises sessions to help with research for the public and members on Wednesday mornings from 10-12am at the APFHC. If you are not familiar with our 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, simply click on the link if reading this on your computer, or search for Kapiti Genealogy facebook.

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. See page 3 for an update.

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))



### **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.

### **Overview Sessions**

Every so often the Branch holds Overview Sessions which will acquaint you with the various resources available and how to use them. If you feel you are not getting the best out of one of the subscriptions keep an eye on 'dates for your diary' in the newsletter or the website programme for future dates.

### **Printer, Paper and Toner**

You are asked to contribute 10c. per copy for using the printer provided. Where possible use memory sticks instead to record the results of your research, or you can email them to your home email address.

### **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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**Member:** Bernard Mc Manus

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**Computer Liaison:** Frances Braddick

**Webmasters:**

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

**Schools liaison:** Bill McKeich

### 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

RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

**Meeting registrar:** Donna Bridgeman

**Equipment Support:**

Lindsay Olsen backup up Lorna

**Catering:** Judy Olsen

**Ink cartridges:** Jill Craig

**Schools project:** John Glover

### Interest Group Facilitators:

**Australian:** Deborah Shuker

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**Legacy Users:** Gerald Twiss

Gero "at" ihug.co.nz

**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

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  
February 28th 2017

Chatham Island genealogy  
and history  
by Bill Carter