

# Kapiti Branch



New Zealand Society of Genealogists

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## Meetings coming up

### **Tuesday 26 April** – Kapiti branch meeting and **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

7pm for 7.30pm start, Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu  
Speaker: Kerry Lee on family military history and research

### **Saturday 7 May** – Scottish Interest Group

9.30am – 12 midday, Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC),  
upstairs Paraparaumu library – note this permanent change of venue

### **Monday 9 May** – Computer-friendly genealogy

7.30 pm – Kapiti Community Centre, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu  
Finding and using parish records online

### **Saturday 14 May** – Irish Interest Group

9.30am – 12 midday, Alison Procter Family History Centre

### **Tuesday 17 May** – Australian Interest Group

10am to 12 midday, Alison Procter Family History Centre

### **Thursday 19 May** – Structured research session,

5pm – 8pm, Alison Procter Family History Centre  
Using LDS (Mormon) records – see details page 3

### **Tuesday 24 May** – Kapiti branch meeting

7pm for 7.30pm start, Kapiti Community Centre  
Speaker: to be confirmed

**Dates for 2011 meetings** are on the branch website. Note: speakers and topics will be updated during the year as required.

## It's April – and that means it's time for the Annual General Meeting

### Annual report and finances

The Annual Report and Financial Statement will NOT be available at the meeting, but will be delivered before the meeting to members who receive a paper copy of this newsletter and available on our website to everyone.

### Election of officers

Some current committee members have agreed to stand for re-election at the AGM, but three (Derek Griffis, Jackie Holland and Liz Matthews) are stepping down this month. We are looking for some new faces for the committee. Why don't you join us? You can see what's involved by looking at the role descriptions on the website (go to „Contact Us“ and click on „Committee“). For more information, please contact any current committee member. Nominations can be made at the AGM, but it will speed up the process (and it will be much appreciated) if you can indicate your interest before the meeting.

**After the AGM**, and in keeping with the month of ANZAC commemorations, Kerry Lee will talk about his military family history research.

## Here's the official AGM notice

### Kapiti branch AGM notice – 26 April 2011

#### Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirm 2010 AGM Minutes
3. Business arising from the Minutes
4. Branch Report for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011
5. Financial Report for the period 1 April 2010 to 31 March 2011
6. Appointment of Auditor for 2011/2012
7. Election of Officers and Committee\*
8. General Business

\*Nominations are called for a **minimum** of five Committee Members, including the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer. Nominees, Nominators, and Seconders must all be members of both NZSG and Kapiti branch. Nomination forms are available from the Secretary. While nominations will be received at the AGM, members are encouraged to submit these beforehand so that credentials can be checked.

Lyn Lee  
Secretary, Kapiti Branch

## Not the committee type?

You don't have to be on the committee to help the branch provide services. You don't have to be an expert on genealogy either. The main requirement is having a bit of time to spare and being willing to work with others for the good of the branch. The many activities we provide are all organised by volunteers, and this time of year we're looking for new faces to join in. Here are some of the things that need doing:

- Help at the library any Wednesday morning during public research sessions
- Coordinate tea making at branch meetings
- Help with publicity and set up for YURU (Why you are you) presentation in August.

If you can lend a hand in these areas, or can be available for other tasks, please tell someone on the committee.

## New Thursday evening sessions at the library

We're going to try something new. Once a month in May, June and July we will be trialling structured research sessions at the Alison Procter Family History Centre (upstairs, Paraparaumu library). This is a chance for people who cannot get to the library during the day to get assistance with branch resources, but it's open to all branch members at no cost.

All the branch resources will be available, but each monthly session will focus on a particular set of records. The first of these evening meetings is on Thursday, 19 May, from 5pm to 8pm. It will focus on using the vast number of family history records collected by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (the Mormons). The LDS library in Salt Lake City is a famous repository of genealogy records, and many of these records are available online at [www.familysearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org). The collection is so big, it can take a while to find your way around, and new things are added regularly.

The Thursday evening session in June will be about [ancestry.com](http://ancestry.com) and [findmypast.co.uk](http://findmypast.co.uk), two subscription websites available to branch members at APFHC. The July session will be about using New Zealand's online birth, death and marriage record indexes.

## If you haven't renewed your branch membership sub yet . . . it's time!

Subscriptions for the 2011-2012 year are now due. The sub is still \$20. Here are ways to pay:

- by cheque – make it out to "Kapiti Genealogy". Deliver it to Lorna at a branch meeting, or post it. Address the envelope to: Membership Renewal, Kapiti Genealogy, P O Box 703, Paraparaumu 5254.
- by internet banking – pay into our Kapiti branch account 03 0732 0263025 00, and put your surname in the particulars field. If you are also an NZSG member, put your NZSG member number in the reference field. Email [lornamoaa@gmail.com](mailto:lornamoaa@gmail.com) to advise you have paid by internet banking.

## New Zealand Society of Genealogists national conference – 3-6 June 2011



Pack your swag and be ready to join the Gold Rush to Otago, on Queen's Birthday Weekend 2011. The conference and AGM will be held at John McGlashan College, Dunedin.

For more information and registration form, see the latest issue of *New Zealand Genealogist*. You can also register through the society website: [www.genealogy.org.nz](http://www.genealogy.org.nz).

## New book about Gabriel's Gully

Our thanks go to Bill McKeich, who has donated to our branch resource library a copy of a new book about New Zealand's gold mining history. *Gabriel Read of Gabriel's Gully*, by Ernie McCraw, will be of interest to people with gold miners' blood, and others who want to learn more about the gold rush that brought many people to New Zealand in the 1860s. Bill recently attended a celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Gabriel Read's discovery of gold in Lawrence, southwest of Dunedin. At the height of the gold rush, the population of Lawrence was 11,500, twice the size of Dunedin's!

## Branch notes

### New members

Welcome to Cecil HOOD, Gaye MacKENZIE, Maureen SKRIDULAITUS, John GIBSON, Richard DUNNE, Kathryn ATKINSON, Annette CORBAN and Kevin PARKER, who have joined the branch since the last newsletter.

### Tea makers

If your surname begins with the letters **T to Z** please be at the April branch meeting by 7pm to help prepare the hot drinks. Next month it will be someone else's turn.

### March branch meeting report

Kathy Callaghan's excellent presentation on her discovery of her grandfather's past and how she met descendants from his "other" family was intriguing. The welcome she received from her Norwegian cousins was the stuff of genealogy fantasy.

### On the web

#### Canadian passenger lists

Collections Canada now has incoming passenger lists online for Canadian ports from 1865 to 1922. Unfortunately, you cannot search by passenger name, as they have not been indexed (yet). However, searching by year and port gives you the names of ships that arrived there, with a passenger list for each. You may need lots of patience, because there was quite a lot of shipping traffic.

[www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/passenger/001045-130-e.html](http://www.collectionscanada.ca/archivianet/passenger/001045-130-e.html)

#### Records from British India

If you had relatives who went from Britain to India, you may find traces of them here, at the site of the Families in British India Society. Part of the site is a wiki, where people pool information on many topics relating to British India.

[www.new.fibis.org.uk](http://www.new.fibis.org.uk)

#### Is this the largest genealogy search engine?

Search a name and sift through the results. You'll get links to (probably) familiar websites, but you might strike a new one that's useful.

[www.mocavo.com](http://www.mocavo.com)

#### Committee (until the AGM on 26 April 2011)

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