



Kapiti Branch

February 2006

CONVENERS COMMENT:-

The 2006 programme is taking shape and I suggest you make some diary notes of upcoming events outside of the monthly meetings of the Branch and COMPSIG.

Merrilee and I welcome you to our place (225 Huia Street, Waikanae), 12 noon, Saturday February 25th for another garden party and barbecue lunch. This will take place wet or fine, spouses and partners welcome. The Branch will provide lunch but please bring your own favourite tipple. Hope this will engender healthy discussion on family history and other affairs of state. We will also have access to some Internet sites and a collection of CDs for those who would also like to do some research. As we need advanced notice for catering, RSVP acceptances to me by Monday February 20th.

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The first of three daytime meetings is on Wednesday March 1, 1 - 3pm in our research facility, first floor Paraparaumu Public Library. This is to cater for those who find it difficult to attend evening meetings. Bring along your queries and brick walls - our help facilities will be available and the presentation will cover use of our research facilities.

Then on Saturday April 1, 9.30 to 4pm is the first of our special research and education events - an Irish Research Day. Run by the Lower North Island Irish Special Interest Group at the Kapiti Community Centre, there'll be loads of books, microfiche, CDs and personal help to seek those elusive ancestors from the Emerald Isles.

The full programme for the year is now on our website <http://www.rootsweb.com/~nzlsgkb/> and will be updated as events are confirmed. Members who would prefer a paper copy should contact the Secretary and the Newsletter will also provide updates.

Clive Palmer

COMPSIG,.-Computer SIG

Do you really know how to forward e-mails? 50% of us do; 50% do not. Do you wonder why you get viruses or junk mail? Every time you forward an e-mail there is information left over from the people who got the message before you, namely their e-mail addresses & names. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds, and builds, and builds, and all it takes is for someone down the

road to get a virus, and his or her computer can send that virus to every e-mail address that has come across his computer. Or, someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them in the hopes that you will go to the site and he will make five cents for each hit. That's right, all of that inconvenience over a nickel! How do you stop it? Well, there are two easy steps:

1. . When you forward an e-mail, DELETE all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message. That's right, DELETE them. It only takes a second: You MUST click the "Forward" button first, then you will have full editing capabilities against the body and headers of the message. If you don't click on "Forward" first, you won't be able to edit the message at all. Highlight all of the other addresses and delete them, backspace them, cut them, whatever it is you know how to do.
2. Whenever you send an e-mail to more than one person, do NOT use the To: or Cc: columns for adding e-mail address. Always use the BCC: (blind carbon copy) column for listing the e-mail addresses. This is the way that people you send to only see their own e-mail address. If you don't see your BCC: option click on where it says To: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address and choose BCC: and that's it, it's that easy. When you send to BCC: your message will automatically say "Undisclosed Recipients" in the "TO:" field of the people who receive it. So please, let's stop the junk mail and the viruses.

Sue Greene

Notices:-

New Members

Welcome to new members: Nella Munro, Lesley Warren, Margaret & Grant Walker, Darrell & Denise Wright, Sheila Norton, Jocelyn Sinclair, and Olive Harris, who have joined us since the last Newsletter.

Supper Helpers

We are continuing in 2006 with the practice of calling for volunteers (by initial of surname) on the night to assist with supper at our Monthly Meetings at the Kapiti Community Centre. In particular this calls for assistance with the serving, and with the tidying up afterwards. February: S - Z, March: A - B, April: C - F.

Branch Resources "Wish List"

The Committee is always on the look-out for suitable new resources to add to our Branch collection located upstairs at Paraparaumu Library. In general it is genealogically-specific material that is sought, in the form of CDs, fiche, or books, and ideally if the material itself is not an index, then at least it must include a good index. New Zealand material tends to get priority of attention, closely followed by Australian and British/Irish, although for non-New Zealand material the strong emphasis is on the references being general/national rather than being local (eg In

the British Isles alone there are some 110 Counties, and those interested in one or two of those Counties are better advised to directly join the Family History Societies of those particular Counties).

A "Wish List" of prospective acquisitions is maintained, and periodically the Committee either simply purchases items out of Branch Funds, or, submits concisely worded grant applications to various Trusts set up for that purpose. We are given to understand that, in general, Trustees are more likely to look with favour on applications for funding to purchase New Zealand material, rather than overseas material. Although most of the items on the Wish List have been suggested by Committee Members, in fact any Branch Member may, at any time, submit suggested items to go on to the List.

The Committee expects to be prioritising the List at its March Meeting, so if Branch Members have in mind anything that they would like to have considered, would they please send in their submissions by 28th February to the Secretary Derek Griffis.

"Wish List" submissions should be made on paper or by email, and must be precise and specific. Required is

1. The exact name/title
2. The form - CD?, fiche? Book?
3. Any Code/Reference Number, or ISBN
4. The current costs, in any major currency
5. The full email/snail mail address from which it may be obtained.

Ink Cartridges

Very many thanks to all those people who have been letting me have their used printer ink cartridges. Last financial year we collected 210, of which 180 were re-usable (exclusive of a few damaged or obsolete) and for these we got \$301 - a very useful boost to our Branch Funds. This is a continuing fund-raising exercise, so please keep letting me (Derek Griffis) have those used cartridges (particularly Canon, Hewlett Packard, Lexmark, Epson), on Monthly Meeting evenings, by leaving them in the cardboard box in our steel cabinets upstairs at Paraparaumu Library or, if more convenient for you, by placing them in my letter-box at 94 Ngaio Road, Waikanae. Thank you.

KBNZSG Meeting Dates & Times

Kapiti Branch:- 7.30pm, 4th Tuesday, Jan-Nov at Kapiti Community Centre 15 Ngahina Street (near Paraparaumu Library)

Computer SIG:- 7.30pm, 2nd Monday, Feb-Dec in the Paraparaumu Public Library (meeting room)

Kapiti Legacy Users SIG:

The next meeting will be on Saturday February, 25th 2006 subjects covered, Locations, Filing, & a brief AGM. To be held at the Masonic Hall, in Tararua

Street Paraparaumu. (off Hinemoa St). Doors open at 1pm meeting starts at 2pm. Entry charge has been kept to a minimum and will include hall hire, tea and coffee and any presenter's costs. For further details: contact Gerald Twiss: gero@ihug.co.nz or phone 021 151 6714. The Kapiti group is an "informal" one. Anyone with an interest in the Legacy programme can attend the meetings. The full years programme is on the web site.

NZSG ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND AGM
Friday 2nd to Monday 5th JUNE 2006
Sacred Heart Girls College Hamilton East

NZSG Hamilton Branch will be hosting an Exhibition of Family Histories at Conference 2006. We invite Members of all NZSG Branches, Interest Groups and those attending conference to submit for display, an aspect of their family history. There are four categories:-

- Stitched (Embroidery, Quilting, Cross-Stitch, Weaving)
- Hand-drawn (Charts, Trees, Calligraphy)
- Computer-generated (Books, Charts, Photographs)
- Mixed Media (Models, Metal Items, Paintings)

A brief written explanation of the genealogical and historical significance should accompany each exhibit - for the benefit of genealogists viewing the exhibition.

If you are interested in submitting an exhibit please contact: Elizabeth Heaphy. weheaphy@amcom.co.nz An Application Form and the Conditions of Entry will be forwarded to you. For further Conference 2006 details check NZSG Web page www.genealogy.org.nz

Lost Magazines

Unfortunately, three of our Round Robin magazines were accidentally destroyed recently. They were:

Australian Family Tree Connections: June & Aug 2005 Irish Roots: 1st Quarter 2005

There will be some difficulty and expense in purchasing these particular back-copies, but we owe it to the other members of the Round Robins to do so.

However, the thought occurs to us that perhaps some of our members already subscribe to those magazines in their own right, and that they might be prepared to donate or lend to us those particular back-copies to enable us to complete the Round Robin circuit(s). If you can help, would you please contact the Round Robin Organiser, Meryl Opie, on 298-8737, or at: opiemb@xtra.co.nz

Reports:-

Library Report

Just a brief report this month, the Davisons and I have finished checking the books, and have done some pruning of the magazines, as further donations have come in. Now there are some new journals, in our collection. The yellow pages phone directories for the major cities have gone and it is proposed that the rest of the phone books go also, leaving room for further expansion of magazines etc. on the Reference Only shelves

Alison Procter

Genealogy Expo Kilbirnie February 1st 2006



Over 222 enthusiastic genealogists took advantage of this magnificent show of information and material. Starting with a well placed information desk when you walked in the door. The New Zealand Society of Genealogy (NZSG) had a stall with books for sale, someone to take subscriptions for anyone who wanted to join up. Next to that, Peter Nash, NZGS had a laptop printer and 100gb external hard disk with the New Zealand Gazette records from 1840 to the present day. Peter looked after this all day and willingly gave his time searching and printing out records for all who asked.

Barry Thomson from Kapiti had a stand demonstrating photograph restoration and Family Tree maker, next to him was David Bryant from NZSG demonstrating the latest NZSG CD-ROM's. At the end of the hall space was set aside for the 45-minute workshops on various matters- Public records in Wellington; Early NZ collections; Lost in London; Beyond Births, Deaths & Marriages to Censuses; NZ Death micrograph; with time allowed for a general forum during the last half-hour. Then came the Lower North Island Irish Interest Group, N.Z. microfiche, the Scottish Interest Group, next Jan Gow's section with old maps, CDs and books for sale. She also had DNA swabs for those wanting to go on a genealogical database - but, if you wanted a report of your own DNA you had to pay for it. Senior Net was represented, and there was a section for the Pacific Islands hosted by NZSG, and

the National Library was also there. A few Family Histories were on display on one table. By midday they reckoned there had been 200 people looking around.

A delightful surprise was meeting up with our former member, Lloyd Jarden, who had just returned from holiday. A little older, perhaps, but otherwise very much the same and would like to be remembered to old Kapiti friends. I was unable to stay for the full day, so Lloyd dropped me off at the bus stop to go to the train, my thanks go to him for this and also to Barry for giving me a lift in that morning.

Alison Procter

Branch Resources

NZSG CDs (1881 NZ Electoral Rolls & NZ Marriages Matching Brides & Grooms 1836-1956) have arrived and are now available for Members use at the Library.
Derek Griffis

CYNDISLIST:- <http://www.CyndisList.com/>

Hello all -

Based on some of the messages I've been receiving lately it occurred to me that many people don't really, truly know what Cyndi's List is or how it works. I think many people are under the impression that this mailing list *is* Cyndi's List. It is not. This mailing list is a secondary tool to help keep users of the Cyndi's List web site informed.

What is Cyndi's List

Cyndi's List is a web site; an index of links that points to other web sites for genealogy.

- A categorized & cross-referenced index to genealogical resources on the Internet.
- A list of links that point you to genealogical research sites online.
- A "card catalog" to the genealogical collection in the immense library that is the Internet.
- Your genealogical research portal onto the Internet.

The CyndisList mailing list was created in order to keep web site visitors up to date. Mailing list messages each day communicate two things:

1. Link Activity: shows which areas of the Cyndi's List web site have been changed with new links or updates done by the 2.5 people who work on Cyndi's List.
2. What's New: an unverified list of links that were submitted by visitors to the Cyndi's List web site <http://www.CyndisList.com/newlink.htm>.

If you are only using the CyndisList mailing list you are missing a lot of good information. The web site has more than 250,000 categorized links--some sent in

by visitors, but most found and added by the Cyndi's List genealogy crew. The links are arranged in several different types of indexes that can be browsed (a good way to find new research inspiration). Browse:

1. Main Index <http://www.CyndisList.com/>
2. Topical Index <http://www.CyndisList.com/topical.htm>
3. Alphabetical Index <http://www.CyndisList.com/alpha.htm>
4. "No Frills" Index <http://www.CyndisList.com/nofrills.htm>

You can also use any of four different search engines to search the site by keyword and phrase: <http://www.CyndisList.com/searchit.htm>

See also: FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) About Cyndi and Cyndi's List <http://www.CyndisList.com/faq.htm>

I hope this helps you and that you have a great time discovering new resources. Successful surfing,

Cyndi

NZSG Australian Certificate Purchasing Service: Tasmanian Certificates

The NZSG Australian Certificate Purchasing Service is now able to provide Tasmanian Certificates for dates after 1900. As the Tasmanian Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages has restrictions on the purchasing of certificates due to privacy laws, we can only purchase certificates for the following dates

- **Births 1900 - 1930**
- **Marriages 1900 - 1930**
- **Deaths 1900 - 1980**

The current cost of a Tasmanian certificate is NZ\$32.75 Printouts of Tasmanian events prior to 1900 are still available for \$1.70. Further details about how to purchase Certificates or Printouts are available

at <http://www.genealogy.org.nz/services/austcert.html>, at the back of the current The New Zealand Genealogists magazine, or email me at AustCert@genealogy.org.nz

Gedcom Files on the Internet <http://gedcomindex.com>

Town-by-town index of entries in GEDCOM files published on the web. Find your ancestor, click to download somebody's GEDCOM from their site

KEEPING IN TOUCH (KIT)

Every second month (Jan/Mar/May/Jul/Sep/Nov) NZSG puts out a Bulletin advising one and all of the latest developments within the Society and in genealogy in general. These Bulletins are on display on the NZSG website:

<http://www.genealogy.org.nz>

#48 January 2006 KIT is imminent, and although not yet on the website at the time that this Newsletter is being written, it should be there in the very near future.

