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## Editorial



### Welcome to our last Newsletter for 2019.

I am sure you will agree that as one gets older the years seem to go past faster and faster. To combat this I have decided to have a birthday only every three years to give me more time to complete our family genealogy research! Now this may confuse subsequent genealogists in our family given my age will not tie up with other sources. I'm sure they will cope.

It certainly is a busy time of the year and no doubt many of you will be sharing the stress of the competing needs of grandchildren, end of school year functions and sports days, as well as your ongoing genealogy research. Just hang on in there.

Our Branch has had a great year and on the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec your committee will be meeting to plan for 2020. If you have any suggestions for meeting speakers please contact myself or any of your committee members.

There is no doubt that good quality speakers get maximum attendance at our evening meetings.

I take this opportunity to restate our Mission Statement, which is the guiding principle when planning activities.

*"Our focus is to meet the needs of our members as they in turn pursue their own passion in family genealogy. We will seek to provide vibrant Branch activities in a welcoming fun environment."*

I thank you all for your input and commitment to the Kapiti Branch of the NZSG and wish you a happy and safe Christmas for you and your families.

Ian Barbour  
 Convenor



Next meetings:  
 Tuesday 26th and  
 Wednesday 27th  
 November  
 End of Year  
 Celebrations



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## November Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When: Tuesday November 26th** 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.  
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where:** Kapiti Community Centre, 15, Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

**What: End of year celebration**

Come and enjoy good company, good food and good cheer.

**Convenor:** Ian Barbour

**Supper roster: K – O**



### Daytime meeting.

**When: Wednesday November 27th** 1.30 – 4pm  
2 - 4pm - meeting

**Where:** Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae

**What: End of year celebration**

**Co-ordinator:** Sonia Coom

## Branch news



Deborah Shuker has two metal filing cabinets that need a new home. Two drawer, lockable, Suspension files included. See photo at left. Two available. \$20 each. Donation to Kapiti Genealogy. If you are interested please contact Deborah - [shuker@xtra.co.nz](mailto:shuker@xtra.co.nz)

**For next year we are looking at running some new sessions.**

Many of you use online trees for research. The plan is to share tips about both the mainstream online trees, and their companion software which allows you to keep your own backup copy safe on your computer.

The sessions suggested are two-monthly covering:

Ancestry and the companion FamilyTreeMaker software

MyHeritage and the companion FamilyTreeBuilder software

The FamilySearch tree (possibly two sessions), which can fully interface well with both RootsMagic and Legacy; WikiTree (which session may include Geni)

Session format to be decided but is likely to be split. Half Q&A about generic online trees /genealogy software, and half specific to the scheduled topic

**If you are a regular user of any of these and interested in helping facilitate such sessions, please contact Lorna, 293 7771**

**Don Niccol.** We are sad to have to tell you of the death of long-time member Don Niccol. His cheery presence at our evening meetings will be missed.

Our thoughts are with his wife, Barbara, and his family.

## Gerard's Genealogy Journey

My interest in genealogy and family history goes back many years. I started life in Ireland and migrated to New Zealand as a child in the 60's. A number of the pupils at school were also immigrants or children of immigrants mainly from Europe but also a few from the Pacific and Australia.

Whilst in Ireland I remember a radio programme on a Sunday in which people could ask questions about their family names and where they might have come from. My father or his sister had enquired about our surname and that of my grandmother. These names (Denton and Pitt) were not very common in Ireland. Both were very English with several Lords and Earls having the surname Pitt. There was also a story my father told of some weavers from the town of Denton outside Manchester coming to Ireland in the 1600's and adopting the surname, Denton.

The New Zealand connection came on my mother's side. During the 1920's some of her family had settled here in Auckland. We had contact with members of this family when we moved here. I remember my mother's first cousin having old photo albums and talking to my parents about them and the people in them. I had little interest at the time, but this set the stage for a desire to find out more.

During the 80s and 90s I dabbled into some genealogy reference books (GDR) in the library. This tended to be self taught and haphazard. I made some charts, including pedigree and family charts, which I sent with questions to relatives in Ireland to try and expand. The replies gave me a few children of the current generation, but limited knowledge going back.

I had joined NZSG but it was not until moving to Kapiti that I joined a local group. I have found the community aspect of the branch encouraging. The regular interactions provide knowledge and support as well as some interesting local history.

In 2016, the extended family of my mother, siblings, their children and grandchildren were celebrating with a nephew and his wife who had been married overseas and were meeting the family in New Zealand. We gathered for a picnic lunch near my father's favourite fishing spot. It was a momentous occasion – that year was 50 years since we had arrived in New Zealand; the reason we were in New Zealand, and not some other country, was that some of the earlier family had visited Ireland for my mother's parent's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary and had spoken about how great it was to live in New Zealand.

I prepared a poster, for each of my siblings and their families, covering the 6 generations of my parents, their parents, grandparents; my siblings and partners, their children with partners and children. This has been a useful reference chart.

At this stage I know further research will be required from New Zealand, Australia, Ireland, England, Scotland, Netherlands, USA, and Canada. Being retired now and with access to resources not readily available in the 1980s I hope to be able to unravel some of the stories of people in the wider family.

*Gerard Denton*

## Seonaid Lewis talk - Friday 29th November

### Seonaid Lewis Auckland Library Heritage Collections



Friday 29 November



8.30am - 3.30pm



Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom

This event is free however registration is essential.  
Register by email [kirip@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:kirip@horowhenua.govt.nz)



**Seonaid Lewis**, who manages the heritage collections at the Auckland libraries, is coming to the Coast on **Fri. 29th Nov** to share research goodies that are available to us all.

**Venue:** Foxton Library next to the windmill, Te Awahou Nieuwe Stroom, which is also the National Dutch Museum, and currently has an international Anne Frank Exhibition.

Registration (free) and enquiries to Kiri at Te Takere in Levin. Email [kirip@horowhenua.govt.nz](mailto:kirip@horowhenua.govt.nz)

Phone 06 368 1953

## The New Zealand Kapiti Legacy Group

The New Zealand Kapiti Legacy Group started on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2004 in Paraparaumu and has been going ever since. It got its long-winded name from the format Legacy use for naming their User Groups. The Legacy Home Page /Help Centre /User Groups has the full list of User Groups around the world.

### Attendance

In the 15 years we have been active we have had over 90 meetings, with attendance as high as over 50 people. The lowest attendance, not less than 15 people. Over those years we have held the charge at \$3.00 per meeting (to cover expenses). The Jan Gow workshops attracted over 50 people at \$20.00 for the day. Our account balance has never been in the red!

Where can you get two cups of tea, or coffee, three chocolate biscuits, and two and a half hour's entertainment for \$3.00 !

Since our existence people have attended meetings from as far away as Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, Wanganui, Palmerston North, Levin, Otaki, Wellington, Hutt Valley, Porirua and Kapiti. And one even from Australia, who was in Kapiti on holiday.

### Organisation

This is not a 'one-man band' and could not have worked without the huge help of Meryl Opie, who sends out the e-mails to everyone, and organises the tea, coffee and biscuits etc.; Lindsay Olsen - opens the venue, sets things up and is stand in presenter; Judy Olsen – is back-up when Meryl is away. Peter and Leslie Anderson look after the money matters and name tags.

We have really enjoyed running the NZKLUG and have all learnt a lot ourselves, so what's changed? **For me**, I retired from full time work towards the end of last year. I now want to do a few other things, like travel and pursue other interests, and find it hard to run the bi-monthly meetings. It is not just fronting the meetings. Putting the PowerPoint presentations together for each meeting also takes up a lot of time.

**Meryl and her husband** have a motor home and are getting out and about more.

**Peter and Lesley** are considering moving to Christchurch.

**Lindsay and Judy** are now retired and want to pursue other interests.

So unless someone else wants to take over running the group it will be going into recess at the end of this year (2019). We are considering a day-long Legacy workshop maybe once a year. This workshop could be held in different areas as numbers etc. dictate

I would like to finish by thanking you all and NZSG Kapiti Branch, for your support over the fifteen years that we have been running.

**I propose that the NZKLUG goes into recess.**

**The last meeting will be the meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Gerald M Twiss

## Rory Sweetman at NZSG Irish Interest Group

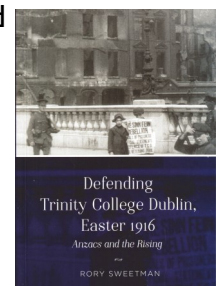
**When:** Saturday December 12th 1– 3.30pm      **Fee:** \$10 payable at the door

**Where:** NZSG Family Research Centre Library, 159 Queen's Road, Panmure Auckland

**What:** Irish/New Zealand historian, **Rory Sweetman**, will talk about his book 'Defending Trinity college, Dublin. Easter 1916. ANZACs and the Rising'

The story of how five Kiwi soldiers, acting as the core of a small squad of colonial troops, protected Ireland's oldest university from capture by the rebels during the insurrection that marked the birth of Irish Independence.

Bookings not required. Contact [IrishSIG@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:IrishSIG@genealogy.org.nz) for more information.



## Schools Project Report

Quarterly Progress Report on the Schools Admissions Registers Project of the Kapiti Genealogy Branch, for the fourth quarter of 2019.

We have transcribed all the available data from schools in the area that have given consent. Our efforts are now concentrated on checking the transcribed data against the original registers, and correcting any errors. If no further schools consent, the current project will end when all the data we have, has been checked and corrected.

Below is the progress made on each school:

Paekakariki School	Project 4640	1849 Records completed and passed to NZSG
Raumati Beach School	Project 4639	3357 Records completed and passed to NZSG, Apr 2017.
Waikanae Primary School	Project 4641	7747 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 9 Apr 2018.
Paraparaumu Beach School	Project 4643	6207 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 28 Mar 2019
St Patricks School	Project 4651	483 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 16 Apr 2019
Kapanui School	Project 4645	1978 – 2015 transcribed. 1978 – 2015 checked, 1978 – 2010 corrected.
Kenakena School	Project 4653	1978 – 2010 transcribed. 1978 – 1999 checked.

The following Kapiti and Waikanae members have given their time to help with the project this year: Stephen Sherring, Brenda Harden, Esther Rudd, Elizabeth Lynch, Allison Chappell, Bev Chappell, Margaret Murton, Gay Ruddleston, Deborah Shuker, Frances Braddick, Meryl Opie, Gerald Denton. My sincere thanks to all them all

*John Glover*

## Changes to Archives NZ reading room services

From Monday 2 March 2020, the opening hours for our reading rooms will be changing. Our new hours will be 9am – 1pm for our Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch and Dunedin reading rooms. This change does not impact on our remote research services. To help make research time more efficient, we will be halving the retrieval time to a 30-minute turnaround in Wellington, to align with our regional offices.

Reducing reading room hours allows us to put our energy into digitising records and making them available online. This provides better access for a greater number of users. The work is well underway with the June 2019 launch of our new website and the work of our Digitisation Programme now in its third year of operation. Since 2017, we've made available over 385,000 digitised items, comprised of over 6 million images.

I understand that this announcement will be disappointing to some of our supporters. It has been a hard decision to make but one that will support long-term benefits for all our valued users.

Further information about this change can be found on our website, <https://archives.govt.nz>

To learn more about the future of Archives take a look at our 2057strategy

*Richard Foy, Chief Archivist*



## Dates for Your Diary

### Kapiti Genealogy Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Ground Floor, north west corner, Paraparaumu Library

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pohutukawa Room, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe, 286, Te Moana Rd, Waikanae

**All Kapiti Branch events are in the programme on our website on the calendar.**

**Monthly evening meeting: Tuesday 26th November, 7-9pm - details of meetings on page 2**

**Daytime meeting: Wednesday 27th November, 1.30-4pm.** Waikanae Baptist Church, Te Moana Rd.

**Wednesdays:** 10 am to noon. Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC until **18th December**. Restating **15th January 2020**.

**Saturday 7th December:** Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. **By appointment only.**

**Saturday 1st February:** Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. **By appointment only.**

This is a great opportunity to get one-on-one help. Please pre-book a slot by phoning Lorna on 293 7771.

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

**Saturday 30th November:** NZ Kapiti Legacy users group, Kapiti Community Centre, 1- 4pm. (see page 4)

**Saturday 8th February 2020:** DNA Interest Group. Waikanae Baptist Church, 286, Te Moana Road. 2 - 4pm.

**Tuesday 11th February 2020:** Irish interest group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

**Thursday 13th February 2020:** Australian interest group. 10 - 12 noon APFHC

**Saturday 21st March 2020:** Roots Magic Interest group. Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

## Interest Groups

### Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to November.

Our last meeting for the year was followed by a very enjoyable lunch at The Boundary pub, Raumati Beach. During the year we have brainstormed various subjects brought up by those attending. These include accessing cemetery records, using State BDM and Archive sites, information on Australian certificates, Current wages 1855, Wills & Probate, Sydney Morning Herald and UK Merchant Navy records.

The first meeting in 2020 will be on **Thursday 13th February, 10-12noon** at APFHC, for help with any Australian research.

### Legacy Users

**See article on page 4**

Last meeting **Saturday 30th November, 2-4pm.** Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm. Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2. Contact Gerald Twiss on [gerot@xtra.co.nz](mailto:gerot@xtra.co.nz) for details.

### Irish

Next meeting **Tuesday 11th February 2020, 2-4pm.** APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

### DNA

Next meeting **Saturday 8th February 2020, 2-4pm** at Waikanae Baptist Church Café, 286 Te Moana Rd. \$3 door charge.

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

Are you making the most of your investment in DNA? This post from Roberta Estes' DNA Explained blog summarizes her posts on how to transfer your DNA file to the sites that accept transfers so you can fish in more ponds for no, or little more, outlay <https://dna-explained.com/2019/11/04/dna-file-upload-download-and-transfer-instructions-to-and-from-dna-testing-companies/>

### Roots Magic

For those using Rootsmagic for their family history. Next meeting will be **Saturday 21st March, 2-4pm** at Kapiti Community Centre. \$3 door fee. to cover expenses.

Version 8 is expected early next year. When you start up RootsMagic the list of blog posts shown give further information on the pricing <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3259> and a preview of some of the changes we can expect <http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3328>

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

## Information for new members

### Branch meetings:

**Evening meeting** is held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.

**Daytime meeting** is on the following day, usually the fourth Wednesday, from Jan. to November. Check on page 2 for dates.

### Coming up.

**Tuesday November 26th** 7:00pm: supper  
7:30pm: meeting starts

**Wednesday Nov. 27th** 1:30pm: meet and mingle  
2 - 4pm: meeting

Free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3  
Details of both meetings on page 2

**Committee meetings** are held at 2pm on the 1st Thursday of months January - November.

### Evening meeting upper roster: K – O

If your surname starts with the above letters, we would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

**We welcome new members** Diana Mardon, George Stuart and Alan Malthus.

Come and join us at our Christmas function.

### Help with Research

**Our help sessions** on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month, 1-3pm, will assist you to make the most of our facilities.

**Please note** that the last session for 2019 is **18th December**. Wednesday sessions start again on **15th January 2020**.

Saturday's are by appointment only. If you need individual help phone Lorna on 293 7771 to book a session.

If you are new to genealogy, go to <https://www.genealogy.org.nz/> and click on the 'Getting it Right' logo. These free resources are an ideal starting point. Each resource consists of a video and a set of notes. You can pick and choose what you learn or work your way through,

### 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 red folders mentioned below.

Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome Desk, when you will be asked to show your membership card.

You will need the **pink** card for the year 2019-20.

#### Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder in the top drawer. Keyboards are in the lowest drawer. Please sign the red signing-in book found in the top drawer.

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

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.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry, FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist, as well as free sites like FamilySearch (we suggest you use your own log-in to 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 printer if you wish to print a hard copy. Please put 10c per copy in the honesty box on the cupboard door. Please **do not switch off** the printer.

#### Website

Log in and explore, update your details and find information on our user groups.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> gives full details of all meetings in the calendar and is easy to negotiate.

Should any member wish to have their research interests published in the newsletter to contact others, please complete the Members Interests form in the Members Only section of our website <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/#introduce> . You will have to log in to do so. Instructions for logging in are available at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2012/07/logging-in/>



### Branch Officers

**Convener:** Ian Barbour  
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Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

**Treasurer :** John Miller  
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### Branch responsibilities

#### Membership:

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**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

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**Catering:** Judy Olsen

**Schools project:** John Glover

**Schools liaison:** Bill McKeich

**Raffle:** Stephen Sherring

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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.

#### Email links

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#### Membership

New members always welcome.  
A bargain at \$25 for the year to 31st March 2020.  
Check out <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/>  
for the application form or to apply online.  
Bank account for internet banking payments:  
BNZ 02-0591-0040791-000

To access our resources at the Paraparaumu Library  
use your **pink** membership card.  
Further details at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2019/01/>

Next meeting  
28th January 2020

Our popular session of  
'Here is the News'