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KapitiGen.org](http://KapitiGen.org)
for additional
information on
events, Branch,
Interest & User
Groups, and any
late changes.

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Editorial

Hello again.

Following last month's AGM our Convenor for the coming year is Ian Barbour. Ian has been overseas for the last few weeks researching his Scottish ancestors, some of whom have come to light courtesy of DNA testing - remember the story in the newsletter a few months ago about his grandfather's watch?

Commiserations to those interested in Irish research who missed Maurice Gleeson's inspiring presentations in Kilburnie. His entertaining and informative rhetoric held an audience of about 140 for three hours with a short break in the middle. He was easy to follow, with plenty of useful hints, applicable to any genealogical research, not only Irish. The good news is that he recorded the session to put on YouTube when he returns to his base in London.

In the meantime Maurice's other videos about DNA testing and the interpretation of results are well worth a watch. [http://
dnaandfamilytreereseach.blogspot.
com/p/home.html](http://dnaandfamilytreereseach.blogspot.com/p/home.html)

Many thanks to Jenny Martin, NZSG Kilburnie Branch and the Lower North Island Irish Interest Group for arranging his local visit.

Don't miss the opportunity at our meeting on **August 28th** to get help with your 'brickwall'. See page 2 for details and please send in as much information as possible, to give researchers a 'leg up' when working on it.

At our meeting **next week** we would like to hear of your involvement in using either Facebook Groups or DNA for research. What or who have you found and how has that enhanced your family tree? There are interesting stories out there. Help make this an evening of shared experiences.

The National Library run a family history talk every month, but we get notification of the event too late to put in the newsletter. This month their conservator talked about how to 'Care for your family treasures - photographs.' See page 5 for contact details if you are interested to see what's on in future.

Sheila

Next meeting
June 26th

Success stories using
Facebook or
DNA testing.

June Branch Meeting

Evening meeting.

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

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

What: Using Facebook Groups or DNA
to grow your family tree?

Bring along your finds from these 'new' ways of doing research
and help make this an evening of shared experiences.

facebook
Groups



Meeting Convenor: Ian B

Supper roster: G – K

Daytime Group meeting.

When: July 19th- 10am -12noon

Where: Waikanae Baptist Church Meeting Room, 286, Te Moana Rd.

What: Basic DNA - Tips for beginners and using Family Search,
Come along and share in other peoples experiences.

Convenor: Sonia Coom

Branch news

Don't forget our 'Brickwall' meeting on 28th August

If you have an insoluble **brickwall**, this is your opportunity to tap into the combined expertise of other members to try and break it down. Please send in details of your brickwalls to kapitigen@gmail.com, with the subject line BRICKWALLS, as soon as possible, to give us time to try and crack them.

ALSO, to keep those little grey cells working, why not tackle someone else's problem. Help to spread the load by volunteering to assist with the research. Reap the satisfaction of cracking a brickwall.

Sledgehammer not required! - Please contact us at the email above if you are willing to help.

The intention is to summarise the process of solving (or not) 3 or 4 brickwalls for presentation at the August meeting.

Wednesday morning help sessions. 10-12am APFHC

Bev Chappell is still away. If you are willing to help with the Wednesday morning, 10-12am research sessions, please contact Denice at kapitigen@gmail.com,

Committee changes.

Bernard McManus and I have both stepped down from the Committee this year.

I will still be editing the newsletter and relying on your contributions to make it an interesting and informative read. So please keep them coming!

However, the Branch will miss Bernard's considerable contribution to it's activities. He masterminded the survey of members which we carried out a couple of years ago; he was an integral part of the 'Back to Basics' workshop team; he instigated the re-establishment of the branch's Irish Interest Group and chaired the organising committee for the very successful Irish research day in March this year.

Thank you, Bernard.

NZSG Kapiti Branch Committee Report 2017/18

Kapiti Branch has enjoyed another active year, with membership peaking at 196 by year's end, one third of which are NZSG members. Our AGM in May welcomed two new committee members, Ian Barbour and Gerard Denton, while Hilary Cunningham stepped down from her role as convener. The position of convener has remained vacant for the year, and a rota was created to share those duties. Donna Bridgeman was co-opted on at our first committee meeting in June, and with the commencement of Daytime Meetings in the New Year, Sonia Coom was also co-opted onto the committee to take charge of those meetings.

Our evening branch meetings attract a core of 50 or more members, and we have used a mix of our own resources and outside speakers for these meetings. In *May*, we held a SIG "speed dating" session, where representatives of 7 Interest Groups described the purpose and operation of their groups (LNI Irish, Greater London/English, Maori, Australian, DNA, Legacy and RootsMagic); *June* saw a discussion of DNA success stories amongst our members; in *July* we had a talk from National Library's Fiona Gray; in *August* we had a Q & A session; *September* featured our own Frances Braddick's tale of tracking down cousins; in *October* local author Eleanor Bensemman described the process of writing and publishing her father's biography. The calendar year finished in *November* with our usual social event. We started off 2018 with our popular "Here is the news" in *January*, with favourite clippings from newspapers contributed by members; Flora Feltham, Digital Archivist at the Alexander Turnbull Library gave advice in *February* on how to manage our digital data; Gerald Twiss covered the ins and outs of creating charts in *March*; and the year ended in *April* with an entertaining musical journey through the Sheet Music Archive from its creator and archivist, David Dell.

The APFHC continues to get good use, with its enviable resources of access to Ancestry, Find My Past, The Genealogist, the NZ Gazette, various CD images, a host of microfiche and a slowly increasing book collection. Members of the public (and many of our members) have much to thank Bev Chappell for, as she continues to organise and regularly front the Wednesday morning public help sessions at the APFHC. At this point, we will repeat the plea for more of our members to put their hands up to join Bev's list of helpers for these sessions – the task is not onerous, and it gives you a chance to improve your own skills as you assist other new genealogists to begin their journey.

Other activities have included a combined lunch with the Otaki Branch to celebrate the NZSG's 50th birthday in August, and a tour of the National Library ably organised by Kathy Callaghan. John Glover continues to lead our School Admissions Project, which involves about 20 members, including some members of the Waikanae Family History Group. Records collected and transcribed include Paekakariki, Raumati Beach, Waikanae Primary, Paraparaumu Beach, St Patrick's, Kenakena and Kapanui Schools. We continue holding monthly Australian Interest group meetings, and two-monthly Legacy, RootsMagic and DNA group meetings, the latter of which moved to the KCC for 2018 due to its growing popularity. Throughout the year, Donna Bridgeman, with the assistance of Kathy Callaghan, has maintained the Kapiti Genealogy Facebook Group, which serves as another point of contact for both members and non-members.

A range of new initiatives also commenced during the year. Our local Branch Irish Interest Group was reactivated after several years in recess, and had its first meeting on 31 October. Another project, led by Ian Barbour, culminated in a series of 4 "Back to Basics" workshops being run for our members in October/November. These workshops were limited to 6 participants, each with a buddy as mentor. They were well received, so will be repeated in 2018. In January, Sonia Coom initiated a monthly informal daytime group for members to share and collaborate on their research. This group has provided a welcome alternative for those who don't like venturing out in the evenings, or simply prefer the more informal problem solving/sharing approach of the meetings. Currently the meetings are held in the Baptist Church hall at Waikanae. Last, but certainly not least, a very successful Irish Research Day was held on 10th March, organised by an enthusiastic and capable committee of Bernard McManus, Donna Bridgeman, Sheila Jolley, Gerard Denton and Denice McCarten, assisted by Michael Gaffaney and Sharon Allen. The Research Day attracted 43 participants, and featured two guest speakers (Graeme McVerry, and Geraldene O'Reilly) along with the Joe Cassin Travelling Library under the custodianship of Jenny Martin and the LNI Irish Special Interest Group.

Overall, another busy and successful year, thanks to our committee of 10, and our many ex-officio helpers who make sure that our venues are set up and refreshments provided, and keep the various Interest Groups ticking. And, of course, thanks to you the members who continue to support Kapiti Genealogy.

22 May 2018

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Lorna Henderson (Treasurer)

Ian Barbour

Donna Bridgeman

Ian Brooking

Beverly Chappell

Sonia Coom

Gerard Denton

Sheila Jolley

Bernard McManus

Updates on schools admissions projects and YURU

Progress Report on the Schools Admissions Registers Project of the Kapiti Branch of NZSG (assisted by members of the Waikanae Family History Group).

Paekakariki School	Project 4640
1849 Records completed and passed to NZSG	
Raumati Beach School	Project 4639
3357 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 5 Apr 2017.	
Waikanae Primary School	Project 4641
7747 Records completed and passed to NZSG, 9 Apr 2018.	
Paraparaumu Beach School	Project 4643
1965 – 2015 transcribed; 1965 – 1985 checked; 1965 – 1971 edited.	
St Patricks School	Project 4651
2005 – 2015 transcribed. Checking is yet to start.	
Kapanui School	Project 4645
1978 – 2015 transcribed. Checking is yet to start.	
Kenakena School	Project 4653
1978 – 2010 transcribed. Checking is yet to start.	



As you can see, the big change is that we have completed Waikanae School and sent the data to NZSG. We are waiting to get approval from another school before further transcribing can start. However, many transcribers have switched to checking, which means the checking of Paraparaumu Beach School is now progressing much faster.

Helping with the project this year are Derek Griffis, Brian Ross, Rod Foster, Hanley Hoffman, Lynda Heron, Bill McKeich, Stephen Sherring, Esther Rudd, Dianna Marsden, Frances Braddick, Meryl Opie, Elizabeth Lynch, Margaret Murton, Gay Ruddleston, Alison Chappell, Bev Chappell, Brenda Harden and Deborah Shuker. My sincere thanks to them all.

John Glover

If you would like to help the team to digitise school admissions records for future generations, please contact John on [pamandjohnglo "at" gmail.com](mailto:pamandjohnglo@atgmail.com)

We do house calls!

Life members of the Branch, Sue Greene and Clive Palmer, continue with their programme of offering family history help to residents of Kapiti Coast retirement villages. Now into its second year, the new look YURU programme has assisted 40 people thus far, ranging from using family tree programmes on their computers and sourcing information on the internet, to writing up full family histories.

Key moments have included working with a 100 year old with records back to before 1066, helping those in respite care, handing over a package of information to a family after a resident passed away, helping put material together for a family reunion, research into immigrant families from Germany and Netherlands and visiting residents in their homes or units to help sort out material.

The key message from residents has been a wish to organize the range of memorabilia, photos, jottings on backs of envelopes and letters, and to find missing family links to hand on to the next generation.

"If we don't sort this stuff out, it will get sent to the tip when I've gone", is the common theme that worries many!

This is a niche market with some clients no longer able to drive or with limited mobility. However there have been some new members for the Branch and others have used the Wednesday help service.

Clive Palmer

On the dark side!

The Genealogist has added over 150,000 new records which could reveal the shady side of your family tree! In an article in the May issue, Nick Thorne explores their latest release in 'From Habitual Drunkards to Spies' <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2018/criminal-records-on-the-genealogist-could-reveal-the-darker-side-of-your-family-tree>

Note from Lindsay Olson.

Just a reminder to members, especially new ones, researching their NZ based family just how valuable the "A Memory Tree" website is. Through it I have found death dates, the newspapers and dates the Death Notice(s) are published in, other marriage names for those women who have remarried, alternative names, to mention just a few. Visit the National Library to obtain a copy of the actual Death Notice from the papers listed. <http://www.amemorytree.co.nz/index.php>

Death dates can be corroborated on the following site where you can narrow down the date to an exact dd/mm/yyyy and obtain the reference number to obtain a copy of the actual Death Certificate from the BDM Registry.

For more recent deaths, the exact dd/mm/yyyy date of birth is also given for the person of interest: <https://bdmhistoricalrecords.dia.govt.nz/>

'A Beginners Guide to Scottish Inheritance' is the first of two parts of an article in the Family Tree magazine for February 2018. Family Tree is one of the magazines to which you can subscribe on the Round Robin - see details below.

The article, by well-known genealogist Chris Paton, describes how the law of inheritance in Scotland has evolved through the feudal system and is very different from that in the rest of the UK. A person's estate was divided into two; moveable estate and heritable property. Prior to 1868 it was illegal to bequeath your heritable property to another person. It had to be inherited according to Scots law. The system for distributing the moveable portion, ie. money, clothes and ordinary possessions, has gone through a series of changes, depending on which type of court was the regulatory authority at the time.

The article gives detailed instructions on how to download a will from www.scotlandspeople.gov.uk for a cost of £2.50.

The second part of the article will be in Family Tree March 2018 and will cover inheritance issues, which involved first having to prove the right to inherit. It was not always the eldest son.

If your interest is Scottish inheritance, check out these articles in the Family Tree magazines folder in the library.

Round Robins

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Bev Chappell at (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 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.

National Library Services

There is a family history talk at the National Library every month, usually about the middle of the month. If you are interested in attending email ATLOutreach@dia.govt.nz for details. <https://natlib.govt.nz/researchers> gives you details of their research services.

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

All Kapiti events are in the [programme](#) on our website, both to download and on the calendar.

Monthly Branch meeting: Tuesday 26th June, 7-9pm - details page 2

KG Daytime Group: Thursday 19th July, 10-12noon. Waikanae Baptist Church, Te Moana Rd.

Wednesdays: 10 am to noon. Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. We need volunteers. See page 2 for details.

Saturday 7th July: Members help session, 1- 3pm, APFHC. **By appointment.** Phone 293 7771 to book.

Thursday 6th September: Overview of resources. APFHC 1.30-3pm Focus - Family Search

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

Saturday 30th June: NZ Kapiti Legacy users group, 1- 4pm at Kapiti Community Centre.

Tuesday 10th July: Irish interest group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

Thursday 12th July: Australian interest group. 10 - 12 noon APFHC

Saturday 21st July: Roots Magic group at Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

Saturday 11th August: DNA group at Kapiti Community Centre. 2- 4pm.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday 12th July** for help with any Australian research. **10 -12noon** at APFHC.

DNA

Our June session in groups by type/level of experience created a good buzz so that format will continue.

Hope you all made use of the recent sales to add DNA to your toolkit and explore/validate your family tree or crack those brickwalls.

Check out some of Maurice Gleeson's videos for good clear explanations of a variety of DNA topics. His home page is <http://dnaandfamilytreeresearch.blogspot.com/p/home.html>

Our next two-monthly meeting (2nd Sat. of month) falls on **Saturday 11th August 2 - 4pm** at Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu. All welcome. \$3 door charge including refreshments.

Do bring along your questions, someone present should be able to help.

Dates for the year on our website
<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

Legacy Users

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

Next meeting **Saturday 30th June 2 - 4pm.**

Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm. Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2. Contact Gerald Twiss on gerot@xtra.co.nz for details.

Irish Special Interest

Next meeting **Tuesday 10th July 2-4pm.**

APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

Roots Magic

For those using or interested in using Rootsmagic to keep track of their Family History.

Next two-monthly meeting

Saturday 21st July, 2-4pm at the Kapiti Community Centre.

\$3 door fee. to cover rental/refreshments
Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques.

Or suggest a topic at

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

Information for new members

Branch evening meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.
Daytime Group meetings are on the third Thursday month from January to November.

Next meetings

Tuesday June 26th 7:00pm: supper
 7:30pm: meeting starts.

Thursday July 19th 10-12noon
 Free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3
 Details of both meetings on page 2

Committee meetings are held at 7.30pm on the 1st Wednesday of months January - November.

Supper roster: G – K

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

Welcome to new members:

Robyn Hayward, Angela Milstead and Jacqui Murray

If you have not been to a Branch meeting before, please make yourself known to Donna on the entrance table to be introduced to members with similar interests.

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month (**by appointment - see below**) will give you individual help to find your way around the great facilities we enjoy.

The next overview session of our resources is on Thursday 6th September 1.30-3pm, and will focus on using Familysearch.

Website

Log in and explore, update your details and find information on our user groups as well as a full programme of meetings.

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.

Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red Computer Help folder in the top drawer.

Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome Desk, when you will be asked to show your membership card. Please sign the red signing-in book found in the 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. 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 (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.

School records transcription project

John Glover and his team are 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. [pamandjohnglo "at" gmail.com](mailto:pamandjohnglo@atgmail.com)

Saturday help session for members

If you are unable to get to the public help session on Wednesday morning or need help in a particular area, we have arranged another research session for members on the first Saturday afternoon in the month. This is **by appointment only** and is a great opportunity to get on-on-one help. Please pre-book a slot by phoning Lorna on 293 7771 so that an appropriate person for your query can be arranged.



Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 7pm, supper / research
7:30pm, meeting start
Venue: Kapiti Community Centre,
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

Daytime Group:

3rd Thursday, Jan - Nov

Time: 10-12noon
Venue: Waikanae Baptist Church,
286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae

Branch Committee

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Membership

New members always welcome.
A bargain at \$25 for the year to 31st March 2019.
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
Further details at
<http://www.kapitigen.org/2018/01/membership-for-20182019/>
Use your blue membership card to access our
resources at the Paraparaumu Library whenever
they are open.

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Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

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Sound System: Ian Brooking

Ex-officio committee

Newsletter Editor: Sheila Jolley
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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

Throughout the newsletter email links are
clickable. Remove the extra @ symbol
before sending.

Next meeting
July 24th 2018

Great Aunt Mil
(WWI Nurse)
Rosemary Marryatt