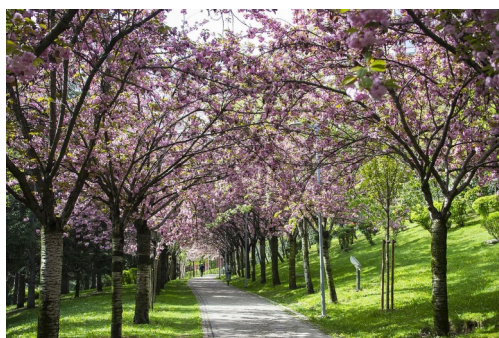


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check our  
website  
[http://  
KapitiGen.org](http://KapitiGen.org)  
for additional  
information on  
events, Branch,  
Interest & User  
Groups, and  
any late  
changes.

## Editorial



### *Lockdown in Spring!*

Sadly, our evening meeting for next Tuesday has had to be cancelled due to restrictions imposed on numbers and use of facilities. However, our speaker, Peter Cooke, has offered to post a copy of his book to those who were hoping to buy one at the meeting. His email address is on page 2. **NB.** The Daytime meeting will go ahead.

It was a great experience to be part of the free live-stream 'A little piece of Ireland' arranged by the NZSG. The presenters were clear, concise and gave information that was easy to digest. It brought a lump to my throat to hear the soft Irish accent and see pictures of familiar buildings in Dublin. The world felt a little smaller, even if visits are not possible. Thank you, NZSG.

I make no apology for publishing a slightly shortened version of the Convenor's Report, which Ian Barbour presented at the AGM. It is an excellent summary of the

Branch's activities for the year and an acknowledgement of the people who work behind the scenes to keep the branch running so smoothly. It will also be interesting to members who were not able to attend the evening meeting.

The new committee following the AGM is as follows:

Convenor ; Ian Barbour  
Secretary; Colin Cameron  
Treasurer; John Miller  
Ian Brooking, Bev Chappell,  
Sonia Coom, Gerard Denton  
and Lorna Henderson.

It was a great to know that Kathy Callaghan had arranged a tour of the National Library for September 3rd. Whether it is possible will depend on the lifting of restrictions. See page 3 for details.

We hope conditions will allow the September meetings to proceed. In the meantime, keep well and safe.

Sheila

Next monthly meetings:

Wednesday afternoon  
August 26th  
Tuesday evening  
September 22nd

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## July Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday August 25th 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.

**Where:** Kapiti Communi

**CANCELLED**

**What:** "Roll of New Zealand's WWII Dead"  
- Peter Cooke, Defence of NZ Study group  
Peter will describe the work behind this recently published book.

**Convenor:** Ian Barbour

**Supper roster:** S – W



Roll of New Zealand's  
Second World War Dead



### Daytime meeting - On as usual with Level 2 provisions

**When:** Wednesday August 26th 1.30 – 4pm  
2 - 4pm - meeting

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

**What:** Update followed by our usual research and discussion session.  
Bring along any items of interest, tips or hints and stories for other members to share .

**Co-ordinator:** Sonia Coom

## Branch news

### Welcome to new member Rob Thornton.

Rob attends our Daytime meeting and is Convenor of the Waikanae Family History Group. We look forward to meeting you and hearing of your research interests. See page 6 for information about our facilities at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre.

New member, **Leone Harris**, has the following research interests:

McDonald/MacDonnell: NZ/Guernsey/Ireland, Harris: NZ/Worcestershire England

Loder: NZ/Woodbridge Suffolk/Harwell Berks, Bennett / Humphreys: NZ / Ireland

If you wish to exchange information with Leone, please use the 'Contact us' page on our website and your request will be passed on. [http://www.kapitigen.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/)

To obtain a copy of Peter Cooke's book '**Roll of New Zealand's Second World War Dead**' email Peter petercooke\_donz@icloud.com\_ Cost is \$25.

## Help sessions

Our regular help sessions on Wednesday mornings 10-12 midday at APFHC and the first Saturday in September are **in abeyance** while Level 2 restrictions are in place.

You are still able to access the **virtual help session** on **Wednesdays between 1 and 3pm** while we have our Zoom subscription. Registration is required for a slot. Contact Lorna on 293 7771 or go to [http://www.kapitigen.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/) to arrange a session.

## APFHC computer hardware update

The KCDC IT department has generously donated us six Windows 10 computers to replace our ageing Win7 computers in the APFHC. The rest of the KCDC network was upgraded to Win10 about 2 years ago, and these computers have become available to us from KCDC's normal cycle of refreshing their equipment.

I have begun to set up these new computers on the network, so don't be surprised if things look a little bit different next time you start up one of the APFHC machines! Currently PC2 and PC4 have been replaced, and the rest should follow before the week ends.

If you are unfamiliar with Windows 10, never fear. The APFHC menu system has been retained, so everything runs more or less as it did on the old PCs. One of the downsides is the Australian Vital Records CD does not run under Win10, but Deborah assures me that this is not a great problem, as the records are available from other sources.



Just remember, when you come to close down one of the Win10 computers, you need to right-click on the "Start" icon (left-hand side of the Task Bar at the bottom of the screen) and then choose "Shut down"

Happy searching.

*Ian Brooking*

## National Library Tour

### National Library Tour

National Library NZ was offering tours again until the latest restrictions came into force.

Kathy has booked a slot for **Thursday 3rd Sept** at 10.30am. This tour will only take place if we are in Level 1, due to social distancing requirements. Therefore a decision will be made after the Government announcement on Monday Aug 24th and in consultation with National Library staff.

If it does go ahead, we'll get the 9.05 train from Waikanae; meet up at the ticket office in Wellington and walk up together. Otherwise meet in National Library foyer on 1st floor at 10.30am.

The Library needs to know numbers so please register by **Monday September 1st** by email [kathycallaghan@gmail.com](mailto:kathycallaghan@gmail.com) or ph 297 0733 or 021 045 3925.

## Auckland Family History Expo Seminars

Seminars of our international guest speakers and a couple of our sponsors were recorded and are now available on the [Auckland Family History Expo YouTube channel](#).

That's 15 educational and entertaining videos for you to watch at your leisure!

Jason Reeve, Ancestry, Michael Higgins, Family Search, Myko Clelland, Findmypast

John Grenham, author and professional genealogist, Ireland,

Curt Witcher, Manager Special Collections and the Genealogy Centre, Allen County Library

Please note John Grenham's videos are only available temporarily (**till 21 September 2020**) for copyright reasons, so if you have Irish interests you need to listen to his first!

## Convenor's Report to the AGM

### Kapiti Branch New Zealand Society of Genealogists - July 2020

The Kapiti Branch of the NZSG has enjoyed another successful year albeit that Covid-19, and the associated necessary restrictions, did impact on some of our Branch's activities. We are certainly very pleased to have the freedom to be able to meet and socialise together again.

Our membership remains steady at around the 200 mark and our financial position is quite healthy although soon we will need to upgrade and modernise our computers in the Alison Procter Family History Centre. (See page 3 for progress.)

Our monthly evening meetings continue to be well attended with a very good array of external speakers. These include Graham Langton, "Not Just Mud and Blood WW2", Jonathan Newport from Archives NZ speaking on Land Deeds, Shona Riddell - "Trial of Strength" and Doug Miller on "Genealogy on the Cheap". Our calendar year concluded with a fun end-of-year Christmas function.

The monthly Daytime meetings, ably led by Sonia Coom, have had an active year with one highlight being Sharon Burton from the Salvation Army Archives unit presenting to the members. Deborah Shuker also facilitated a session on Trans-Tasman genealogy.

A special event, was the weekend DNA workshops run by Michelle Patient, assisted by Lorna Henderson. It was a sell out and feedback was extremely positive.

Kathy Callaghan organised and led visits to the National Library, Wellington City Archives and to the Salvation Army Archives in Lower Hutt. Kathy's visits, as always, were well attended with participants having very enjoyable days out. Thanks Kathy.

Bev Chappell continues with dedication and commitment, along with some helpers, to lead our Wednesday open help sessions at the Alison Procter Family History Centre. I would encourage any of our members to make use of this valuable service. Bev is always on the look out for more helpers and I encourage members to volunteer a day or two to help Bev on a Wednesday.

The Schools Admissions Project led by John Glover is almost complete with all data inputted now being checked against registers. A special thanks to the team that has worked on this project - John Glover, Stephen Sherring, Brenda Harden, Esther Rudd, Elizabeth Lynch, Allison and Bev Chappell, Margaret Murton, Gay Ruddleston, Deborah Shuker, Frances Braddick, Meryl Opie, and Gerard Denton.



Our special interest groups, DNA, Irish, Australian and RootsMagic meet regularly either monthly or bi-monthly and continue to be well supported. The Legacy group that was run by Gerald Twiss and Lindsay Olsen has gone into recess after many years of activity within our Branch. Thanks to both Gerald and Lindsay for your years of commitment.

While our website is visited on average 30 times a day. I do draw to all our members' attention this valuable resource and encourage you to use it as a source of information on your Branch.

Our monthly newsletters are a source of information on Branch activities as well as including many interesting stories contributed by our members. This is your newsletter and I encourage all members to submit stories that our Editor, Sheila Jolley, will receive gratefully.

Worth a mention is our Round Robin magazine circulation system. See page 6 for details. This gives you very low cost access to informative international genealogy magazines.

Negotiations with the Paraparaumu Library to be an Affiliate Library for the LDS Family History Centre online collections are ongoing. We are hoping to make some good progress over the next few months.

## Convenor's Report cont.

Your enthusiastic committee meet monthly and I am grateful for their input and support in my role as Convenor. Committee members are Colin Cameron (Secretary), John Miller (Treasurer), Ian Brooking, Lorna Henderson, Donna Bridgeman, Gerard Denton, Sonia Coom and Bev Chappell.

Special thanks to Stephen Sherring who quietly goes about organising and running our raffles, Judy Olsen who so ably attends to our suppers and Ian Brooking who works tirelessly, mainly behind the scenes, in support of the committee. Ian has a finger on the pulse of most activities and we are very grateful and privileged to have him amongst us.

As most of you will know we are a Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists and governed by the NZSG constitution. Of our 200 members only 60 are members of the NZSG and while there is no compulsion or requirement for our members to join the NZSG, I do want to take this opportunity to encourage you to look at what they can offer. At \$93 per annum it is not particularly cheap and even though, living in Kapiti, we do not have physical access to their library in Panmure, there is a multitude of resources that you can access online via their website. Do have a thorough look through what is available.

Personally I find the bi-monthly magazine, the New Zealand Genealogist, very worthwhile and enjoyable.

Looking forward to the next year, in addition to our normal special interest groups and monthly meetings, we have commenced bi-monthly On-line Trees workshops, very well run by Lorna. We will also be running a series of workshops on Genealogy for Beginners to meet the needs of new members and those who struggle with research and recording.

Our ethos remains "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." and it is our commitment, as your committee, to make this real for you, our valued membership. As a branch we are here to meet your needs in an informative, enjoyable, fun way.

*Ian Barbour, Convenor, Kapiti Branch NZSG.*

11th July 2020

## Coming up

The Genealogist is running [The Family History Show Online](https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/online/) which takes place on **26th September**. There will be virtual exhibitor stalls where you can either video chat and/or text chat to exhibitors, an 'Ask the Experts' stand, new video lectures and an expert Q&A panel session at the end of the day. This will be the same format as the show on 20th June which attracted over a thousand visitors. To find out more about the online show, visit <https://thefamilyhistoryshow.com/online/>. We hope to see you there!

The Genealogical Society of Qld (Brisbane, Australia) are holding their annual seminar on the **24th Oct 2020** via Zoom Webinar due to restrictions of Covid-19 and not knowing what the situation will be like in Oct 2020.

The theme is in regards to Ireland and how we all can get the best from the online collections during this time period when we cannot travel to Ireland ourselves.

Two overseas presenters - John Grenham and Chris Paton, are also going to come online later in the day to answer questions live.

To get a copy of the brochure containing details and day-long programme go to [www.qsg.org.au](http://www.qsg.org.au)

## Branch information

### Kapiti Genealogy Venues

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

KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina St,  
Paraparaumu

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

### 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.

Details of this month's Branch meetings are on  
page 2. Attendance is free to members of the Branch,  
Visitors \$3 to help cover expenses.

**Committee meetings** are held on the 1st  
Wednesday afternoon of the month.

### Evening meeting supper roster:

If your surname starts with the letters **S - W** Judy Olsen  
would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use  
the dishwasher provided!)

### 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. They are temporarily suspended while  
Level 2 restrictions are in place.

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

### Facilities at the Alison Procter Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library .  
Turn right inside the library entrance to the  
area containing 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 for the current year.

### 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.  
You are encouraged to use these resources as often  
as you need including other records and books

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.

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

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.

## Round Robins

The two magazines for Round Robin circulation are 'Family Tree' and 'Who Do You Think You Are?'  
The fees are \$15 for each magazine for the year from July. A worthwhile investment!

Please let Bev Chappell know at [RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org) if you wish to be on the circulation list.  
Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

## Interest Groups

### Online Trees/software.

Next session **Saturday 29th August, 1.45-3.45pm**, Paraparaumu Library meeting room.  
\$3 to cover expenses.

Topic for this session is WikiTree (<http://WikiTree.com>).

These sessions are designed to show you options for sharing your tree online eg. as cousin bait, and in this case to document and share your research for posterity, collaborating with those interested.

For more information go to

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/online-trees-their-companion-software-programs/>

### Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday 8th September, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

### Australian

Usually second Thursday of every month from February to November.

Next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday 10th September, 10-12noon** at APFHC, for help with Australian research. Check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes.

### Roots Magic

For those using Rootsmagic to record family history.

Next meeting will be **Saturday 19th September, 2-4pm**. Venue may change and time could be slightly earlier. For more information and any last minute changes, go to <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/>

### DNA

Next meeting is on **Saturday 10th October, 1.30-4pm**. Waikane Baptist Church Café,  
286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae. \$3 to cover expenses.

If you wish to be added to the DNA group mailing list, please use the Contact link on our web page <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/> where any updates will also be posted.

## Pop-up 'How to' Sessions

The discussion after the AGM about the level for the forthcoming Back to Basics sessions, highlighted that there is also a demand for help on how to do quite a few mainly computer related tasks.

Next year, we will be reactivating our 'How To' section at the beginning of our evening meetings, when we do not have an external speaker (all of the remaining ones for this year are external).

In addition we are proposing that we use Zoom to start informal monthly pop-up sessions, 45 mins max, on specific "how to" topics. The first will be a Catch-22 session on how to use Zoom, (using Zoom) and is scheduled for the first **Saturday 5th September at 2pm**.

No prior experience necessary as we aim to get you up to speed with participating in such sessions by whatever means necessary. **Registration required**, please use the Contact Us form on our website or email us with "PopUp" in the subject line.

Suggestions for future short help sessions welcome.



### Branch Officers

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

**Secretary:** Colin Cameron  
Phone: 022 674 9165  
Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org

**Treasurer :** John Miller  
Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

### Branch responsibilities

**Membership:**  
Lorna Henderson: Phone: 293 7771  
Membership "at" KapitiGen.org

### Programme & Activities:

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### Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Meeting registrar:** Donna Bridgeman

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

**Publicity:** Donna Bridgeman

**Member:** Gerard Denton

### Membership

New members always welcome.  
A bargain at \$25 for the year to 31st March 2021.  
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 cream membership card.  
Further details at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2020/01/membership-for-the-202021-year/>

**Newsletter Editor:** Sheila Jolley  
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**Computer Liaison:** Frances Braddick

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Equipment Support:**

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**Catering:** Judy Olsen

**Schools project:** John Glover

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the **Who Does What** section  
<http://www.kapitigen.org/home/who-does-what/>

### Email links

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

### Next Evening meeting

September 22nd

Irena Lowe

Polish immigration to

New Zealand

Daytime meeting

September 23rd