

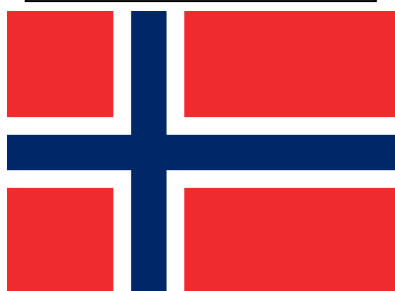
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[http://
KapitiGen.org](http://KapitiGen.org)
for additional
information on
events, Branch,
Interest & User
Groups, and any
late changes.

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Editorial

Flag of Norway



This month it's Norway's turn, with the National Day on May 17th. Don't miss Sonia's account of an interesting family find at a Norwegian celebration.

Our Convenor, Ian Barbour has written a comprehensive report of the years activities which is on the website, in full, along with the other reports for the AGM, see <http://www.kapitigen.org/communications/annual-reports/> For new members of the Branch it will be an inspiration to read just how many activities have been undertaken this last year.

Membership peaked at 201 with evening meetings attracting an average attendance of 50 and daytime meetings 20. Ian points out that although daytime meetings are particularly suited to those who cannot make it in the evening, they are complementary making attendance at both a really attractive option.

He encourages members to make full use of the Special Interest

Group workshops, details of which can be found on page 6 or on the programme on the website.

The DNA SIG is hosting a must-be-there workshop on July 27th for all those wishing to further their knowledge. (See p. 5)

The Committee's focus in the coming year is to make sure the Branch meets the needs of its members. Please do not hesitate to come forward with your input and suggestions.

Ian concludes by acknowledging the invaluable contribution made by all those who give their time and energy to furthering the interests of Kapiti Genealogy.

It's the Branch's 35th birthday this year. There will be a cake to celebrate, cut immediately after the AGM and before the useful session on backups and storage. See you there!

Sheila

Next meeting
Tuesday May 28th
AGM
Plus backups and
storage methods

May Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: **Tuesday May 28th** 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

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

What: **AGM**

Followed by a discussion on back-ups, online and offline storage

Will you be prepared when your hard drive crashes?

Convenor: Ian Barbour

Supper roster: F – J



Daytime meeting.

When: **Wednesday May 22nd** 1.30 – 4pm
2 - 4pm - meeting

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

What: **How to get the best from Family Search** - speaker Ian Brooking
Followed by the usual discussion and research session

Co-ordinator: Sonia Coom

Branch news

Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists
AGM to be held on Tuesday 28 May 2019 at 7.30pm
at Kapiti Community Centre, 15 Ngahina Street, Paraparaumu

Agenda

Apologies
Confirm 2018 Minutes
Business arising from the Minutes
Annual Report for the period 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019
Financial Report for the period 01 April 2018 to 31 March 2019
Appointment of Auditor
Election of Officers and Committee **
General Business

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Nominations are called for a minimum of five nominees for Committee including the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Nominees for the positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer must be current financial members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Reminder - Change of venue for DNA Interest Group

From the 8th June session onwards we are shifting to the **Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe** at **286 Te Moana Rd**. Same planned dates and times. See page 6, or calendar on the website for details. Turn right off the expressway at Waikanae and head up Te Moana Rd to 286.

We were meant to be there

On the 19th May I attended the National Day of Norway celebrations in memory of my Grandmother, learning more than I ever expected.

Usually held on 17th May each year, these celebrations are organised in Norsewood by local, John Ellison, to celebrate the signing of the Norwegian Constitution in Eidsvoll, May 17, 1814. Norwegian Constitution Day is referred to among Norwegians as syttende mai (lit. "seventeenth May"), Nasjonaldagen (The National Day) or Grunnlovsdagen (The Constitution Day), although the latter is less frequent.

The celebration commenced at *Johanna's World, 'Pasotorpet' in the upper village with a flag raising ceremony. From there we all gathered in the local St. David's Presbyterian Church where Sharyn Burling gave a presentation on her Schmidt Family history, 'The Schmidt's From Prussia', and their connections with the district. This was followed by Bill Gunderson describing the living conditions our ancestors had to endure.

Of special interest was a replica of the very first shelter erected by settlers from the *SS Hovding*. They used whatever was available, constructing shelters from adzed timber and fern fronds collected from the bush.

**Johanna's World is a book based on the true story of Johanna, daughter of Johan Johannesen Paso and his wife Randi Finnsdatter, and their travels from Norway to New Zealand along with other members of the family aboard the SS Hovding in 1872.*

Members of the public then proceeded to the Memorial Oak to pay tribute to the area's pioneers. Children from the local school dressed in Norwegian national costume entertained with singing and dancing. The day finished with a lunch kindly donated by residents.

The talk by Sharyn Burling was of particular interest to me as she spoke on the historical background of her family and Schleswig- Holstein which is one of the areas from where my Grandfather, Ernst Carls Zachan was believed to have come. My father always believed his father was Danish and a seaman who came from Schleswig-Holstein, but his naturalisation paper said he was born in Stettin, Prussia. Comparing dates between certificates, he arrived in New Zealand about 1873 aged 17. He married my Grandmother Ovidia Bolette(b.Thoresen) Thompson, one of the original settlers aboard the *SS Hovding*.

It came as no surprise to find that my family tree DNA details on My Heritage, came back with 65 hits connected to the name Schmidt on my paternal side, with some of those coming from Poland. It didn't stop there either. We found we also had a connection with the Burling family on my maternal side of the family.

So it was no co-incidence. We were meant to attend that ceremony in Norsewood.

Sonia Coom

Round Robins

If you wish 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.

Tour of the National Library

On May 16, a group of 12 were the beneficiaries of another wonderful tour of National Library lead by Fiona Gray.

Fiona spent an hour showing the various resources available to us as family historians and then took us to a room with a data projector and spent half an hour explaining how to navigate the National Library website. There are some collections that are only available from the website when on site at the Library, so it is definitely worth taking time to explore the many computers available, or to bring your own device and hook into the free Wi Fi.

Fiona explained that Legal Deposit now covers published books (both printed and ebooks). If you have a printed or an electronic version of your family history which is unpublished, you are still able to donate that to the National Library. Restrictions can be placed on your material if required for privacy reasons. These items are usually only accessible to be read in the Katherine Mansfield Reading Room. Te Aki is the name of the unpublished records and collections.

Fiona spent some time explaining the benefits of looking at microfiche or CD roms. Either a transcriber or OCR (optical character recognition) can distort or misread a character and therefore an index can be wrong. Also not all information on CD's have been digitalised, therefore you can miss important information eg: the Victoria Outwards to New Zealand CD. Not all information on that CD is available on the Victoria website <https://prov.vic.gov.au> The CD is on the computers at the APFHC in the library at Paraparaumu.

There are some obscure CD collections worth checking out. In particular the NZ Biographical Collection. For births, deaths, marriages and anniversaries between 1969- 1990 (that were published in The Dominion, Evening Post and Dominion Post), there is a collection of the paper cuttings freely available in a cabinet.

For those who used the *Old Friends* website before it closed down a few years ago, the National Library is nearly ready to re-launch this information. It will be online but in a different format.

Every tour is different and it doesn't matter how many times you do a tour of the National Library there is always something new to learn!

Kathy Callaghan

Brickwalls on 23rd July

Now is your chance to tap into the pooled wisdom of other members to try and break down your latest brickwall(s).

Please send the details of your Brickwall to us as soon as possible to give us time to try and tumble them. Include as many details as you know and email to **kapitigen@gmail.com** with the subject line BRICKWALLS

ALSO, to help spread the research load, we need volunteers who are willing to help work on these brickwall puzzles - 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 of the them for presentation at the July meeting.

Ian Brooking

Sites to explore

Retrolens NZ is a LINZ and regional council collaboration that allows public on-line access to aerial survey photos taken from around 1937 by RNZAF and NZ Aerial Mapping. It is presently incomplete but is progressing.

The scans are taken from photo prints, not the original large negatives, so some resolution is lost. You may be able to view original prints at your local council; visit them. Alternatively, many excellent oblique aerial views can be found and purchased at the National Library and some displayed on Digital NZ of almost every town in NZ. <http://retrolens.nz/Map/>

You go to the site, say yes on the agree button at the bottom of the screen, then next type a location into the search box. Awful screen comes up, tap the + button a few times so you can see a map emerge, and to the right there are suggested photos. If you click on them, you can download them.

Jenny Martin

This is a good site.

The 2779 New Zealand soldiers who died as part of the Gallipoli campaign.

<https://assets.stuff.co.nz/interactives/Gallipoli/the2779/>

It is arranged alphabetically in the Battalions they were in.

On the memorial tab, the name, age, rank, date and cause of death for all of the 2779 men killed is recorded. For many, there are even more details, like where they were buried, their occupation, next of kin or even their rugby club.

St Bartholomew's Hospital Archives & Museum London
www.bartshealth.nhs.uk/st-bartholomews-museum-and-archives

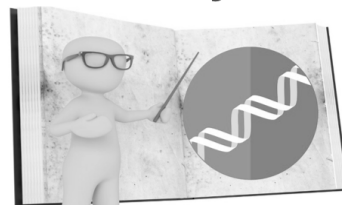
Medical and surgical cases, Oct 1848-Apr 1849

[Pp 372-73: Patient case notes concerning a case of chimney sweep's cancer, 1848. Percivall Pott (Surgeon to the Hospital 1749-87) was one of the early British surgeons to investigate occupational disease, and the first to recognise the connection between work in sooty conditions and cancer of the scrotum - the first occupational cancer to be described.

Deborah Shuker

DNA workshop

Getting more out of your DNA results



Saturday 27 July 2019 10.00am-4.00pm

Venue: **Kapiti Community Centre**
15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu
Cost: \$15

(morning tea and afternoon tea provided, BYO lunch)

Michelle Patient and **Lorna Henderson** combine forces to explore techniques and tools for extracting and using DNA evidence for researchers with intermediate experience.

Programme

9:30 am doors open *cuppa available*

10:00am Latest DNA news

10:30 am Y-DNA

11:00 am - Including DNA results into my "working" tree

11:30 Question time

midday lunch

1:00pm RootsFinder

1:30pm Autoclustering, ThruLines™ and Theories of Relativity™

2:00pm Question time

2:30pm *afternoon tea*

3:00pm When Tools Collide - the DNAPainter website

4:00pm Finish

To book

Please contact Lorna 04 293 7771 or email DNADay "at" KapitiGen.org



Brought to you by Kapiti DNA Interest Group

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 Branch events are in the programme on our website on the calendar.

Monthly evening meeting: Tuesday 28th May 7-9pm - details of meetings on page 2

Daytime meeting: Wednesday 22nd May 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.

Saturday 1st June: 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.

Saturday 27th July: DNA workshop with Michelle patient. See details on page 5.

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

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

Tuesday 11th June: Irish interest group. 2 - 4pm, APFHC

Thursday 13th June: Australian interest group. 10 - 12 noon APFHC

Saturday 29th June: NZ Kapiti Legacy users group, Kapiti Community Centre, 1- 4pm.

Saturday 20th July: Roots Magic group. Kapiti Community Centre, 2 - 4pm.

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to November.

Next session **Thursday 13th June, 10-12noon** at APFHC for help with any Australian research.

DNA

Next meeting **Saturday 8th June, 2-4pm** at Waikanae Baptist Church Café, 286 Te Moana Rd. \$3 door charge for rent/refreshments. <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

NB. Change of venue. From 8th June session we are shifting to the Waikanae Baptist Church Café, 286 Te Moana Rd.

Same planned dates and times.

The specific topic scheduled for part of the June session is using GEDMatch (<http://genesis.gedmatch.com>), those on our mailing list have been provided further information.

DNA Workshop - see page5 for details.

\$15 for the day, or any part thereof.

Payment may be made to our BNZ bank account 02-0591-0040791-000

please put your name and phone number in the payee/ref fields provided.

(Lorna's sessions are yDNA & RootsFinder)

Further inquiries to DNADay "at" KapitiGen.org

Legacy Users

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

Everyone is welcome.

Next meeting **Saturday 29th 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 11th June, 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.

Our last session included some well-received tips on keeping your 'Places' tidy

Next two-monthly meeting will be **Saturday 20th**

July 2-4pm at Kapiti Community Centre.

\$3 door fee. to cover rental/refreshments

Topic will include Media.

.Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques.

Details on <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 fourth Wednesday of the month from Jan. to November.

Coming up.

Tuesday May 28th 7:00pm: supper
7:30pm: meeting starts.

Wednesday May 22nd 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 7.30pm on the 1st Wednesday of months January - November.

Evening meeting upper roster: F – J

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

We welcome several new members this month: Angela Hart, Beverly Bowden, Jane McArthur, Christine Jamieson and Susan Beaven. Welcome back to Lorraine Debreceeny.

If you are a new member or have not been to an evening meeting previously, please make yourself known to Donna on the entrance table.

Help with Research

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

Saturday's are by appointment only. Phone Lorna on 293 7771 to book and get one-on-one help.

Website

Log in and explore, update your details and find information on our user groups <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> as well as full details of meetings in the calendar.

Facilities at the

Alison Proctor Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparamu 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 new **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.

AGM reports are on the website.

Do read the Convenor's account of the year. It gives a good insight as to what we are all about.

Also check out the resources detailed below. If you need individual help, look under 'Help with Research' on this page and phone Lorna to book a session.

Getting it right - new members alert!

If you have just joined and 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. There are 11 videos, all around 8 to 10 minutes each. So you can pick and choose what you learn or you can start from the beginning and work your way through.



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Schools liaison: Bill McKeich

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Roots Magic: Lorna Henderson

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Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site above - 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.

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

To access our resources at the Paraparaumu Library use your **pink** membership card. Last year's card is no longer valid.

Further details at <http://www.kapitigen.org/2019/01/membership-renewals-for-the-20192020-year/>

Next meeting
June 25th
Jonathan Newport
Archives NZ
Land Records