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

## Editorial



I wonder if anyone will stay up all night to see the virtual family history show detailed on page 5. It looks a really exciting event. Such a pity it's in the middle of the night!

Yet more for Irish researchers in the addition of 'Roots Ireland' to our facilities at the Alison Proctor Family History Centre. This site delivers many, often obscure, results not found elsewhere.

If you have yet to discover the wealth of information available on Family Search, don't miss the How to? pop up session, or the blog links on page 4.

Our meetings in November will be the last of the year and hence festive occasions. These are always good fun and a chance to chat with other members of the Branch, which is not always possible at monthly meetings.

Keep safe.  
*Sheila*

This months meetings:  
Tuesday evening  
October 27th  
'Vintage Postcards'  
Wednesday afternoon  
October 28th

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We have lift off!

The evening meeting on October 27th is NOT cancelled.

Our speaker, Dawn Chambers, is discussing vintage New Zealand postcards and how they can help in family history. She has suggested that if you have old postcards of interest, bring them along to the meeting for her to see.

The Daytime meeting is on as usual.

Anyone who has missed going to the National Library over the past few months will be pleased to see that Kathy Callaghan has organized a visit for November 17th.

Details on page 2. Contact Kathy before 14th November.

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

## October Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday October 27th 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.  
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

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

### What: NZ Vintage Postcards - Speaker - Dawn Chambers

Dawn will discuss the history of postcards, and give examples of use, photographers, senders and receivers.

Bring along any old postcards of interest for Dawn to see.

**Convenor:** Ian Barbour

**Supper roster:** S – W

### Daytime meeting

**When:** Wednesday October 28th 1.30 – 4pm  
2 - 4pm - meeting

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

**What:** Update from last night's meeting followed by our usual research and discussion session.  
Bring along any postcards of interest to share with other members.

**Co-ordinator:** Sonia Coom



## Branch news

**Don't forget,** if you need transport to meetings, please use either the Contact Us form on the website or email [Secretary@KapitiGen.org](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org), with "Transport" in the subject line.

### Welcome to new member, Casey Bowden.

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.

**This month's speaker.** Dawn Chambers has a scientific background and has been researching her family history since 1987. She won the NZSG 1996 Kevin McAnulty Award for a published family history.

This is an opportunity to get your old NZ postcards assessed by an expert. Dawn will be pleased to look at any of interest and possibly photograph them. So go searching to see what you have.

**National Library Tour.** Kathy Callaghan has rearranged the tour of the National Library for Tuesday **November 17th** at 10.30am.

We'll go down on the 9.00am train from Waikanae. Register with [kathycallaghan@gmail.com](mailto:kathycallaghan@gmail.com) or 04 2970733 by Saturday 14th Nov.

**Message from Lindsay Olsen,** [clova2007@gmail.com](mailto:clova2007@gmail.com) Could someone please advise where we could go to get the medals cleaned without damage to the ribbons?

We're looking to have them mounted in a presentation glass covered box for mounting on our wall. Thanks.

*(Reply from an antique dealer - Don't clean them. You'll detract from the value.)*

## New Resource for APFHC

Those researching Irish heritage will be delighted to see the new resource on our computers at the Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC).

We have taken out a subscription to RootsIreland (<https://www.rootsireland.ie/>) for a trial period.

"RootsIreland offers a unique database of more than 22 million Irish records

It contains data from 34 county genealogy centres on the island of Ireland. The main sources on the site are Irish Catholic and other church records of baptisms, marriages and deaths, which are the most important source for tracing Irish ancestry.

"The Irish Family History Foundation has been the coordinating body for a network of county genealogy centres and family history societies for over thirty years. The sources available vary for each county so please check our Irish Online Sources for details of what is available on the website."

The link to access this collection appears at the top left on the Internet Resources page on our system.



As per TheGenealogist we have just one subscription, so only one person can use it at a time, but it is available on all our computers.

Please do NOT sign out of RootsIreland (or FindMyPast or TheGenealogist). It means someone has to go in and fix the access again.

## How to? - pop up monthly

**Saturday 7th November, 2pm, via Zoom.** Members only, free.

**How to register for, and navigate, Family Search**

**Pre-registration required.** Please reply to your newsletter email, or use the Contact Us form on our website, [http://www.kapitigen.org/contact\\_us/](http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/)

<http://FamilySearch.org> is one of the "go-to" sites for genealogy.

If you've never registered (or you have forgotten your login or password) we'll get you up and running (again), and acquaint you with the basic navigation to access the wealth of information on the site.

To register or find your username/password you will need to be able to access to your mail at the time.

## Blogs etc.

I know I'm not the most switched-on cookie in the tin and I'm not sure what a 'blog' is, but I have just discovered some very interesting things, all to be found on our facilities in APFHC.

Check out the following link for explicit instructions on how to search newspapers from all over the world in FindMyPast. <https://youtu.be/INUS2KGGT18> It includes great tips on how to use filters to narrow down your search and find what you're looking for. It gives the link to British newspapers - <https://search.findmypast.ie/search/british-newspapers>, which is free to register and gives you three free searches.

It's really worth investigating the information that you can get from newspapers.

The link <https://www.findmypast.com.au/blog> brings up some interesting articles including tips on how to trace immigrant ancestors, Irish ancestors that lived during the time of the Irish famine and the story of the Mayflower pilgrims and their journey to America in 1620. Add to that, new records added to FindMyPast collections in the last month and several educational articles on how to record your family history etc.

The link to The Genealogist's website reveals a range of articles.

<https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/>

These vary from 'Tracing illegitimate ancestors online' (See illustration on right)

to participants in 'Who do you think you are', to the history of Stourhead - now a National Trust property in Wiltshire via The Genealogist's Headstone collection, to the use of Tithe maps, and so much more.



<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/> is another link to check out. This also contains a list of the recent records that have been added to Family Search's collection, plus an article on how they have updated their 'Genealogies' page.

Family Search and its predecessor have collected genealogies submitted by research partners or other societies for 125 years. These are now available online and can be search under multiple headings. The Genealogies section can be accessed under the Search button



This picture heads their article on the Mayflower pilgrims from 1620 detailing who they were, why they were fleeing the dictates of the Church of England and what happened to them.

The second page gives more stories about the people who founded the Plymouth settlement in America.

The blog also gives a useful monthly update on all the records that have been added.

The place where your family came from is an integral part of family history. The Family Search places tool: <https://www.familysearch.org/research/places/> provides a summary of the records, demographics, and history of the place that you name.

You can search by town, parish, county, state, or other place term.

## Coming up - virtual family history show

**Saturday 14th November.**

**Timezone: Pacific/Auckland.**

Time: **23:00 - 05:00** ( OK if you are a night owl)

**FAMILY HISTORY FEDERATION REALLY USEFUL FAMILY HISTORY SHOW!**

Sadly the early bird tickets finished on October 18th but in order to book, click the link below.

<https://www.fhf-reallyuseful.com/events/fhf-really-useful-show/>

Advice will be provided by professional genealogists who are members of AGRA (Association of Genealogists and Researchers in Archives). They are available to help with questions you may have with research challenges as well as general assistance on a wide range of family history topics.

The show is being run from Ireland but will include Irish, Jewish, Scottish and English speakers. There are 24 talks in 6 hours! Far too much to digest, but all the talks will be recorded and made available after the show.

The link above will give you full details of all that is going on. It's a really comprehensive event at which you can interact with exhibitors such as local family history societies and ask questions of the experts.

## Local History Week - Palmerston North

The main events run for the week of **November 2nd to 8th**, but some of the ancillary events start earlier than that.

*Original Message from the Library:*

"This exciting programme coordinated by the Palmerston North City Library provides our community with the opportunity to share in and learn about some of Palmerston North's history. This year sees us offer five lunchtime talks, and a variety of walks, tours and activities including a Terrace End by Twilight tour with guides Tina White and Leanne Hickman; very popular last year. Other tours include Te Hotu Manawa O Rangitāne O Manawatū Marae and Linton Military Camp.

Where bookings are required these can be made by contacting the Heritage Team on the second floor of the Central Library or by phoning 3514100 ext. 7377."

## Rootstech is coming - 25-27th February 2021

### Introducing Rootstech connect: free online experience

What to expect:

- Celebrity speakers from across the globe
- Dozens of classes to choose from in multiple languages
- Online interactive marketplace featuring companies from all around the world
- Cultural activities that celebrate your heritage
- Learn new skills

You'll be able to sign up free and take full part.

Past conferences have always provided a wealth of information via free webinars.

There is a video archive available at

<https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive>

## 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 at the next evening  
meeting, whenever that will be!

### 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.

Saturday's are by appointment only. If you need  
individual help phone Lorna on 293 7771 to book a  
session. See page 2 for 'How to' pop up 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.

All six computers have subscriptions to Ancestry,  
FindMyPast and access to The Genealogist and  
Roots Ireland as well as free sites like FamilySearch.  
(Use your own log-in to FamilySearch).

Please do **NOT** sign out of RootsIreland,  
FindMyPast or TheGenealogist.

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 31st October, 1.45-3.45pm**, Paraparaumu Library meeting room.  
\$3 to cover expenses.

This will be a hands-on session on Familysearch and Wiki Trees to iron out difficulties.

These sessions are designed to show you options for sharing your tree online eg. as cousin bait, as well as documenting and sharing 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 10th November, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

### Australian

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

This will be the last meeting for 2020.

In future the Australian SIG will meet on the second Thursday of every second month from February to November.

The first meeting in 2021 is scheduled for **Thursday March 11th**.

### Roots Magic

For those using Rootsmagic to record family history.

Next meeting will be **Saturday 21st November, 2-4pm**. In the Kapiti Community Centre, Pohutakawa Room, doors open 1:30pm. \$3 entry fee.

All welcome. Usual Q & A section where you can share your hints and tips and ask questions.

Wonder if they'll give us a Christmas present by releasing the long promised Version 8?

Check out the preview videos on the RootsMagic website. Go to the RootsMagic blog

<http://blog.rootsmagic.com/?p=3018> for more information.

For any last minute changes or to contact us, please go to:

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

### DNA

We had our last in-person DNA meeting for the year in early October.

However as there was interest in further exploration of DNAPainter more we are scheduling a **ZOOM session late November/early December** specifically to help each other with DNAPainter.

Pre-registration will be required and info sent to those on our DNA group mailing list.

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/>

And keep an eye on that page for any updates.

Notes from our last session have been sent out to those who attended.



### Branch Officers

**Convener:** Ian Barbour

Convener "at" KapitiGen.org

**Secretary:** Colin Cameron

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**Treasurer :** John Miller

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### Branch responsibilities

#### Membership:

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#### Programme & Activities:

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Denice Mc Carten

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#### Magazine Round Robins:

Bev Chappell

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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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**Catering:** Judy Olsen

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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  
November 24th  
End of year festivities

Daytime meeting  
November 25th