

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

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Editorial



January 25th. No Burns night is complete without the festive feast of haggis, neaps and tatties.

Photo: Courtesy of The Scotsman

With all the excitement of the change of venue last month, I forgot about Burns Night on January 25th. Spare a thought for those in Scotland unable to celebrate their poet's day.

NB. We have another change of venue to the Coast Community Church in Hinemoa Street. At the Paraparaumu traffic lights go over the railway line and take the first turn left into Hinemoa Street. The CC Church is the last building at the end of the street on the left. The evening meeting will be held here for the rest of the year.

Kapiti Community Centre have found mould in the walls of their building and are taking no further bookings this year.

With regard to the Covid Level 2 restrictions, the CC Church should be suitable for our meeting to go ahead. Watch the email accompanying this newsletter in case the situation changes.

Have you registered for the Rootstech yet? (see page 2). If you don't have a free account with Familysearch sign up ASAP. Don't miss this great opportunity.

We'll be sorry to lose Day Meeting coordinator, Sonia Coom, to the Hawke's Bay, but wish her well in her move. The Day Meetings will be in good hands with Denice McCarten. See page 4.

I think genealogists in Ireland must have been encouraged by the lockdown to take DNA tests. My husband now has eleven 1st cousins, twice removed! Finding the connections should keep me occupied for the rest of the year.

In the meantime, hopefully we'll be back to Level 1 today. We'll keep you posted.

Keep safe.
Sheila

This months meetings:
Tuesday evening
February 23rd and
Wednesday afternoon
February 24th

February Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday February 23rd 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu
NB. Change of location again!

What: Polish Immigration to New Zealand
By Irena Lowe

Irena will discuss the arrival of Polish immigrants to New Zealand from 1944 and later.



Convenor: Ian Brooking

Supper roster: L – P

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday February 24th 1.30 – 4pm
2 - 4pm - meeting

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

What: News and update from the evening meeting. Have you any Polish ancestors that came to New Zealand after 1944? Followed by our usual discussion and research session.

Co-ordinator: Sonia Coom

Branch news

NB. Change of venues for the rest of the year..

Our **Branch evening meetings** will be at the Coast Community Church, 57, Hinemoa Street. There is plenty of parking and room to 'social distance' if necessary.

The bimonthly **RootsMagic sessions** on the third Saturday of the month, 1.30-3.30pm will be in the Paraparaumu Library meeting room.

Don't forget Rootstech 25-27th February. This is such an exciting opportunity to hear great speakers. so sign up free and take full part. Past conferences have provided a wealth of information via free webinars. There is a video archive available at <https://www.rootstech.org/video-archive2>

To register go to <https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>

There are so many reasons to get involved. 200 sessions and the ability to connect with distant cousins via a virtual event platform. In order to take part in the discussions you need to have a Familysearch account. Its free so if you don't already have an account, sign up before the 25th February.

Membership. Our financial year finishes 31 March 2021. <http://www.kapitigen.org/2021/01/renewals-membership-for-the-202122-year/> has details on how to join or renew.

If you used to pay by cheque and do not do internet banking, cash is accepted but please only in an envelope with details of name / address / membership number.

If you need transport to meetings, please use either the Contact Us form on the website or email [Secretary](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org) at "KapitiGen.org, with "Transport" in the subject line.

How to: Monthly pop up session

These Zoom sessions are short hands-on interactive sessions, during which you can explore the topic with others in the comfort of your own home, using your own computer.

The technology allows you to share your screen for help / demonstration of techniques you've found useful. **Members only:** Free. Max 40 minutes.

Next session: Saturday 6th March, 2pm, via Zoom.

Pre-registration required. Please reply to your newsletter email, or use the Contact Us form on our website, http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/

'How to' topics of interest may be requested via the Contact Us form on our website, **but**, be warned that if no one requests anything, I'll pick a topic that I THINK some of you will find interesting, at the time of newsletter publication.



The March 'How to' is making the most of your DNA test (at any of the companies) by using FamilyTreeDNA (FTDNA) as an example.

This can include any of the following we have time for: testing there and/or uploading your test from the other testing companies, uploading a tree, connecting known matches to their place on your tree, navigating the site, and the additional testing that is offered by **only** FTDNA, of all the big companies.

Before attending you might like to check out the following so that you have questions/tips at the ready:

- autosomal transfers (ie uploading from other testing companies) <https://learn.familytreedna.com/imports/transfer-autosomal-ancestry/family-tree-dna-family-finder-transfer-program/>

- the Family Matching FAQ - <https://learn.familytreedna.com/user-guide/family-finder-myftdna/ftdna-family-matching-system/>

It is well worth doing.

Lorna Henderson

Kapiti Branch History

You will have read in last month's newsletter that ex-convenor and life member, Clive Palmer, is undertaking the writing of our Kapiti Branch History.

If you memories or photos that could contribute towards this project, please contact Clive.
email address, c-mpalmer@xtra.co.nz

New member

Welcome to new member Max Pedersen. We look forward to meeting you and hearing of your interests and experience. See page 6 for information on our facilities at the APFHC in Paraparaumu Library and how to use them. Good hunting!

Audrey Swallow, a member of Kapiti Genealogy and our Australian Special Interest Group, died on 10th February. Unwell for many years to various degrees, Audrey was still involved in St John, tennis, genealogy, choir, piano teaching, embroidery and her beloved family of four children, twelve grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Genealogy was woven into some of these activities, such as travelling for St John's meant she could meet up with a distant cousin. For each of the grandchildren and great grandchildren she individually designed and made a cross stitch panel which included their name, date of birth and weight. These were displayed at the funeral, which was directed by her nephew Andrew Malcolm. The officiator was her niece.

Her family branches ranged from the English Annabell and Chambers to the German Hornig. I expect Audrey will have quickly asked around the heavenly crowd for the answers to her brick walls.

Deborah Shuker

Branch Day Meetings

Sonia Coom was the person behind an initiative to hold meetings for those preferring to meet during the day. The very successful monthly Day meetings began under the Kapiti Genealogy umbrella in January 2018, in their current venue the Waikanae Baptist Church.

Sonia has been the driving force behind the day meetings ever since, also being seconded onto the committee at that time. But circumstances change, and Sonia is off to pastures new, which is our loss and Hawkes Bay's gain.

It is with great regret that we are losing Sonia to places north. She will be much missed. Thank you, Sonia, for your continuing enthusiasm and work over the last 3+ years to make the Day meetings the success they are.

Sonia sends the following message:

"As you may have heard I will be stepping down as Co-ordinator of the Daytime Meetings, with February probably being my last meeting. It's a case of "you can take the girl out of the Bay, but not the Bay out of the girl". Yes I am going back to my grass roots having been born and raised in Taradale, Greenmeadows, Napier area. Denice McCarten will be taking over from me.

My main aim was always to make everyone feel welcome, to offer a friendly, caring and sharing environment and make the meetings as interesting as possible. Thanks to those regular members for helping me achieve this.

I particularly wish to thank Gay, Rose and May for supporting me in this venture and agreeing to continue in their supportive roles. I'd like to take this opportunity to encourage members to come along and help each other. Genealogy is all about having fun on one hand and pulling your hair out in the other, but with assistance from others we continue moving forward.

The idea of the daytime meetings came about by wanting something to complement the evening meetings, focusing on research and sharing each others ideas and thoughts from their own experiences. We have now settled on an approach where we start with news and updates from the evening meeting topic before heading into our smaller groups for our research sessions.

This year there are some interesting topics being covered so make sure you keep checking the website for what's coming up:

So from the Scandi in me... farvel for nå men vi møtes igjen
(Farewell for now, but we will meet again)

Sonia Coom"



Thank you Denice for agreeing to step in and take over. Denice has been co-opted onto the Committee to keep abreast of what topics are being provided, for both day and evening meetings.

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.

Please let Bev Chappell know at RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org if you wish to be on the circulation list.

Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

Every issue has some really interesting articles, so this is a really good way of keeping up with the latest news and having access to new ideas, views and websites, without having to subscribe to the magazines.

Kapiti Historical Society

Wednesday 20 April – Roger Childs talking on the topic of *Gallipoli – Myth and Reality*. Should the disastrous Gallipoli campaign have such an important place in our history and did the actions of our forces on the peninsula play a key role in establishing New Zealand's identity?

Meetings are held in the Kapiti Uniting Church, Weka St, Raumati. 7.30pm
Sadly their February and March meetings clash with our evening meetings.

Contact pamandroger.childs@gmail.com for more details.

Some useful information from Jenny Martin

These may be sites you have not yet come across. Thank you, Jenny.

1. Ancestry holds two useful databases in their freemasonry Membership registrations dataset: England, united Grand lodge of England freemason Membership registers, 1751-1921 and Ireland, Grand lodge of freemasons of Ireland Membership registers, 1733-1923.
2. The Grand lodge of Ireland Museum, library & archive <https://freemason.ie/museum-library-archive> helps researchers to learn more about the details of their ancestors' membership or for researching the Masonic fraternity in general.
3. Check the website of the Museum of Freemasonry

<https://museumfreemasonry.org.uk/freemasonry-and-family-history>

The Museum holds the archives of: the united Grand lodge of England (including predecessor bodies); the Supreme Grand chapter of England (including predecessor bodies; buildings and sites associated with the Grand lodge; charitable bodies associated with freemasonry; individual freemasons; and many lodges and chapters that are now closed.

4. Masonic Periodicals online www.masonicperiodicals.org offers searchable digital copies of the major English Masonic publications held at the library and Museum of Freemasonry, London

5. Launch of interactive map of every Scottish Episcopal place of worship, from 1689-2021.

Eleanor M Harris has created a project to list and geolocate all places of worship in Scotland. Access the map at: https://qgiscloud.com/eleanormharris/Episcopal_places_of_worship_map_online

From <http://eleanormharris.co.uk/2021/01/10/scottish-episcopal-places-of-worship-interactive-map/>

6. Bevin Trainees are now in the India Office Family History Search in 1941. The British Minister of Labour, Ernest Bevin, supported the establishment of the Bevin Training Scheme to provide practical training in engineering for young Indians. The India Office Records Team has transcribed all the names and details from lists of the first seven batches of trainees invited to the UK, into the British Library's India office family History Search.

From Matthew Waters, *India Office Records*. <https://blogs.bl.uk/untoldlives/2021/01/bevin-trainees-now-in-india-office-family-history-search.html>.

FamilyTreeDNA and Gene by Gene Merger. FamilytreeDNA and our parent company, Gene by Gene, have merged with myDNA, a leading genomics company that is revolutionizing the field of pharmacogenomics.

The merger of myDNA and Gene by Gene is built on the belief that genetic information can give us a scientific foundation for understanding how best to care of ourselves and maintain optimal health and wellness, both physically and mentally.

From FamilyTreeDNA and Gene by Gene.

Branch information

Kapiti Genealogy Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre,
Ground Floor, North West Corner,
Paraparaumu Library
Coastal Community Church, 57, Hinemoa Street,
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 January 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 evening of the month.

Evening meeting supper roster:

If your surname starts with the letters **L - P** Judy Olsen would appreciate your assistance at the next evening meeting. Since the next meeting will be at the Coast Community Church, facilities have yet to be assessed!

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.

The Wednesday sessions are open to the public, so if you have a friend interested in joining the Branch, do bring them along.

Saturday's are by appointment only. If you need individual assistance phone Lorna on 293 7771 to book a session with someone who will be able help. Next session **Saturday 6th March**.

Monthly pop up 'How to' session.

These zoom sessions are on the first Saturday of the month.

The next one is **Saturday 6th March**. See page 3 for details of topic and how to register.

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 sign for the key and 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.

Please sign the red signing-in book found in the top drawer.

Keyboards are in the lowest 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).

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

A microfiche is available and there are books on a variety of topics which can be borrowed. Boxes of copies of 'Who do you think you are' and 'Family Tree' are on the shelf. The Paraparaumu library also has copies of 'Family Tree' on their magazine shelves.

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.

Interest Groups

Online Trees/software.

Our two-monthly sessions on the main online tree sites will run on the last Saturday of months February through October. Paraparaumu Library meeting room, 9 Ivor Trask Place.

\$3 to cover expenses. Starting with **Ancestry on 27th February** 1.45 - 3.45pm Doors open 1:30pm.

There's a wide range of views about online trees. Whether you already have a tree or are considering one, come along and share your hints for making the most of one.

Do you use other's trees as hints for your research? Did you know that you do not have to have a subscription to have a tree online at Ancestry? Want to create one for yourself but don't know how?

Want to share it with others whilst retaining control of edits? Do you only want to publish some of your data online? Do you know how to create a back up of it?

Why you might want to consider the companion software FamilyTreeMaker.

Any other questions? - Someone will be able to help. All welcome. 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 9th March, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

Australian

For help with Australian research. Check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes.

The Australian SIG meets on the second Thursday of every second month from February to November. The first meeting in 2021 is scheduled for **Thursday March 11th, 10-12noon** at APFHC.

Roots Magic

NB. Please note change of venue and earlier start time,

For those using Rootsmagic to keep track of their research and record family history.

Two-monthly sessions on 3rd Saturday of the month.

March 20th, Paraparaumu Library Meeting Room, 9 Ivor Trask Place, Paraparaumu.

Doors open **1 pm for 1:30 - 3:30pm**. \$3 entry fee. All welcome. Usual Q & A section where you can share hints and tips and ask questions.

For last minute changes go to: <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic>

Rootsmagic News:

The long awaited Version 8 is making progress and has been released for the adventurous wishing to try it out and give feedback, but not yet ready for use with your main data. Keep an eye on the RootsMagic blog <http://blog.rootsmagic.com>

DNA

Two-monthly meetings, on the 2nd Saturday of the month, February to October, for those interested in exploring how DNA testing can help their genealogy. **Next meeting Saturday 10th April.**

Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. Doors open 1.30 for 2-4pm session, \$3 entry please.

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/> . Keep an eye on that page for any updates.

Notes from each session are usually sent out to those who attended.

DNA News:

MyHeritage has done a major update of their Theory of Family Relativity (their equivalent of Ancestry's ThruLines). Both sites show you HINTS as to how you may connect to your DNA matches. Which hints always need validation.

Although they both start with your DNA match, the bits in between rely on a huge pool of resources, the bulk of which in both cases include other family trees, and record hints that may or may not be relevant / accurate. All hints are welcome!

Read more at: <https://blog.myheritage.com/2021/02/update-to-theory-of-family-relativity-4/>



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Membership

We are now accepting renewals, and new memberships, for the 2021/22 year. These are not actually due until 31st March, but please be kind to the Membership Secretary and spread the workload.

Still a bargain at \$25 for the year April to March.

Bank account for internet banking payments: BNZ

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Further details at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2021/01/renewals-membership-for-the-202122-year/>

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<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

March 23rd

On-line trees

Lorna Henderson

Daytime meeting

March 24th