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events, Branch,  
Interest & User  
Groups, and  
any late  
changes.

## Editorial



*Christmas Greetings*

This is the last newsletter of the year so you have a month's respite to get all those stories written, ready for publication in 2023! Thanks to those that have already forwarded articles or tidbits to include.

This month is quite a mixture of interesting family research and information.

The Committee is still looking for someone to take on the post of Secretary. Colin has offered help to anyone who is interested and it is stressed that the tasks are not onerous. Come on folks!

The trip to the National Library sounds really interesting, as usual (see page 3). Such a worthwhile visit with lots to see and research help available.

This year's Festive Knees-up will be great fun. Do you have any interesting women in your family. You only have four minutes to extoll (or otherwise) their deeds and scandals!

Do email a photo to Ian so we can all see what she looks like. (see page 2.

And - you won't want to miss the scenes from Garry Aitchison's play. He wants feedback having been inspired by our recent meeting.

Jenny Wilson (our raffle lady) would like to thank all those who have contributed towards the raffle, making it a Christmas special.

The first evening meeting for 2023 will be on January 24th. In the meantime, best wishes to everyone for Christmas and the New Year.

Cheers.

Sheila



Meetings this month:  
Tuesday Evening  
November 22nd

Daytime Meeting  
Wednesday afternoon  
November 23rd

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## November Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday November 22nd 7pm - finger food and refreshments for starters!  
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where:** Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

**What:** **Festive End-of-Year Function** - including  
Garry Aitchison - "I feel a play coming on"  
Tell us about the important women in your tree  
Cracking the annual genealogy quiz  
Possibility of winning the festive raffle!



**Supper roster:** F - J

**Convenor:** Ian Brooking

### Daytime meeting

**When:** Wednesday November 23rd 1.30 – 4pm  
2 - 4pm meeting

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

**What:** Programme as for the evening festive function,  
but on a smaller scale, without Garry Aitchison. Come and join us.

**Co-ordinator:** Denice McCarten

## Branch notices

### Branch Secretary

We are **still** on the search for someone to replace our calm, efficient Secretary, Colin, who is departing South for family reasons. Check the web page under 'Who Does What (<http://www.kapitigen.org/home/who-does-what/>) for duties. Please email Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org if you can help.

**Welcome to new member** Mary Hollywood. We look forward to meeting you.

### End of year function - 22nd November

Be there to join in the festivities 😊😊. Come and meet your fellow genealogists and enjoy an action packed evening. Not to be missed.



Starts at 7 p.m. with wine, juices and scrumptious nibbles prepared by a very able team of volunteers. Following this, for fifteen minutes, Garry Aitchison will explore his ideas about developing a genealogy play and asks us for input. Quite exciting given our foray into genealogy drama at a recent meeting.

Then we have "what about the women"?

You have a **four minute** slot to tell an amusing/interesting story or discovery about a special woman family member. If you have a picture, please email it in advance to [Programme "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:Programme@KapitiGen.org) (or bring along on a flash drive on the night) to project on the screen.

And then the annual team quiz session and a chance to win chocolates for your performance. No doubt there will be controversy but the very able quiz master will quell any riots 😊



## National Library Tour

A group of eight enjoyed another successful tour of the National Library on November 2nd.

We started with looking at the Dorothy Neal White collection of children's books published before 1940. Some of us have books from our childhood and don't know what to do with them. Donating them to this collection is a wonderful way of giving them a long life, and let's face it, our grandchildren are unlikely to be as enthralled as we were with books of our era.

Numerous computers are available to use, but you can also bring your own device and hook into their Wi-Fi. This gives you access to lots of resources that you can't access from home. You can email anything you find to yourself or bring along a USB stick. The 1921 census on Find My Past is available for unlimited access (free).

There are huge filing cabinets full of photographs of places, people and ships, often with writing on the back giving more information. Not all of these have been digitised, so it's definitely worth hunting through. They are listed alphabetically. Also there is a collection of births, deaths and anniversaries published in the Evening Post and Dominion from 1969 - 1990.

Newspapers are an amazing source of information and the National Library has an extensive collection on microfilm. Papers Past is wonderful to have online, but it has a limited time range and not all provincial newspapers have been digitalised. If you're looking for a more recent article/death notice etc., you can view these. A staff member is available to help you get started. If you can't get into the Library you can request someone to do this for you by going to the website and putting in a request via 'ask a librarian'.

It's always worth going to the National Library website, <https://natlib.govt.nz> and putting names etc. into the search engine. It is surprising what you can find.

These tours are so informative and it is actually an advantage if you have been on a previous tour. There are so many resources, you need repeat visits to take it all in. We are very fortunate to have the National Library on our doorstep!

I popped into the Supreme Court to enquire about tours there for next year. I've done this one myself and it is so fascinating and informative. They have now resumed tours, so I'll look into booking one for early next year. Watch this space!

*Kathy Callaghan*

## NZSG Status Update

The Branch and Interest Group Review of the relationship with our parent body, NZSG, has been concluded and presented at NZSG/branch regional representative meetings around the country.

Recommendations have been presented to the Board which make the relationship between branches and NZSG less prescriptive and more in line with the Incorporated Society's Act. We are not currently incorporated, but will likely take steps to become so during this coming year.

A set of changes has been prepared to become a proposed rule change, which will be voted on at the next NZSG AGM. When the proposed changes become clearer we'll detail them in the newsletter

For background information on the issues please refer to the document sent to you back on 16<sup>th</sup> Nov, and also loaded to our website under the Members Only content, NZSG page <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/nzsg/>

## Who wore this ring?

Among our Barbour Family heirlooms is a wedding ring that has been cut off a finger in a rather agricultural way. Unfortunately the ring has no documented family history so had not gained a place in the Barbour Family rings display. However, if I could figure out where the ring was made and the date, I may be able to narrow down to whom it could have belonged.

The only identification on the ring was the gold mark and the manufacturing jeweller's name of R Paterson. Could this jeweller have been in Scotland, the home of my Barbour ancestors, or Otago, New Zealand, to where they immigrated.



A quick search for an R Paterson on the web brought no useful results. My second port of call was a neighbour who is an avid collector of special porcelain, silver and gold items. Malcolm scoured his many books and indexes, but drew a complete blank, apart from confirming that the ring was made from 18 CT gold.

Then one evening while browsing my Facebook groups including a group called Dunedin New Zealand Reminisces I posted a photo of the ring with a wee story, asking if anyone could help. Bingo, within a few minutes I had a response saying there was a Robert Paterson, jeweller, at 95 Princess Street, Dunedin and that the business had closed in 1925.

Wow, so onto Papers Past with this specific evidence. I found various bits of information about this jeweller including that he bought the business from a J Bremner, who had gone broke in 1908 due to the wayward ways his manager ran the business. My Papers Past searching continues.

With the date the ring was made now narrowed down to between 1908 and 1925 and that it was no doubt sold by a Dunedin jeweller, then who in my Barbour Family was the likely wearer of this ring? My grandmother lived in Dunedin, was widowed in 1920 and remarried John Barbour, my grandad in 1922. Thus my conclusion is that the ring was purchased in 1915 when she married her first husband, Andrew Blyth, and cut off when she remarried in 1922

OK, not necessarily meeting the genealogical proof standard but good enough for me, and I enjoyed the journey. Quite exciting really.  
*Ian Barbour*

## A Round Robin Tip

Here's a tip from *Who Do You Think You Are* from Aug 2022. (Past issues are held on our shelves at the APFHC and may be consulted there – or add yourself to the list to get a read before they reach the library.) See page 6 for details of Round Robin subscriptions.

When searching for someone in other peoples' trees you sometimes get presented with someone who looks to be your person, correct dates, relationships etc BUT the place looks rather odd, eg Middlesex, New Jersey, USA instead of England.

Ancestry were contacted about this issue and said this often happens when people do not input their event places on trees with commas between the place parts, to separate eg town, county, country, which makes it harder for their search engines to decipher exactly what is meant.

This issue also has a useful summary of which UK parish registers can be found online, and where.

## Octavius Hadfield (1814-1904)

At our October Branch meeting, we were treated to a comprehensive coverage of the life and impact of Octavius Hadfield on early colonial New Zealand. The presenter, Dave Hadfield, has an intimate knowledge of his subject, as Octavius was his g. g. grandfather.

Octavius was portrayed as a man of principle, a peacemaker amongst the tribes, trusted by local Maori, and willing to denounce the Government over its treatment of Maori land.

He came out to New Zealand under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society (CMS), and was the first priest to be ordained in New Zealand. Some of his early influences were over the anti-slavery movement and social reformers and he later became known as the "political parson".

He became the CMS missionary on the Kapiti Coast in 1839, staying until 1870 when he was ordained as the Bishop of Wellington. Later in 1890 he became the third Anglican primate of New Zealand.

The subsequent generation of Hadfields had a double dose of CMS sway, as Octavius married Kate Williams at Rangiatea in 1852, Kate being a daughter of Archdeacon Henry Williams.

Dave illustrated his talk liberally with anecdotes and quotations from letters, including exchanges between Octavius and Te Rauparaha. Although Te Rauparaha respected and supported Octavius, he never converted to Christianity. He did however take advice from Octavius and called off his threat to sack Wellington after the Wairau Affray.

For those who missed out on Dave's talk, you can get the flavour by watching this video on YouTube: "The Man who Saved Wellington" <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N8-bPM0ygfY&t=124s>

*Ian Brooking*

## WikiTree Sourcer

For those of you who use WikiTree, or want to use it more easily to add or improve your people profiles, have you found the browser extension WikiTree Sourcer, [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:WikiTree\\_Sourcer](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:WikiTree_Sourcer)? Do take a look.

I'm a bit late to the party for this very useful utility. The layout change at FamilySearch means my tried and true favourite, WikiTree X, seems unlikely to be updated in future to cope with the new layout, the old one being withdrawn early 2023. So what else is around?

The ever helpful "G2G forum" on WikiTree quickly pointed me to this tool, and also helped get me started when I failed to read the user guide accurately.

As a brief example, take a look at a person whose family I'm currently working on and see how it shows the census transcript and source from FindMyPast, <https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Davidson-17923>, with the minimum of typing and effort on my part, just a couple of clicks and a copy/paste of the WikiTree, formatted the result for each census.

*Lorna*

## The Kilcoyne Project

My maternal grandmother's maiden name was Kilcoyne. A few weeks ago a possible Kilcoyne cousin (Mike Crow in the USA) contacted me to investigate our connection. He is using both autosomal and Y-DNA analysis to identify Kilcoyne family connections in Ireland. Check out the blog post below.

<https://kilcoyenedna.blogspot.com/2022/10/understanding-kilcoyne-dna-project.html?m=1>

On the second map on the blog post, I am part of the Tubbercurry (South County Sligo) cluster, the grouping of gold pins on the map. Obviously he doesn't have Kilcoyne Y-DNA for me, but he has been able to connect me to that cluster by examining the autosomal DNA results.

*Bernard McManus*

## Branch information

### 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. Attendance is free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3 to help cover expenses.

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

### Help with Research

**Wednesday mornings** 10-12am, at the Paraparaumu Library. Open to the public.

Last session for 2022 on December 14th.  
Restarting January 18th 2023.

**The first Saturday of every month** 1-3pm.

By appointment, for individual assistance.

To book, phone Lorna on 293 7771.

Next session **Saturday January 7th 2023**

### Monthly short zoom session

The final monthly session for the year was on FamilySearch finding people & merging duplicates.

These sessions will resume on the first **Monday, 6th February** at 8pm.

Topic to be decided nearer the time.

## Round Robins

The two magazines for Round Robin circulation are 'Family Tree' and 'Who Do You Think You Are?'

Annual fees of \$15 for each magazine are renewed in July.

Bev Chappell has room for new subscribers if you wish to join the circulation list. Contact Bev on RoundRobin"at" KapitiGen.org

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.

### Facilities at the

#### Alison Proctor 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

### Roots Magic

The last two-monthly Roots Magic user group meeting for 2022 is **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November. 2-4pm**  
**Please note this has switched to Zoom** – a nearby event clash made parking next-to-impossible last year and is expected this year as well.

Those on our RootsMagic mailing list have been sent the registration link .  
 Request a particular topic at the link below and bring along your tips and questions.  
 All versions covered. Bring your own refreshments!.

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

### DNA

A bonus, free, DNA group meeting using Zoom is scheduled for **8pm Monday November 21<sup>st</sup>**.  
 Pre-registration link will be sent nearer the time, along with the topic, to those on our DNA mailing list.  
 Any particular topic requests may be made from our DNA group page:  
<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

### DNA news

Wondering who to best test next to achieve your goal for DNA testing? Check out Jonny Perl's latest tool.  
<https://dnainter.com/blog/how-to-use-the-new-dna-coverage-tool/> I don't think this chap ever sleeps! He has already incorporated suggestions he has received since the release last month.

You import a GEDCOM from your family tree program, select the person whose origins you are trying to use DNA to help solve, and then indicate which descendants have already tested.

The underlying stats of how much DNA you already have access from those already tested are incorporated and the list of suggested testers is produced in best order to increase your odds.

Make sure you've checked that you have death dates in your family tree program for those you cannot test.

You'd think I'd have solved the mystery of my 2\*great grandma's origins by now. According to this tool I've got 84% of her DNA between all my tested cousins.  
 I'm running out of cousins to test.

### Coverage Estimator How to use

The testers marked below account for an approximate coverage of

**~84%**

of the genome of

**Amelia Millar**

Next tester suggestion

[→ SUGGEST NEXT TESTER](#)

Testing one of these people would bring estimated coverage up to ~86%, an increase of 2%

Helena Winifred Miller, Emma Miller, female Dobson or Thomas

**Hot Off the press!** If you have two close known relatives sharing DNA with a match, you can now narrow down where the match can fit by entering BOTH amounts of shared DNA.

Here's Blaine Bettinger's blog post about this "hot off the press" improvement at DNAPainter

<https://thegeneticgenealogist.com/2022/11/12/leveraging-the-power-of-siblings-and-cousins-to-narrow-relationship-possibilities/>

Lorna Henderson

### Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday December 13th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.  
 Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

**Irish Interest group LNI Education Day. Sunday 20th November, 9.30am-:**

Speakers: 10am and 11.15am Clare Bradley. (Live from Dublin via Zoom)

1.15pm Geraldene O'Reilly

Contact: [Irish.LowerNISig@genealogy.org.nz](mailto:Irish.LowerNISig@genealogy.org.nz)





### Branch Officers

**Convener:** To be advised  
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:

Ian Brooking  
Programme "at" KapitiGen.org  
Denice Mc Carten

**Librarian:** Beverley Chappell

**Members:** Ian Barbour  
Jenny Wilson

### Daytime co-ordinator:

Denice McCarten  
daygrp "at" KapitiGen.org

### Magazine Round Robins:

Bev Chappell  
RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

**Website:** <http://www.kapitigen.org>

### Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**Membership -** New members always welcome.

Please note increase to **\$30** for the year April 2022 to March 2023.

Bank account for internet banking payments: BNZ  
02-0591-0040791-000

To access our resources at the Paraparaumu Library use your current membership card.

Further details at  
<http://www.kapitigen.org/2022/02/renewals->

**Meeting registrar:** Evening: Donna Bridgeman  
Daytime: May Redmund

**Sound System:** Ian Brooking

**Newsletter Editor:** Sheila Jolley  
editor "at" KapitiGen.org

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Publicity:** Donna Bridgeman

**Equipment Support:**  
Lindsay Olsen. Backup; Ian Brooking

**Catering:** By roster

**Raffle:** Jenny Wilson

### Interest Group Facilitators:

**DNA:** Lorna Henderson

**Irish:** IrishSIG "at" KapitiGen.org

**Roots Magic:** Lorna Henderson  
RootsMagic "at" KapitiGen.org

Portfolio descriptions and current holders are listed on our web site - in the **Who Does What** section  
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### Email links

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

### 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

Next Evening Meeting  
Tuesday January 24th 2023

Watch this space!

Daytime Meeting  
Wednesday January 25th  
2023