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

## Editorial



Celebrate with the Welsh on St David's Day, March 1st. Enjoy cockie-leekie soup, Welsh rarebit, and bara brith.

Thank you, Lorna for a job well done on the newsletter last month. I am still one-handed but improving daily, so I hope you'll excuse any major *faux pas*.

Exciting news that Kathy has managed to arrange a visit to the Supreme Court. If you're curious to see inside that fascinating building on the corner of Lambton Quay, this is your chance. Email Kathy to book. See page 2.

Don't miss the useful instructions Lorna has supplied on page 4 following the January meeting, for finding newspaper articles free from the library.

Since I discovered the library app. I have read about 40 books. "Sheer escapism", you may say. But very useful when your brain feels like cotton wool after Covid!

Don't forget to register for RootsTech 2023, 2-4 March. Go to <https://www.familysearch.org/rootstech> for more information. There is something to interest everyone,.

I am looking forward to hearing of all the exciting genealogical discoveries members have made over the break. Most of the other branches have stories from members every month about their research finds. Come on folks!

Lets have some interesting articles to encourage each other.

In the meantime, our thoughts go out to the many displaced and suffering people up north and in Hawkes Bay.

Sheila

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Meetings this month:  
Tuesday Evening  
February 28th

Hokitika Bound  
By  
Martin Wright

Daytime Meeting  
Wednesday afternoon  
February 22nd

## February Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

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

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

**What:** “Hokitika Bound - Wright family life in the  
Goldfields of New Zealand - 1864 to 1884”  
Speaker Martin Wright



**Supperr roster: P- T**

**Convenor:** Ian Brooking

### Daytime meeting

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

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

**What:** Please note this meeting will have been held by the time you get this  
newsletter! Next month: Wednesday March 29th

**Co-ordinator:** Denice McCarten

## Branch notices

### Tour of the Supreme Court. Save the date.

A tour of the Supreme Court and Old Court has been organised for **Tuesday May 9 at 10.30.** This a a fascinating tour covering the history of the Old Court and the building of the new building. If the court is sitting on the day we can't go into the main chamber, but it is still a great tour. Learn about the development of the legal system in NZ. Registration for this tour can be done by email [kathycallaghan@at@gmail.com](mailto:kathycallaghan@at@gmail.com) or ph 297 0733 or 0210452925

**Welcome to new members** Tania O'Regan, Sandra Rowland and Helen Hawkins.

We look forward to meeting you and hearing of your interests.

**Good news.** The Committee is delighted to welcome back Bernard McManus onto the Committee. His knowledge and enthusiasm is a tonic.

### Etiquette at the Alison Procter Family History Centre (APFHC)

We are very fortunate to have our physical and electronic resources hosted within the Paraparaumu Library building at the APFHC.

Although the area is “ours” to use, it is also an attractive area for other library patrons to settle down at when it is not in use.

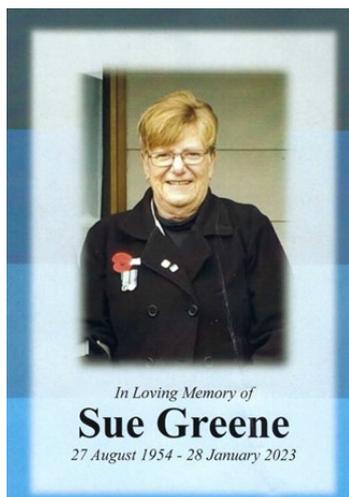
Previously, the signage was not all that clear that we, (Kapiti Genealogy members), have first dibs on the desks.

To clarify that, we have now affixed a sign to each desk that lets the public know exactly what to expect, i.e. that they may be asked (nicely) to move away from the area if a Kapiti Genealogy member turns up.

**NB.** Subs. are due on April 1st. See page 8 for details.



## Sue Greene



Branch member Sue Greene died recently after a long illness.

Sue's contribution to genealogy is legendary and her service to the Branch over many years was recognised in 2012 with a Life Membership. She was a Convenor of Otaki Branch in earlier years and played a major role in establishing research facilities at the local library, experience which she was to bring to Kapiti branch.

Sue was an early user of computer technology for research and was among a group who established a genealogy computer group in Kapiti in the mid 1990's. This group later merged with the Kapiti Branch as a special interest group. She served on the Branch committee for many years with a variety of roles including running the computer group, research officer, newsletter

editor and assisting with managing the computer systems in the newly established APFHC. She served a 2 year term on the NZSG Council.

Sue was an active leader in a series of local open days and Expos to attract new members to the Branch and was a key to the very successful Why You Are You programme which ran for eight years involving national celebrities. This evolved into helping folk in Kapiti retirement villages with their family history. One of her specialities was military history and her knowledge was put to good use for her own family story and helping others.

The Branch was represented at Sue's farewell and condolences passed on to her family.

*Clive Palmer*

## Ancestry to remove the Rootsweb Mailing list archive

**And (temporarily?) remove WorldConnect trees.**

So much for Ancestry committing to preserve the free RootsWeb resources they took over all those years ago.

Although the mailing lists closed for posting a while ago now, there is so much history in the archives that was still accessible, freely shared.

For particular lists, why not submit the archive of posts to the Internet Archive? Although this may not be a complete archive, it's better than nothing. (I've done this for the Surnames I'm interested in.)

To get as much as you can into the Archive it is best to log in (accounts are free) as that gives more options for preserving the content for a page / set of pages.

Last time Ancestry "improved" the access to the WorldConnect trees, so much detail was lost, they were harder to navigate and were off-line for several years!

Here's more details from Roberta Estes' blog:

<https://dna-explained.com/2023/02/19/ancestry-to-delete-worldconnect-trees-and-shut-down-rootsweb-mailing-lists-prepare-now/>

*Lorna Henderson*

## 'How to' from our January meeting

In January the brief 'How to... Session' we hold before most meetings, where we do not have an external speaker, was in keeping with the theme of the meeting "Here is the news".

It was an introduction to the FREE access any member of a library who subscribes to the PressReader service can access. Which for us, includes the Kapiti Libraries.

PressReader is a worldwide collection of digital newspapers and magazines with something for everyone to get lost in.

It is always a relief after preparing for a presentation, however brief, that I'm not showing everyone what they already knew.

This How to was repeated at the Day meeting the next day.

The pre-requisite is that you have your Library membership card set up with a password.

If you haven't already done so, go to [kapitilibraries.govt.nz/libraries](http://kapitilibraries.govt.nz/libraries) for their [About the Library > How do I?](#) and read the appropriate section on how to do this.

To access the wide ranging newspapers and magazines available from your browser of choice, go straight to [PressReader.com](http://PressReader.com).

### Important!

Do NOT just enter your email address / library pin on the form you are presented with.

1. Make sure you select Library or Group first.

See diagram on right.

Welcome to PressReader

Cancel

Facebook

Twitter

Google

Library or Group

Email address

Password

Stay signed in [Forgot password?](#)

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Sign in

New User? [Sign up now](#) It's fast, easy and free.

2. Then enter Kapiti, in the resulting search form and select it. See below.

Close

Select Library

kapiti

Kapiti District Libraries  
175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu 5032, New Zealand

Would you like complimentary access to PressReader?  
Visit one of our partners and connect to a PressReader HotSpot.  
[Find the nearest HotSpot...](#)

3. Enter your card number and pin/password in the resulting sign in screen, See right.

4. Tick the "I agree..." statement and Log in.

The back issues available will vary by newspaper, some extensive, some not. Happy, free, reading.

Lorna Henderson

Cancel

Library or Group Sign In

Select your Library

Kapiti Coast DISTRICT COUNCIL  
Library - Public - Kapiti District Libraries (Offsite)  
175 Rimu Road, Paraparaumu 5032...

Library card number  
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I agree to allowing PressReader to verify and exchange my registration with my public library.

Stay signed in

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Log In

## NZSG/Branch status update

For background information on the issues please refer to the document sent to you back on 16th Nov, and also loaded to our website under the Members Only content, [NZSG page](#)

The proposed new Rule 12 (the one that impacts the relationship between NZSG with branches and interest groups) is now with the NZSG Honorary Solicitor for review.

The current aim of NZSG is to run a voting process over March and April. To pass, two thirds of the votes cast need to be For the amendment. Those of you who are NZSG members, please look out for the documents which will detail the changes and explain them further. **Please vote.**

The changes will make branches that chose to be so, more autonomous, with no need to distinguish between full NZSG and non-NZSG members within our membership (and no levy to be paid). We will likely take steps to become Incorporated, with our own set of rules (currently our rules are the NZSG rules) complying with the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. NZSG will prepare a template to help this process once the government has their new template builder in place.

On current information, your branch committee supports these changes and looks forward to an ongoing relationship with NZSG.

### NZSG news:

Those of you who also belong to our governing body, the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG), will have recently received a welcome email about an improvement to the Certificates Collection service.

Up until now any requested documents were copied and mailed in the SAE you had to supply.

Recent discussions between the Register-General and NZSG have resulted in the ability of NZSG to now supply email copies of requested certificates.

This collection is one of their jewels. If someone has already submitted a certificate you wish for your research you will have saved yourself the cost of purchasing it yourself.

Those without access to the (partial) index in the online Kiwi Collection on the NZSG website can always request an Individual Search or Surname Printout which will provide you with a PDF printout of the requested surnames. You can then request the relevant certificates.

This collection has been built up over many years by all those who have contributed their purchased certificates (and other documents).

Members can log in and read about it here: <https://genealogy.org.nz/NZSG-Certificates/11162/>

The postal service is still in operation for those who wish to use it.

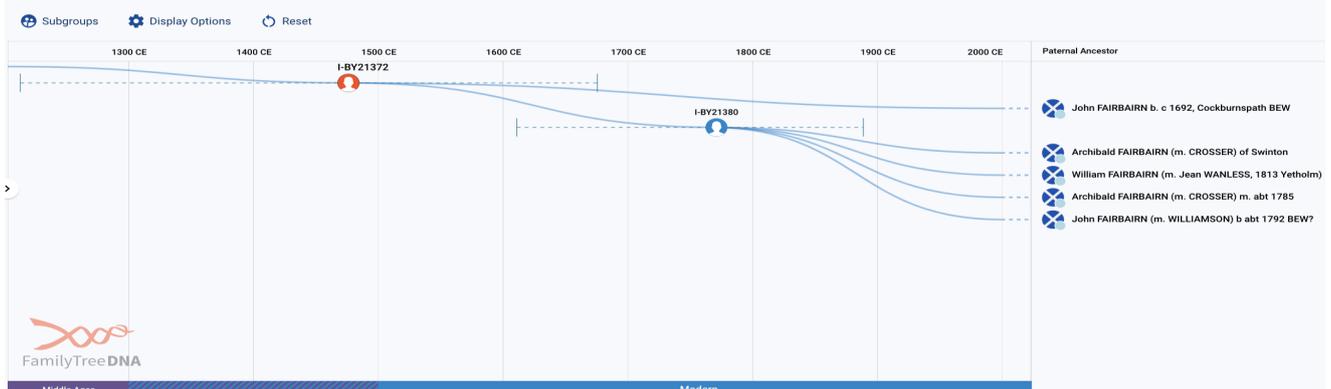
## Diagram of Fairbairn Family Branch (from page 7)

### Group Time Tree: Fairbairn

The Group Time Tree shows a genetic family tree of direct paternal lineages on a time scale. It shows how Big Y tested members of Group Projects are related to each other and when their shared ancestors are estimated to have lived.

The information shown about each project member is self-reported and can be changed in [Account Settings](#). This report is updated on a weekly basis.

Select one or more Subgroups to show how those project members are related to each other on their direct paternal lines. Subgroups are managed by the Project Administrators.



## 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 \$5 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.

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

By appointment, for individual assistance.

To book, phone Lorna on 293 7771.

Next session **Saturday March 4th**

### Monthly short zoom session

The next short monthly 'How to' zoom session is on

**Monday 6th March at 8pm**

Time for another DNA topic.

At the DNA group on Saturday, it was suggested we cover **Ancestry's ThruLines hints**.

The link to join is in the accompanying email to this newsletter. What are ThruLines?

Here's Roberta Estes blogpost from when they first

came out: <https://dna-explained.com/2019/03/11/ancestrys-thrulines-dissected-how-to-use-and-not-get-bit-by-the-gators/>

Should you wish to explore a particular topic or technique for a future session, request it

## 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. Contact Bev Chappell if you wish to join the circulation list. 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

### Irish

Next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday March 14th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.  
Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

### Roots Magic

The two-monthly Roots Magic user group meetings resume on **Saturday of March 18th, 2-4pm**. We are switching to online for these meetings.

Those on our RootsMagic mailing list will be sent the registration link nearer the time. Just ask if you want to be added to the list.

Request a particular topic at the link above and get your tips and questions ready to share. All versions covered. <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/>

### DNA

Our February DNA session covered a wide ranging set of questions

Next meeting **Saturday 8th April**.

Doors open 1:30 for 2-4pm session. \$5 entry please.<sup>[SEP]</sup>

Request a particular topic at the link above and bring along your tips and questions.<sup>[SEP]</sup> All versions covered.

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

### DNA news

FamilyTreeDNA continue to work on improving the visibility of their public BigY data, the test that keeps on giving with tree branch refinements as more people test.

Have you recruited a direct male line representative for your line of interest?

Do check out that their yDNA is as expected with an exploratory y37 test first if this is someone you are recruiting and want to upgrade eventually to BigY.

Now when you go to the home Discover screen it contains a pull down arrow where you can choose between searching for a haplogroup, **or a group**.

If your surname belongs to Group Surname project, pop it in, look at the project options presented and explore.

### FamilyTreeDNA Discover™

Uncover More About Your Paternal Ancestry

Please enter a Y-DNA haplogroup to begin.

Haplogroup
  Group Project

Example: R-M222

Where can I find my [haplogroup?](#)

Those shown have chosen to make their results public, the only identifying info is what they themselves have recorded in the Most Distant Paternal Ancestor slot under Genealogy in their profile settings. (Do check you have recorded them for your tests – don't guess, only the researched most distant ancestor please!)

Within the group, whether a project admin has been active or not, all those who have tested BigY and chosen to make their results public, will be there. You can select which project sub groups to show.

The example shown in the diagram on page 5 is that for my particular Fairbairn branch, along with their closest other Fairbairn family – and yes, I'm looking for another testing candidate on that branch.

See the diagram on page 5 or click the following link.

<https://discover.familytreedna.com/groups/fairbairn/tree?subgroups=226|14,226|15,226|16,25090|275802,275803>

Lorna Henderson



### Branch Officers

**Convener:** To be advised  
 Convenor "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  
 Bernard McManus

### Daytime co-ordinator:

Denice McCarten  
 daygrp "at" KapitiGen.org

### Magazine Round Robins:

Bev Chappell  
 RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org

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

**Membership -** New members always welcome.

Subs. remain at **\$30** for the year April 2023 to March 2024.

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/2023/02/renewals-memberships-for-the-2023-24-year/>

### Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

**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  
<http://www.kapitigen.org/home/who-does-what/>

### 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 March 28th

The Jillet and Whitehouse  
 families

Speaker: Helen Hawkins

Daytime Meeting  
 Wednesday March 29th