

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

Editorial



Spring!

A time to take stock and plan ahead.

Notice of the Special General Meeting to confirm the Branch's acceptance of the revised constitution is on page 3. This short formal meeting will be held at the start of our October evening meeting.

It's good to see the tours to Wellington underway again (see page 4). Our thanks are due to Kathy Callaghan for arranging and organising these tours. For those who have not yet discovered the wealth of research information at, for example, the National Library, one of these tours is a must. You learn something new at each visit.

I make no apologies for including Rodney's check list on page 6. I am guilty of putting off the evil task of disposing of treasured items - but to whom? One man's treasure is another man's trash! Will your chosen recipients value those family heirlooms as you have done?

I contacted a potential Jolley DNA match about six months ago and last week received a reply! Since he retired 18 months ago he has been living in his car and wandering Scotland, settling recently in the outer Hebrides. He has already filled in several gaps in the family tree, despite being a third/fourth cousin, and is proving to be an interesting correspondent. It just shows you never know what will turn up. My dispirited enthusiasm has been reawakened! I really must get on to Rootsmagic so I can get it all recorded.

Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting to hear Sarah Hewitt.

Sheila

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Meetings this month:
Tuesday Evening
September 26th

Sarah Hewitt
(Kilbirnie Branch/INZSG Chair)
'Emma, Winifred, Greta'

Day Meeting
Wednesday afternoon
September 27th

August Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday September 26th 7pm - meet and greet. Refreshments
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Coast Community Church 57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What: Sarah Hewitt - Kilbirnie Branch and NZSG Chair
'Emma, Winifred and Greta'

The story of Three Generations of Women using a variety of resources.

Convenor: Ian Barbour

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday September 27th 1.30 – 4pm
2 - 4pm meeting

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

What: Notes from the evening meeting, followed by discussion and research.
What resources do you use for your research?

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Branch notices

Don't miss Sarah Hewitt's account at the evening meeting, above, of using additional resources to put together the story of three generations of women in her family.

Welcome to new members Alison Finnie, Caroline Lonsdale and Juli Usmar; welcome back to Julie Mansfield. We look forward to meeting you and hearing of your interests and experience.

Kapiti Births, 1994-2001

A local genealogist, the late Val Quinlan, created a scrapbook of births published in the local Kapiti weekly newspapers between 2nd May 1994 and 23rd July 2001. The scrapbook was donated to Kapiti Genealogy by her daughter Helen, and it has now been scanned and posted to our website. You can access it from <http://www.kapitigen.org/resources/kapiti-births/>

A small team of volunteers has also created an index for the births, to save you the trouble of browsing through the whole 17 pages to find anything. The index is arranged alphabetically by the male parent's surname (mostly), but an alternate surname field is also provided which contains the mother's surname where given. It was not always clear which name was whose though, so we may have the Surname/Alternate surname in the wrong order for some of the births. Any corrections are welcomed!

Ian Brooking

Karen Harris

It's sad to have to record the sudden death of new member Karen Harris, who died very unexpectedly while on an overseas trip.

Karen had joined the Rootsmagic and DNA groups and attended evening meetings. Her enthusiasm and cheerful bubbly personality were a tonic and will be missed.

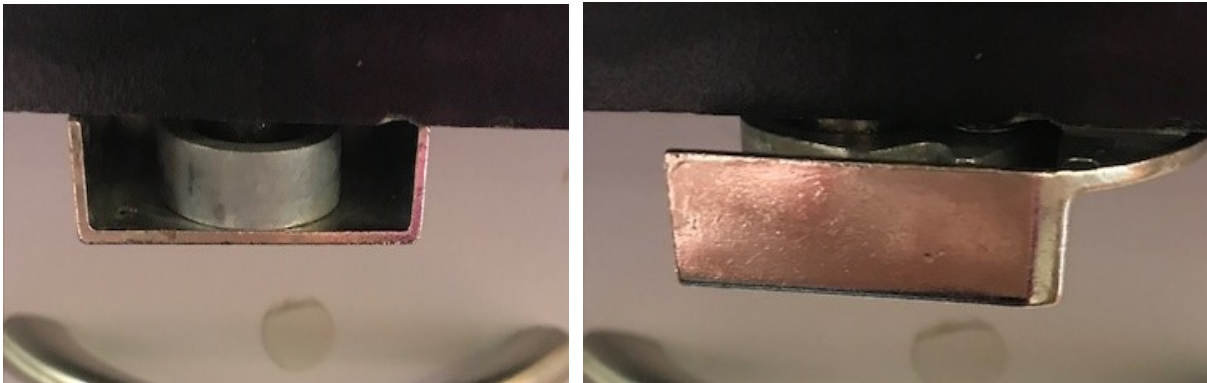
Our thoughts are with her husband Ian and their family.



Alison Proctor FHC cupboard door

When I arrived for the Wednesday help session the cabinet door was unlocked and ajar. At the end of the session, we had difficulty getting the door to lock and that is probably why it had been left unlocked and was open when I arrived. Between Bev and I we managed to work out what was wrong.

Below are two photos the first (LHS) shows how the centre of the doors at the top of the cabinet should look and the second (RHS) shows how it looks when you can't lock the doors. To fix the problem, all you have to do is turn the lock towards the entrance door until it looks like the first photo.



Jenny Wilson

Kapiti Branch Constitution

As previously advised, your committee has been working on our own constitution to replace that of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG) which currently stands as ours, as it does for any Branch not having a constitution of their own.

This formalises our relationship with NZSG, whilst also ensuring our autonomy.

The proposed document has been sent to Branch members with this newsletter, and is available in the Members Only section of our website at <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/members-only/nzsg/> where you can also find the background of the issues this change addresses.

The document has been based on a template proposed by NZSG with reference also to how Kilbirnie Branch adapted the template for their use (thank you Kilbirnie).

Below is the Agenda for a Special General Meeting (SGM) to be held at the start of the October meeting. The sole business of the SGM is to vote on the adoption of this constitution. Your committee unanimously recommends that you endorse this new constitution.

Special General Meeting of Kāpiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Tuesday, 24 October 2023 at 7.30 pm. Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu
Agenda

1. APOLOGIES –
2. MOTION: That the Kāpiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists adopts as their new Constitution the Rules dated September 2023.

Branch Tours

Tour of National Library

A small group went on the tour of the National Library on September 4th. Because we were a small group, we were able to have a customised tour led by Fiona Gray. We were reminded that the reading room opening hours are now 10.00am - 3.00pm. Online access is 24 hours a day! It's always good to check the website for regular updates <https://natlib.govt.nz> We were given a refresher on how to navigate the website, which was very useful. We had a tour of many of the relevant resources available 'on the floor' such as the photograph collection (many that are not yet digitalised) and the newspaper microfilms.

Fiona Gray said she is working on resources specifically to do with the Huguenots. This should be online by the end of the year, so keep a look out for that.

Tour of Wellington City Council Archives

A group of 12 joined the tour of the WCC Archives on September 18th. We were given a very professional presentation about the history of Wellington and in particular to formation of the Wellington City Council. They have 175 years of history stored at the Archives. The WCC archives was only set up in 1995. This was to provide a central place to store relevant documents from the various councils in the area. As well as documents they store many of the mayoral gifts and some mayoral gowns. We were shown a segment of the Burgess Roll, which is the 1st register of voters in Wellington in 1842. To vote you needed to be male and to pay 20 shillings! The whole register can be viewed upon request (give them 2 or 3 days notice).

We were shown a 'delightful' notice from 1885, where Newtown was listed as the smelliest area of Wellington. Apparently it was used as a dumping ground for the rest of the city. There were lots of complaints. There is not a lot of personal information held there, unless you are looking for an official. However if someone in your family was a 'complainer' you are likely to be able to view the original letter, as these have been kept! There is a lot of information about the building of the motorway in the late 1960s, especially the removal of graves from the Bolton Street Cemetery.

Google <https://archivesonline.wcc.govt.nz> to check out the collections and order to view documents.

The user guide will be very helpful in navigating the website. You can take photos of documents, but they will scan documents for you at approximately 50c a page.

Kathy Callaghan



Rootstech 2024 Registration open

Join us at RootsTech 2024! Register to attend this worldwide event in person in Salt Lake City or online for FREE. **February 29–March 2, 2024.**

Immerse yourself in captivating classes, engage with exciting keynote speakers, explore cutting-edge technology that will enhance your genealogical pursuits. Feel the energy that comes with family connection.

DNA News

Yes, you can still see quite a lot of your DNA information for free on Ancestry, but to access the more recently introduced tools that have now moved out of Beta testing, such as SideView, you will need a subscription. Those with a data sub automatically get these newer DNA features.

<https://support.ancestry.com.au/s/article/AncestryDNA-and-Memberships>

The new monthly NZSG Online DNA Interest Group Teams meetings began at the end of August. NZSG members should have received an e-Kit about the next meeting with details on how to register if you haven't already done so.

These will continue on the last Wednesday of each month until November. NZSG members only. The 27th September meeting is the first of the two-monthly Q&A sessions following up questions that arose from the prior month's presentation. It will also include an introduction to the soon-to-be released Online DNA Interest Group Portal – a resource repository, and place to connect with members who have similar interests and questions.

I apologise in advance for giving the following any print space.

Ancestry now offers Pet DNA ! As if we don't have enough trouble figuring out our own ancestors :))

Lorna Henderson

Preserving Your History When You've Gone

At our August Branch meeting Rodney King (Kilbirnie Branch) gave his very useful presentation on "Preserving Your History When You've Gone".

This gave plenty of food for thought for all of us, and Rodney's "Check List" is included on page 6 for those who didn't make it to the meeting.

One of the suggested avenues for "offloading" items was to try small town museums / archives / libraries, particularly if the item has local relevance. This can work, as a recent query to Kapiti Genealogy has shown. We were contacted by a local woman who was currently travelling in the UK, and was trying to find living relatives to gift a pair of christening mugs. A quick search turned up a 1916 newspaper article giving useful information about one of the mugs' owners, Martha Lott Strick:

CHELTHENHAM.
GOLDEN WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN PLAYER.—Wednesday was the golden wedding day of Mr. and Mrs. John Player, of Thirlestaine Hall, Cheltenham. In order to commemorate the occasion, we understand that Mr. Player has made the handsome donation of £1,000 to the funds of Cheltenham General Hospital. Mr. John Player, J.P., who is the son of the late Mr. William John Player, of Neath, was born in 1841, and on Nov. 1, 1866, at St. John's Church, Clydach, married Miss Martha Lott Strick, youngest daughter of Mr. John Joe Strick, J.P., of Clydach, Glamorgan.



Not the original mug. For illustration only

This led to the woman making enquiries about the existence of a historical society in Clydach, which indeed there was, and, as a result, they are very keen to put the cups into their local collection. This was a satisfactory outcome for minimal research effort, and bang in line with Rodney's recommendations.

Rodney King's Check list

Preserving Your Family History A Suggested Check List

Give thought to precious / valuable artifacts (crockery, ornaments, pictures, jewellery)

Who would YOU like to have each item – not just family, a good friend maybe?

ASK them if they agree, or to tell you what they would like

It's okay for you to decide and leave a few surprises

Write a list to record the decisions

Place a sticker or note on each item with names or initials of beneficiaries

Remember the item might be better placed in a museum

now. Draft a description (take a photo) of your item, then

ASK a repository, giving them a good description / photo of what you're offering



Photographs

Decide which ones are really important enough to be preserved

Remember, recent photos of you will become "great-grandie" very soon

Separate photos that really should be retained from those that may be less important

PUT NAMES ON THEM!

Keep hard copies in acid free albums, or even in a box separated by acid free paper

If possible, scan them to reduce volume of paper to be stored

What might you have to eventually disperse:

Books, ornaments, those LP records, school magazines

What could be sold

What might go to a museum / library / maritime or railway museum etc

Start asking repositories if they are interested

You don't have to strip your home bare

On the other hand, it is rewarding to give away some items and see the joy of the recipient



Ascertain just HOW interested is your family in the Family Tree records

Assuming positive response, what do THEY really want – ring binders of paper, or a USB, or in book form

It might mean you need to get on and put it in book form

Reminder to check they have room to store their chosen option

What can you really dispose of now – get on to it

If no family, or no family interested ... consider options

Is it in a form that NZSG or NatLib or Archives or a museum might take

Draft a description of your records, and then ...

ASK a repository, giving them a good description of what you're offering

Remember, you **don't have** to divest your home of everything now

You should **make some decisions and record them** while you are capable of doing so.

Making some decisions sooner will make it easier if moving house is looming.

Actually divesting yourself now of valuable but less important things will make it easier later.

Interest Groups

Irish

Meetings of the Irish Interest Group are now two-monthly. The next meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday October 10th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.

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

DNA

NB Thanks to the Election taking over our booking for the hall our next two monthly DNA group meeting is the **third Saturday, 21st October**.

Usual place Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria, usual time: doors open **1:30 for 2-4pm** session.

All welcome. All experience levels covered.

Free to Kapiti Genealogy members, \$5 for visitors,

If you're not a member of Kapiti Genealogy, why not join? <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/>

If you wish to be added to our mailing list for this group, use the contact form at

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

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Roots Magic

Our September online two-monthly RootsMagic user group Zoom meeting was held on Saturday 16th – varied questions answered, Palette and help files explored, including finding the character map and keyboard shortcut key summary.

The last meeting for the year is on **Saturday 18th November**, ie **third Saturday** of the month **2-4pm**. All versions covered. All welcome. Free to all.

If you wish to be added to our mailing list for this group and be sent the registration link for the meetings, please use the contact form at

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

This link can also be used to request a particular topic to be covered at a meeting.

Monthly online Zoom session

The next members only Zoom Session - Monday 2nd October at 8pm

Topic: Navigating Ancestry Family Trees

Your host: Lorna Henderson

Pre-registration required, see link in newsletter covering email, or use Contact Us on website subject How-to

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/>



Woops! Wrong sort of Zoom!

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. Volunteers required, please. Contact Bev on [RoundRobin "at" KapitiGen.org](mailto:RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org) if you are able to help.

First Saturday in the month 1-3pm.

To book an appointment for individual assistance phone Lorna on 293 7771 to advise of your research interest, so you can be redirected to someone able to help you.

Next session **Saturday October 7th.**

Monthly short online session

On the first Monday of the month.

Next meeting is

Monday October 2nd at 8pm.

For details, please see page 7.

For members only, registration is required.

The registration link will be sent with the email attached to the newsletter.

Reminder please about the procedure for the key to the library cupboard containing the keyboards.

When you sign in at the library desk to get the key (see above in next column) **you are responsible for returning it**, even if someone else is still researching when you leave.

Please take the **remaining person** to the desk to get them signed in as the person responsible for returning the key when they leave.

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 reader is available and there are books on a variety of topics that 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.

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.



Branch Officers

Convener: On rotation
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Webmasters:

Lorna Henderson & Ian Brooking

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/>.

Meeting registrar: Evening: Donna Bridgeman
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Audio/Visual Support:

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Computer/Equipment Support: Ian Brooking

Catering: By roster

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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.

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 October 24th

Special General meeting
 Followed by
 'Migration and Journeys'

Daytime Meeting
 Wednesday October 25th