

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

## Editorial



A heads up to book the 28th August when we are planning a Branch lunch. See details on page 2.

Also on page 2, Ian is asking for suggestions for the October meeting.

This is an opportunity to bring forward a topic that you've been waiting for.

If you are a Facebook user, note changes and a plea for help to administer our Group on page 6.

Thanks to Bill Mc Keich and John Glover for sharing your memories. On page 5.

Plenty to think about for the coming year. What new family lines will you be researching?

Cheers, Sheila

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Didn't we have good celebrations at our last meetings.

Congratulations to Deborah Shuker on her life-membership - well deserved. See pages 3 and 4.

Thanks to Graeme McVerry for restarting the Irish Interest Group. I have to say that meeting regularly does focus one's research. I have let things slip lately since brick walls became apparent and relationships got more complicated. The trouble is as soon as a difficulty appears I get waylaid and go off at a tangent.

The NZSG Shipping Records Project looks interesting and ambitious. One could learn much about immigration by various routes by taking part. See page 6 for more details.

Meetings this month:  
 Tuesday Evening  
 June 25th

Louise Garrett and  
 Joan McCracken  
 Nat. Lib. Photographic  
 Archives

Day Meeting  
 Wednesday afternoon  
 June 26th

## June Branch Meetings

### Evening meeting.

**When:** Tuesday June 25th

7pm - meet and greet. Refreshments  
7.30 - 9pm, main session.

**Where:** Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

**What:** Louise Garrett, Curator of the Alexander Turnbull Photographic Archive.  
and Joan McCracken, Leader, Outreach Services, Alexander Turnbull Library

They will discuss what the photographic archive contains for NZ/Family History  
and how to access it

**Convenor:** Ian Brooking

### Daytime meeting

**When:** Wednesday June 26th

Doors open 1.30pm, Meeting 2 - 4pm

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

**What:** Notes from the evening meeting.

Followed by discussion and research.

Have you tried searching the Photographic Archives?

**Co-ordinator:** Denice McCarten

## Branch notices

### You are invited to a Branch lunch!

We will be holding a lunch for all members of the Branch at the  
**Waikanae Baptist Church on 28th August.**

The lunch will be pizza and dessert, along with tea, coffee or soft drink.

Free to all members, so put the date in your diary. Time will be confirmed next month.

Don't miss out. Look forward to seeing you all there.

**Welcome Back to returning member** Graeme Trask.

We look forward to hearing how your research interests have progressed.

### Upcoming speakers

We have the following speakers lined up for you for the winter months:

**July** - Barbara Mulligan to speak on the Bolton Street Cemetery

**August** - Michael Gaffaney on the Guild of One Name Studies

**September** - Christine Edney on Irish research



**N.B.** However, we have no speaker/no topic arranged for October. If you have a topic that you would particularly like to hear more about, or if you have an hour-long interesting story to tell us, please get in touch with Programme@@KapitiGen.Org

**GRO have put up their prices** as of 28<sup>th</sup> May. See latest edition of Lost Cousins [30/5/2024](#)

[LostCousins Newsletter](#)

Message from Ann Ball - Convenor of the English Interest Group in Wellington.

By the time you get this newsletter, the **NZSG AGM** will be very close (June 22nd). NZSG members will have received an e-Kit (10 May) with both the how to join and proxy form, along with the links to the Annual Report and the Agenda.

## Your Committee

Kapiti Genealogy Branch AGM on May 28th was well-attended and led by Ian Barbour (see photo below), one of the Convenors for the year. The high attendance could have been encouraged by the promise of the 40th Birthday celebration to follow.

Your elected Committee for the next year, 2024-2025, consists of:

Convenor: By rotation  
Secretary: Jenny Wilson  
Treasurer: John Miller

Ian Brooking  
Lorna Henderson  
Denice McCarten  
Bernard McManus  
Graeme McVerry

(See below for photo. No excuse now for not knowing who they are!)



*Kapiti Genealogy Committee for 2024-5, plus retiring member Ian Barbour*

*Back row: Bernard McManus, Jenny Wilson, Graeme McVerry, Ian Brooking, Ian Barbour, John Miller*

*Front: Lorna Henderson and Denice McCarten*

## New Life Member- Deborah Shuker

As part of the 40th Birthday celebration, Life-membership was awarded to Deborah Shuker, a Foundation member of the Branch who has played a pivotal role in its activities since the Branch's inception.

Apart from her many Committee roles, including Convenor, Deborah led the Australian Interest Group for 20 years. She is the go-to person for any Australian information and is always willing to share her knowledge. She is popular, friendly and a very valuable member of our Branch - a well-deserved award.





## 40th Birthday Celebration



The well-attended AGM addressed by retiring Committee member Ian Barbour, as Convenor for the evening meeting.



Left: Following the AGM and Life-membership presentation to Deborah Shuker, Founding Convenor June Pritchett spoke about her genealogy journey before joining Deborah in cutting the 40th anniversary cake.



Past Convenors and Life Members  
L to R: June Pritchett, Gwenda Cole, John Glover, Lorna Henderson, Ian Barbour, Deborah Shuker, and Bev Chappell.



Above and Right: Rod Foster cutting the cake with other original members of the day meeting, enjoying their celebration the following day. They didn't miss out. They had a cake all to themselves!



## Past Convenors remember

### Highlights from my years as Convenor 2001-2003

When I took over as convenor in 2001, much work had already been done by others towards moving the branch research material into the soon-to-be-opened new Paraparaumu Library. I became involved in the discussions with library staff and we soon had a firm plan in place to move our meetings to a committee meeting room at the library. The greater exposure of the group as a result of the relocated research material (not to mention weekly help in the research area for anyone interested in their genealogy) as well as the bright, modern meeting venue, resulted in a sudden rise in membership. So great was that rise that we had soon to find a bigger meeting space!

My involvement with the Schools Admissions Project took place in two quite separate periods of time. Initially the project had been handled by Deborah Shuker. I took over organizing the project in 1998, and with the assistance of about a dozen volunteer members, finished the Paraparaumu and Paekakariki schools around 2000. In 2003 I resigned from the group to devote more time to my job.

Following the fire at the Paraparaumu School in 2014, I was contacted by Bill McKeich to join him in handing over a CD copy of our transcribed data to the school, who were soon to have a reunion. Their school records had all been lost in the fire. Following the handover, I told Bill I intended rejoining the group and we agreed that I would restart the Schools Project. This time around, Bill and 23 others did the transcribing of many thousands of records. Bill also had a great rapport with school principals which was key in getting the approval of each to transcribe their data. The real heroes of the project are those 24 members.

*John Glover*

### Bill McKeich shares his memories as Convenor April 2012-Sept. 2015

During my role as convenor of the Kapiti Branch I became interested in School Pupils' Records mainly due to tracking down the movements of some members of my own family.

The project received a boost when tragically a fire at Paraparaumu Primary School destroyed all their records. Fortunately, in previous years a Schools Records Project lead by John Glover had recorded records of 1889 to 1978. These had been submitted to the New Zealand Society and in August 2014 a presentation was made to the school with those records recorded on a CD.

Following this, John and I agreed that he would manage another round of the project. My role was to liaise with individual schools and the local Principals' Group and assist with recording information from School Registers of Admission and Withdrawal prior to forwarding them to NZSG.

Our 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was coming up and I had the privilege of presenting former Convenor, Clive Palmer with a Life Membership in the Society.

*Bill McKeich*

## Bedtime Reading!

Have a read of the latest FamNet newsletter: [https://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters/FamNet/June\\_2024/Newsletter.htm](https://www.famnet.org.nz/newsletters/FamNet/June_2024/Newsletter.htm)

In particular you may enjoy another version of why family trees, and the family anecdotes, may have the wrong information. See Robina Trembath's "Living in the Shadow of Ned Kelly"

## Changes to Facebook

### How many of you are on Facebook?

We once again have two presences there - have you checked either out lately?

One is our public facing Kapiti Genealogy page, <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61558732100830>

for our outward publicity only, usually our own regular meetings and user groups.

Posts are closed to comments.

This is not to be confused with the existing, private, Kapiti Genealogy Group, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/360674427684334> ably managed by Jennifer Jarden with a growing assortment of posters and activity.

**(Hint: This private group still needs another admin person to back up Jennifer)**

**The background** is that we lost our open to all, public, Kapiti Genealogy presence on Facebook when Facebook changed too many things and our long standing old page was in too old a format to be migrated.

If you "Follow" either, and have your notifications set appropriately, you will be told when anything is added. Posts from the page, can be freely shared as they are public.

Any questions or comments about our activities on the Kapiti Genealogy page should be directed as usual to our web site via normal Contact us channels.

To see the content of the private Group you have to belong to it. Only the Group is open for discussions. The Group is not restricted to Kapiti Genealogy members. Once you join, you are free to comment, post and continue to belong to a friendly community of like minded individuals interested in genealogy sharing their tips and genealogy news.

## NZSG Shipping Records Project

We are excited to announce the launch of The NZSG Shipping Collection.

Our aim is to collect ALL shipping records into one single database. At the moment shipping records are spread out over multiple different websites and platforms. By combining these all into one single database, many missing ancestors will be found. The final database will include immigration and emigration records, including Trans-Tasman and Coastal Shipping.

This project will be phased over several years.

**Phase One** is collecting names of Members/Branches/Interest Groups to help with the project. Can you help? Can your Branch/Interest Group help? There will be multiple roles involved in the project so please register your interest now. Remember just an hour a day, an hour a week or an hour a month all make a difference.

**Phase Two** is about creating the largest database of ships arriving to, departing from, and travelling around the ports of New Zealand. We have to know the ships we are looking for before we move onto gathering the data about each ship. The collection will include all ships found up to and including 1920. To make this list manageable the years will be split into decades (or five-year blocks). This is where Branches and Interest Groups can help. Can your group manage a block of records? Full instructions will be given including templates to record the data.

## 'How to' Monthly Zoom session - July 1st

Members only, online Zoom session, **Monday July 1st, 8-9 pm**

**Topic:** National Library's photographic archive

**Your host:** Lorna Henderson

**Pre-registration required.** Please use the link in covering email for the last newsletter, or use Contact Us on website <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/>

We'll follow up on the June evening meeting speaker's topic and explore the National Library's photographic archive: <https://natlib.govt.nz/collections/a-z/photographic-archive>



## DNA News

Ancestry has begun rolling out some of the updates they promised at RootsTech. They are currently in beta. Some do have it already. If you do have access, remember to submit your Feedback direct to Ancestry.

Donna Rutherford has put together a video on her experiences with this at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mkg98DzjYg>

Have a look while we wait for this and for the other promised updates to roll out.

### New blog posts from FamilyTreeDNA:

The new Discover Classic Tree for yDNA of man-kind, on their blog at

<https://blog.familytreedna.com/classic-tree-for-y-dna/>

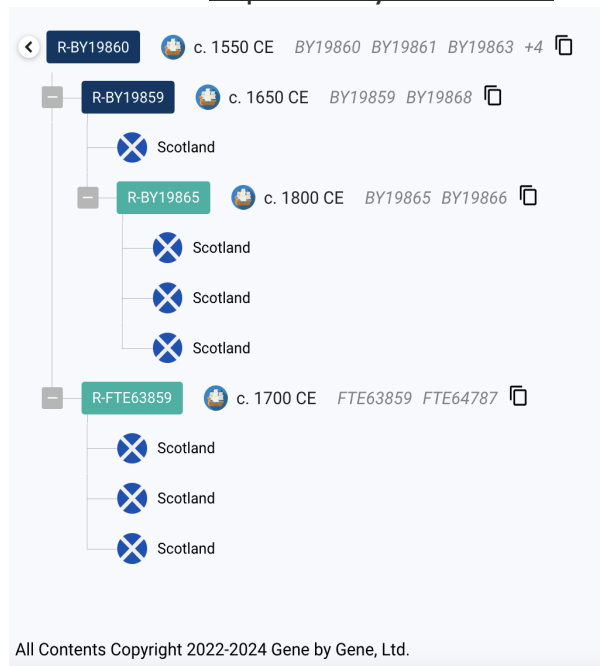
with a tantalising hint about the forthcoming

Mitotree for woman-kind.

Also parts 1 and 2 of a series of 5 posts on autosomal DNA:

<https://blog.familytreedna.com/what-is-autosomal-dna/>

*Classic yDNA tree (newly available)*





## Interest Groups

### **N.B. Irish Interest Group Restarting**

The Kapiti Branch Irish Interest Group will be restarting on **Tuesday 9 July, from 1:30-3:30pm** at the APFHC at Paraparaumu Library, facilitated by **Graeme McVerry**.

The format will consist of a discussion of recent progress on Irish research by those attending, a brief presentation on a topic of interest, and research assistance.

For the first meeting, please be prepared to talk briefly about your progress on your Irish research, what records you have used, and what you hope to research next. This is to help determine topics to discuss at future meetings, and to guide the research assistance that can be provided for you to progress further. A one-page summary would be useful for planning future meetings. Also, think about whether you would like meetings at a monthly or two-monthly interval.

A list of useful Irish genealogy websites will be provided for those attending.

### **Roots Magic User Group**

These sessions are on **Zoom**, third Saturday of every second month, March to November, from 2-4pm.

The next meeting will be **Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm**.

All versions covered. All welcome. Free to all.

Pre-registration link sent to those on our mailing list nearer the time.

If you wish to be added to our mailing list for these online 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.

### **DNA Interest Group**

The next 2-monthly meeting is on **Saturday August 10th**

Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria 2-4. Doors open 1:30pm.

Visitors Welcome. \$5 entry

Our last 2-monthly DNA meeting was on June 8<sup>th</sup>. As usual we covered quite a range of topics arising from the Q&As including “do matches between descendants of two siblings prove the parents are ??” (these parents being the unknown 3\*great grandparents).

This lead into quite a few other topics. Some were sent home with some homework on their next steps in their mysteries.

The presentation was on how WikiTree’s DNA features may be able to help your DNA endeavours.

Notes have been sent to attendees and those sending an apology.

If you’re not a member of Kapiti Genealogy, why not join? <http://www.kapitigen.org/membership/Second> Saturday of every second month Feb to Oct, plus a bonus Online one toward the end of the year.

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/> Reminders are sent to those on our mailing list

## NZSG Online DNA Group (ODIG)

An NZSG Members only benefit, free with your sub to our parent body, the NZ Society of Genealogists. <https://genealogy.org.nz/NZSG-Online-DNA-Interest-Group/11380/>

The next online presentation is Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June, 7:30pm on Teams. This month it is Sandra Metcalfe with “Working Through My Shared Matches”. Those already registered for the ODIG will receive reminder emails with joining instructions on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>.



## 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.

### 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 if you can to help.

### First Saturday in the month 1-3pm.

To book an appointment for individual assistance phone Lorna on 04 293 7771 so you can be directed to the person who can help you.

Next session **Saturday July 6th**

### 'How to' Monthly short Zoom session

First Monday of the month for 1 hour.

Next meeting is **Monday July 1st at 8pm.**

### Topic: National Library's Photographic Archive

Host: Lorna

More information on **page 7**

Members only. Free. For registration use the link in email sent with last newsletter. Or you can register at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/online-how-to/> and follow the instructions.

**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.

Please **do not switch off** the printer.

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.

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  
Convenor "at" KapitiGen.org  
**Secretary:** Jenny Wilson  
Secretary "at" KapitiGen.org  
**Treasurer :** John Miller  
Treasurer "at" KapitiGen.org

## Branch responsibilities

### Membership:

Lorna Henderson: Phone: 04 293 7771  
Membership "at" KapitiGen.org

### Programme & Activities:

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

**Librarian:** Beverly Chappell

**Members:** Bernard McManus  
 Graeme McVerry

### 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

**Meeting registrar:** Evening: Judy Olsen  
 Daytime: May Redmund

### Audio/Visual Support:

Ian Brooking and Lindsay Olsen

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

**Trip organiser:** Kathy Callaghan

**Publicity:** Maureen Robb

**Computer/Equipment Support:** Ian Brooking

**Catering:** By roster

**Raffle:** Marion Fitchett

### Interest Group Facilitators:

**DNA:** Lorna Henderson

**Irish:** Graeme McVerry  
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.

### 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

Coast Community Church, 57, Hinemoa Street,  
 Paraparaumu

Waikanae Baptist Church Cafe,  
 286, Te Moana Road, Waikanae

### Membership -

\$30 for the year 1 April to 31st March. You can use your current membership card to access our resources at the Paraparaumu Library.

**New members** always welcome. Please register first at [https://www.kapitigen.org/membership/apply\\_online/](https://www.kapitigen.org/membership/apply_online/)

**Renewals** Payment may be made to BNZ 02-0591-0040791-000 with your membership number and phone number in the payee fields  
 Further details on <http://www.kapitigen.org/2024/01/renewals-membershipsfor-the-2024-25-year/>

Branch Meetings in June  
 Evening Meeting  
 Tuesday July 23rd

Barbara Mulligan  
 Bolton Street Cemetery

Daytime Meeting  
 Wednesday July 24th