

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

Editorial



Thanks are due to the Committee which has done a great job arranging meetings for us all to enjoy. But they need help. Bear in mind the fate of Wairarapa Branch that had to close for lack of willing volunteers. Whether or not you have a skill to offer, your nomination will be welcome. "Many hands make light work".

The latest NZSG project sounds both interesting and useful - a collation of all the shipping records up to 1920. Nearly all of us will have some connection with shipping, be it a relative, experience or family stories. They have asked for Branch assistance so we'll no doubt hear more. See you at the "knees-up" next Tuesday.
Cheers, Sheila

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Meetings this month:
Tuesday Evening
May 28th

AGM
40th Birthday
Celebration

Day Meeting
Wednesday afternoon
May 29th

May Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday May 28th

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

Where: Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What:

AGM

**Followed by 40th Birthday Celebrations!
Don't miss out. Come and join us.**

Convenor: Ian Barbour



Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday May 29th

1.30 – 4pm

2 - 4pm meeting

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

What: Another 40th Birthday celebration.

News from the AGM followed by our own celebration.

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Branch notices

Welcome to new member Cathryn Robinson and returning member John Goldingham.

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

40th Birthday celebration at May meeting - Party time!

You can't afford to miss this the AGM this year when there's a party to follow. It's hard to believe the Branch has been going 40years and that some of those founding visionaries are still members.

It is sad that Clive Palmer, who died on April 28th will not be with us. I had the privilege of meeting him when he was completing the Branch's 40 year history and was so impressed with his stories of Branch activities over the years. See page 4 to read more of his contribution over the years.

Membership renewals:

Our financial year began on April 1st 2024.

Many thanks if you have already renewed. Keep them coming folks. Further details on the back page of this newsletter.

Committee members

There is still time to send in nominations for the Committee. What skill can you contribute? Could you be the next Convenor?

NZSG Shipping Records Project

Branches are urged to assist with collecting any information regarding shipping records up to 1920. This includes captains, passengers, coastal records diaries and any relevant travel information. However, it must be sourced and referenced. More information in next newsletter.



Agenda for AGM

Annual General Meeting of Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists

Tuesday, 28 May 2024 at 7.30 pm
Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

Agenda

1. APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRM 2023 AGM MINUTES
3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES
4. ANNUAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024
6. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 01 APRIL 2023 TO 31 MARCH 2024
7. APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR
8. ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE **

Proposer/Seconder

The Committee has the power to co-opt members of the Kapiti Genealogy Branch if required.

9. GENERAL BUSINESS

** The Nominees for all positions must be current financial members of the Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

Nomination forms may be obtained by visiting our website, or from the [Secretary](mailto:Secretary@KapitiGen.org) at KapitiGen.org. Completed Nomination forms must be received by hand/post or electronically to the Secretary no later than **5pm Saturday 25 May 2024**.

Snippets

Nellie's Baby. - from Lindsay Olsen

For those members who may have missed this fascinating broadcast but may wish to listen to it, the following link may be of interest. It's a story of an asylum, an adoption, and a search for the truth that makes for gripping listening. It may offer avenues for members' research, currently facing brick walls.

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/programmes/nellies-baby>

LNI Irish Interest Group

AGM is on Saturday 25th May at the Collective Community Hub, Johnsonville. The speaker following the AGM will be Kathryn Patterson who will be discussing her research into the wives of Irish soldiers in the 19th Century.

For further information or for nomination forms for the Committee, contact Cathy Clarke on Irish.LowerNISIG@genealogy.org.nz

Auckland Family History Expo

A heads-up for this Family History Expo taking place from Friday 9th – Sunday 12th August 2024. There will be a function on Friday night at a cost of \$25, otherwise entry to the expo is free. Contact for more information is Seonaid.Harvey@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Clive Palmer

Clive Palmer, a Life Member of Kapiti Genealogy since 2014, died on 28 April, 2024, aged 88. For nine years, between 2003 and 2013, he was either Convenor or Vice-Convenor of the branch. He was both a leader and a strong supporter of the branch for two decades.

He was also a member of the Constitution Review Committee for the New Zealand Society of Genealogists, later serving a two-year term as Councillor for the national body.

Clive joined the branch in 2002, and took on the role of Convenor the following year. Kapiti soon became one of the largest branches in New Zealand, perhaps partly due to the popularity of a new television programme called *Who do you think you are?* first broadcast by the BBC in 2004, and released in New Zealand soon afterwards.

Clive, along with Kapiti Branch research officer Sue Greene, came up with a plan to use the TV programme's popularity to encourage more people to get into genealogy. They created a live presentation about family history research featuring local personalities, starting with former *Fair Go* presenter Kevin Milne and author/journalist Anna Kenna. It had a much lower budget than the TV programme, spending money on orders for overseas documents rather than any actual travel. The presentation was called *Why You Are You (YURU)*.



Clive speaking at the 20th Anniversary celebration - 20years ago.

YURU was an annual event from 2008 until 2015. Clive managed it and drafted the scripts, while Sue did the research and prepared visual aids and posters. The individuals whose families featured in the presentations were Sue Scott, Sir Jon Trimmer, Dame Kate Harcourt, and Rodger Fox. Some of these presentations later went 'on tour' to other centres. The last two presentations were part of WWI centennial commemorations, and featured the families of local soldiers who died in the conflict.

After *YURU* ended, Clive (and Sue) continued to promote Kapiti Genealogy, working on presentations, and helping residents in Kapiti retirement villages to research their family and pass on information to their descendants.

As a final contribution, in 2022, Clive finished compiling a history of Kapiti branch in anticipation of this month's 40th birthday celebration. In compiling the branch history, he researched meticulously and cajoled all and sundry into making contributions.



Clive with other former Branch Convenors at the 35th anniversary celebration

The finished document is now on the Kapiti Genealogy website, (see About Us). But, sadly, Clive will be absent from this month's anniversary celebration.

R.I.P. Clive. Your contributions were valued, and the gatherings at your place were fun.

Condolences are extended to his wife, Merrilee, and their family.

Lorna Henderson, Liz Matthews, and Friends

Military history with Chris Pugsley

At the April Branch meeting we were privileged to welcome prominent NZ military historian Chris Pugsley, to present on 'Le Quesnoy'. His resume is lengthy but in brief, after he retired in 1988 as a NZ Army officer, he received a PhD from Waikato University in 1992. He taught at the University of New England, in Armidale NSW, for three years until 1999 and from 2000 - 2014 was Senior Lecturer in War Studies at the Royal Military Academy, Sandhurst (UK). He remains Adjunct Professor in Humanities at New Zealand's University of Canterbury.

In 2015 he was awarded a New Zealand Order of Merit for services as a military historian. Chris is a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and has written or co-authored around 20 books on NZ military history.

At the commencement of his presentation Chris advised that because of the close proximity to ANZAC Day and remembrance of Gallipoli, he would deviate from the topic of Le Quesnoy and focus on the impact of the Gallipoli landing on the people at home in New Zealand.

The objective of the Gallipoli Campaign was to achieve control of the Dardanelles. It was a failure. The loss of New Zealand and Australian lives was huge. News of the failure filtered very slowly to those at home in New Zealand; official channels were unable to cope. Chris described how wounded soldiers invalided back to New Zealand might contact the mother of their deceased friend only to discover she had not been notified of his death. The appalling lack of communication led to what Chris described as the "Mothers' Revolt".

At the end of the War, Prime Minister Massey insisted that the NZ loss of life should be recognised with specific New Zealand memorials at battle sites and not be absorbed into an overall British memorial. Massey's insistence was successful. Chris showed photos of the New Zealand memorials at Chunuk Bair (Gallipoli) and across the Western Front in France and Belgium including at Le Quesnoy.

His love of his subject was clearly evident and his presentation extremely well received.

Denice McCarten



Above: Chris Pugsley at the ONZM investiture with Lieutenant General Sir Jeremiah Mateparae GNZM QSO KStJ the 20th governor-general of New Zealand (2011 to 2016).



Above: Chris Pugsley (left) with New Zealand Minister of Defence Jonathon Coleman, at the Buttes New Zealand British Cemetery New Zealand Memorial, Belgium, February 2012

Tour of the Supreme Court & Old Court House

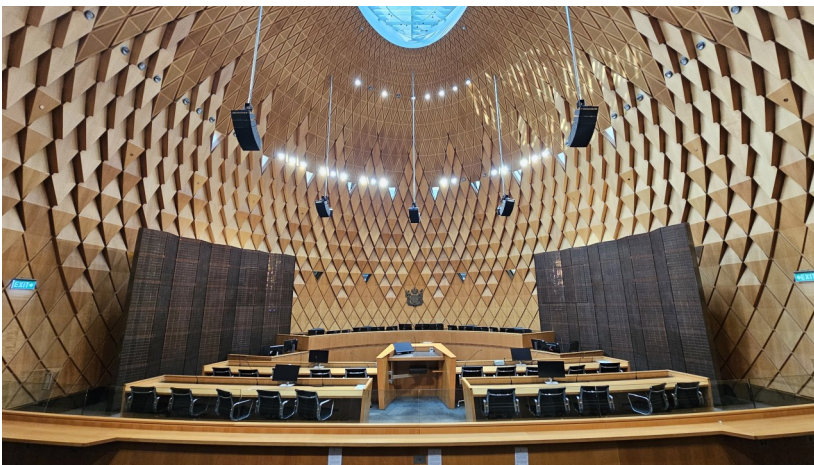
A group of 20 had a wonderful morning at the Supreme Court on the 14th May. The tour started with a very informative audiovisual of the building of the modern Supreme Court and the restoring of the Old Court House.

We were given a brief outline of the history of the Supreme Court in NZ, which was only established in 2004, when it replaced the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council in London. Our tour guide Nic then took us into the main courtroom. It is a truly magnificent building, opened in 2010 by Prince William, inspired by New Zealand's natural heritage and in particular the Kauri cone. The courtroom has glass windows at the back. The idea is that anyone who wishes can view the proceedings, either in the courtroom itself or even by standing on Lambton Quay! It felt such a privilege to be in this beautiful building.

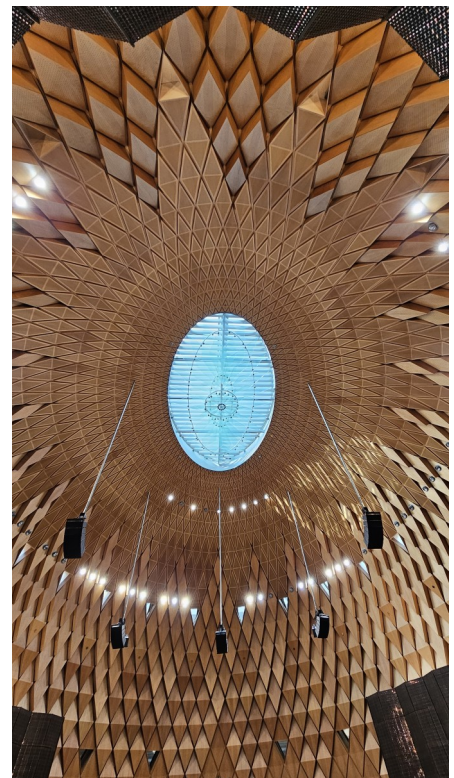
We then headed outside and into the adjoining Old Court House, which has lain empty since 1993 and has now been well restored. The contrast could not be greater. The openness of the modern courtroom to the austere and intimidating courtroom of the Old Court House caused a shiver upon entering. This building now houses offices, and is used only for ceremonial occasions, but still features the holding cells in the basement. Here the shiver was for a different reason - was it the cold whitewashed concrete walls, or the ghosts of previous occupants, complete with graffiti, graphically expressing their displeasure at being in there?

Kathy Callaghan and Ian brooking.

Photos Bernard McManus, Ian Brooking & Kathy Callaghan



Above and Right: The new Supreme Court Room with its Kauri-cone shape, made of Southland beech and copper.



*Above: The more austere old court room
Right: Kathy experiences the basement cells!*



'How to' Zoom Monthly session - June 3rd

Monthly, members only, online Zoom session **8-9 pm**

Topic: FamilySearch Labs all-word search of Auckland (and Victoria) probates

Your host: Lorna Henderson

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

We'll check out the "Available Experiments" on FamilySearch at <https://www.familysearch.org/en/labs/>

FamilySearch introduced their AI all text searching for assorted record sets (several US ones) not that long ago. Just recently the searchable collections available were extended to include scanned Probate records for both New Zealand, and Victoria, Australia.

My preliminary search for "grandfather clock" found some 2000 references over all record sets included, several of which were NZ and Victoria people inheriting a grandfather clock.

Opportunities

Indexing
Indexing is transcribing information from a historical document so that other people can search for their ancestors.
Where to Start
Try a Guided Tour
We show you step by step how to index in a safe and easy way.
LEARN MORE TRY IT OUT

Quick Name Review
124 Names Corrected 2 Countries Helped
GET STARTED

Full Name Review
Make sure the person's entire name was identified and indexed correctly.
GET STARTED

Verify Places
Help improve the accuracy of the family tree by connecting standard places to unverified places.
GET STARTED

Have fun! Come along and check this out.

Remember to submit your feedback to FamilySearch.

Search
Expand your search with Full Text
Unlock hidden discoveries in historical records that have never been searchable until now.
TURN OFF
[Go To Experiment](#)

We'll also look at the <https://www.familysearch.org/getinvolved/> name and place search and correct functions linked from the FamilySearch home page.

The Genealogist adds to Map Explorer

The Genealogist, on our computers at the Alison Procter Family History Centre, now includes the 1851 England, Wales and Scotland census into their Map Explorer. Try it out.

Drill down instantly to where your person of interest lived on historical and modern maps. Here's their blogpost about Robert Louis Stevenson who appears in this census: <https://www.thegenealogist.co.uk/featuredarticles/2024/a-leading-light-on-the-map-of-the-1851-census-7470/>

Interest Groups

DNA Interest Group

The next 2-monthly meeting is on **Saturday June 8th**
Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria 2-4. Doors open 1:30pm.

All welcome. Visitors \$5 entry please.

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

If you are interested in joining this DNA Group, please use the contact instructions at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/> and ask to be added to our mailing list.

Reminders are sent to those on our mailing list. and often notes on the topics covered are sent out afterwards to those attending or putting in an apology.

DNA News

A couple of items that came up in our last DNA group.

One was using the haplogroup information 23andme provided by, in that instance by 23andme, but also by LivingDNA and now also FTDNA with their FamilyFinder test. The y- and mt- DNA haplogroup strings of letters and numbers are your, very distant, branch on the tree of man-, or woman- kind respectively that you belong to on your direct paternal or maternal line.

FamilyTreeDNA is continuing to roll out this display of the haplogroup information from their older tests, and will then work on the older uploaded kits.

At this level from the distant past, it may allow you to eliminate that a match is on your direct paternal or maternal line, but not confirm it. Read more about all this in one of Roberta Estes' recent blogposts.

<https://dna-explained.com/2024/05/02/why-dont-our-y-dna-haplogroups-match/>

Do remember that for autosomal testing, ie within genealogical timeframes, it's the matches that are more important. It is more effective to concentrate on grouping your matches into those who somehow connect with each other, find out how they connect both to each other and also to you.

Read up on clustering, and the Dana Leeds Method or equivalents. Start from the top of your match list and work methodically down the pile assigning groups that mean something to you, be they by eg grandparent, great grandparent, area or ... Do leave room in your available groups for the mystery clusters. Use the notes field if you haven't got dots to work with.

Lorna

Roots Magic User Group

These sessions are **on Zoom**, third Saturday of every second month, March to November, from 2-4pm. Our last meeting was held on Saturday May 18th

The theme for the meeting was **Finding ...** people, places, sources and where what was used. So we covered use of wild cards, the advanced search facilities, when to create a group and when to simply filter the person list and lots more. As usual we all learnt something.

The next meeting will be **Saturday July 20th 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.

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 June 1st**

'How to' Monthly short Zoom session

First Monday of the month for 1 hour.

Next meeting is **Monday June 3rd at 8pm.**

Topic: FamilySearch Labs all-word search of Auckland and Victoria probates

Host: Lorna

More information on **page 7**

Members only. Free. For registration use the link in email sent with **April** 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

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Roots Magic: Lorna Henderson
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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

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/

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 June 25th

Dr Louise Garrett
 Curator of Nat. Lib.
 Photographic archive

Daytime Meeting
 Wednesday June 26th