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

Editorial



It's May already. Where is the year going? And I've only just begun to write my family history. I thought I'd struck gold when I came across an interesting family history written in the form of a novel by a well-known author, who used second sight as a method of reliving her ancestors' stories. But by the end of the book it had got too over the top with spirits committing murder. The idea has been abandoned!

This month there are several Branch activities on the go. Apart from the Branch meetings detailed on page 2, with the AGM followed by our speaker, Kathy Callaghan, the Branch will be in attendance at the Older Person's Council Expo on June 8th. If you need help, look at our help sessions on June 5th - the Zoom How-to (page 4) or, if you prefer individual help, see page 6. Plus there are the usual Wednesday morning sessions 10-12am at the APFHC.

Have you sent in your nominations for the Committee to the Secretary Colin Cameron? Don't delay. They need to reach him before May 22nd. Secretary@KapitiGen.org

Don't miss the details on page 5 of our Back to Basics course being run in June. The last one was stimulating, educational and great fun.

Two other things to note: tours have been arranged to the National Library and Salvation Army Archives - see page 2 for details; and Brick Walls will be the topic for discussion at the August meeting. This is a great opportunity to get help with any problems. Do take advantage of the expertise offered.

Keep well and safe.
Sheila

This month's meetings:
Tuesday evening
May 25th
AGM +
Wendy's Story
Kathy Callaghan

Wednesday afternoon
May 26th
Discussion with
Kathy Callaghan

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May Branch Meetings

Evening meeting.

When: Tuesday May 25th

7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.

7.30 - 9pm, main session.

Where: Coast Community Church

57, Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

What:

AGM - followed by

'Wendy's Story' - speaker Kathy Callaghan

Kathy's first cousin in England died young leaving three little girls. They 'disappeared' once their father remarried. Kathy will share the steps she took to find these girls who are now adults.

Convenor: Ian Barbour

Supper roster: B – F

Daytime meeting

When: Wednesday May 26th

1.30 – 4pm

2 - 4pm - meeting

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

What: News and update from the evening meeting.

Kathy Callaghan will be facilitating a discussion on how to find living relatives. Come and join our discussion and research session.

Co-ordinator: Denice McCarten

Branch news

Committee nominations. Have you submitted your nominations for the Committee? Nomination forms can be found on the website or obtained from Colin Cameron, the Secretary, at Secretary"at"KapitiGen.org. Completed forms must reach the Secretary **by 5pm on 22nd May.**

Tours to the National Library and the Salvation Army Archives coming up.

Kathy has found it very difficult to get dates for tours due to Covid. Archives NZ are not doing tours at all. However she has managed to book **Tuesday 29th June** for **National Library tour** and **Tuesday July 13th** for **Salvation Army Archives** tour.

Full details will be in the June newsletter. Numbers for the Salvation Army Archives tour will be limited and we'll car pool. If you wish to book a place, please email Kathy at kathycallaghan@gmail.com

Welcome to new members Rosalind Andrews and Phil White.

For the latest information on our facilities at the APFHC, see page 6.

Kapiti Older Persons Council Expo. 8-10th June. This is a progression from the 'Age on the Go' Expo taking into account Covid-19 restrictions.

We will be there on **Tuesday 8th June, 9.30 – 11.30 am.** Entry free, morning tea will be provided.

Venue Paraparaumu Bridge Club, 1 Brett Ambler Way, Paraparaumu.

August alert! The August meeting will be looking at brick walls. If you have a sticking point you'd like help with, start now to put together as much information as you can to assist the search. Details will be in the June newsletter.

AGM Agenda

Kapiti Branch of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists
Annual General Meeting
To be held on Tuesday 25 May 2021 at 7.30pm
Coast Community Church, 57 Hinemoa Street, Paraparaumu

Agenda

1. Apologies
2. Confirm 2020 AGM Minutes
3. Matters arising from the Minutes
4. Annual Report for the period 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021
5. Financial Report for the period 01 April 2020 to 31 March 2021
6. Appointment of Auditor
7. Election of Officers and Committee**
8. General Business

** The nominees for all positions must be current financial members of the Kapiti Branch of the NZ Society of Genealogists.

The positions of Convenor, Secretary and Treasurer must also be current financial members of the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

Nomination Forms may be obtained by visiting our website, or from the Secretary at KapitiGen.org.
Completed Nomination Forms must be received by hand/post or electronically by the Secretary no later than **5pm Saturday 22 May 2021**.

Australian Passenger lists

Findmypast has merged their collection of passenger lists into one simple search and added 9 million new records.

The **Australian National Passenger Lists 1898-1972** collection consists of:

- New South Wales passenger lists (assisted & unassisted)
- 1881 British census crew and passengers on ships arriving in New South Wales
- Queensland customs house shipping passengers and crew 1852-1885
- South Australia passenger lists 1847-1886
- Passengers to South Australia on board Buffalo 1836
- Tasmania Departures 1817-1863
- Victoria inward passenger lists 1839-1923
- Victoria outward passenger lists 1852-1915
- Victoria coastal passenger lists 1852-1924

Each record includes a transcript and many also include an image of the original record. Passenger lists vary widely in size, length, and level of detail, as there was no standardised format. As well as revealing the dates and location of arrival and departure, many records will also reveal a variety of useful biographical details such as ages, occupations, nationalities, marital status, places of birth or residence.

Something to keep in mind was that until 1871, assisted passenger lists were kept separately from unassisted passengers.

How to: Monthly pop up session

Next session: Saturday 5th June at 2pm, via Zoom.

Short (40mins) Zoom session on **how to link/unlink people and add /detach sources on the FamilySearch tree.**

Members only: Free. Max 40 minutes.

Pre-registration required. Please reply to your newsletter email, or use the Contact Us form on our website,

http://www.kapitigen.org/contact_us/

Sign in to contribute or just listen

See also our **27th June** On-line Trees session (Paraparaumu Library meeting room) on using FamilySearch to share your tree.

Lorna Henderson

Emily Clark [Copy ID](#)
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Replace Person

• Emily Clark

By Name By ID Number

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Irish Interest Group LNI AGM and Research Day

Date: Saturday 29th May 2021, 9.30am-2.30pm

Venue: Petone Library. Meeting Room, 7 Britannia Street, Petone, Lower Hutt

A short **AGM** at 10.30am will be followed with a presentation by **Geraldene O'Reilly** based around Irish land records - using Valuation Revision Books to establish family connections.

BYO lunch. Tea and coffee supplied.

Irish resources available for those wishing to do research, bring your laptops.

Contact: Jenny Martin jenmartin945@gmail.com



New Records to check out

Devon Parish Records

Over 240,000 new baptisms, marriages and burials that you won't find anywhere else online are ready to explore, only on Findmypast.

FamilySearch expanded its free online archives in April of 2021 with nearly 32 million new indexed family history records and over 3 million digital images from all over the world including Austria, Brazil, Canada, Croatia, Denmark, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, El Salvador, England, Finland, France, French Polynesia, Germany, Guatemala, Hungary, Italy, Jamaica, Mexico, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Puerto Rico, Samoa, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, Uruguay, Venezuela, Zambia, and the United States, which includes California, Colorado, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Montana, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

<https://www.familysearch.org/blog/en/record-collection-april-2021/>

PapersPast new: scroll down on Newspapers home page

<https://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/newspapers>

Latest additions to Newspapers (April 2021):

Feilding Star (1930-April 1934), **Star (Christchurch)** (1921-June 1935), **Sun (Auckland)** (March 1927-September 1930)

Back to Basics

Good news! After several requests our popular Back to Basics course will be run again in June.

Whether you are new to genealogy or a seasoned researcher, this course will update, stimulate and refresh you.

The Back to Basics four week course dates are:

Tuesdays 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th June, 1pm to 3pm
in the downstairs meeting room at Paraparaumu Library.

The course will suit those new to genealogy as well as those not so new, but still struggling.

So if you are overwhelmed, buried, confused or getting frustrated with your genealogy journey, come and join us for help and inspiration.

Sessions will be:

1. Introduction to Genealogy
2. Searching
3. Recording
4. Resources



Each session will have a presentation and ample time for practise with help provided.

(Note the 'light-bulb moments' in the illustration!)

The course is limited to 12 people, so be in early. Members only.

Please register your interest by emailing Ian Barbour at B2B"at"KapitiGen.org by **Friday 4th June**.

Ian Barbour

Free Online course in Irish Family History



Ireland Reaching Out has introduced its first free online course - An Introduction to Irish Family History.

It explains the resources available, and helps researchers interpret their findings in a meaningful way.

The course is hosted on the free learning and empowerment platform **Alison.com**, which has kindly sponsored its publication. You can track your progress and even certify your knowledge at the end!

<https://alison.com/course/an-introduction-to-irish-family-history>

Proposed law frees up adoption information

Under the Information and Tracing legislation being introduced to the Irish Parliament all people who were adopted, boarded out, the subject of an illegal birth registration and others with questions relating to their identity, will be able to access birth certs, early life information and medical records where any of that information is available.

Branch information

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

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.

Details of this month's Branch meetings are on page 2. Attendance is free to members of the Branch, Visitors \$3 to help cover expenses. Please note: Our AGM will be held at the May meeting.

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

Evening meeting supper roster:

If your surname starts with the letters **B - F** Judy Olsen would appreciate your assistance at the next evening meeting.

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month, 1-3pm, will assist you to make the most of our facilities.

The Wednesday sessions are open to the public, so if you have a friend interested in joining the Branch, do bring them along.

Saturday's are by appointment only. If you need **individual assistance** phone Lorna on 293 7771 to book a session with someone who will be able help. Next session **Saturday 5th June**.

Monthly pop up 'How to' session.

These zoom sessions are on the first Saturday of the month.

The next one is **Saturday 5th June**. See page 4 for details of topic and how to register.

Facilities at the Alison Procter 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 June 8th, 2-4pm**. APFHC, Paraparaumu Library.
Contact us at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/irish/>

DNA

Two-monthly meetings, on the 2nd Saturday of the month, February to October, for those interested in exploring how DNA testing can help their genealogy. **Next meeting Saturday June 12th**.
Waikanae Baptist Church cafeteria. Doors open 1:30 for **2-4pm** session, \$3 entry please.

If you wish to be added to the DNA group mailing list, please use the Contact link on our web page <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/> . Keep an eye on that page for any updates.
Notes from each session are usually sent out to those who attend.

DNA News:

Getting tired of no new close / exciting matches - have a watch of this Webinar by Blaine Bettinger. Even if you aren't yet burnt out, there are many good hints and tips on how to make more of your matches.

DNA Fatigue:

https://familytreewebinars.com/download.php?webinar_id=1627 but you'll have to be quick, it's only free until Wed 19th May (possibly US time?)

Online Trees/software.

Our two-monthly sessions on the main online tree sites will run on the last Saturday of months February through October. Paraparaumu Library meeting room, 9 Ivor Trask Place.

Next meeting **Saturday June 27th** 1:45 - 3:45pm. Doors open 1:30pm. \$3 to cover expenses.

Using FamilySearch to share your tree.

These sessions are designed to show you options for sharing your tree online eg. as cousin bait, and to aid your record searches.



Please see also the **5th June** short Zoom How To session on page 4.

Any questions? - Someone will be able to help. All welcome. For more information go to

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/online-trees-their-companion-software-programs/>

Australian

For help with Australian research. Check <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme> for changes.

The Australian SIG meets on the second Thursday of alternate months from February to November.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Thursday July 8th, 10-12noon** at APFHC.

Roots Magic

For those using Rootsmagic to keep track of their research and record family history.

Two-monthly sessions on 3rd Saturday of the month.

Next session: **Saturday July 17th, Paraparaumu Library Meeting Room**, 9 Ivor Trask Place, Paraparaumu.

Doors open **1.30 pm** for **1:45 - 3:45pm** session. \$3 entry fee. All welcome.

Usual Q & A section where you can share hints and tips and ask questions.

Sneak preview of the (slowly) forthcoming version 8.

For last minute changes go to: <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic>



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Membership

New members always welcome.
Still a bargain at \$25 for the year April to March.

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

(We no longer accept cheques - sorry)
To access our resources at the Paraparaumu
Library use your **blue** membership card.

Further details at
<http://www.kapitigen.org/2021/01/renewals-membership-for-the-202122-year/>

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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.

Next Evening meeting
June 22nd
Speaker Jo Carter
Restoration and storage
of old photos

Daytime meeting
June 23rd