

Editorial

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

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Hello there!

I hope some members managed to get down to Wellington's Open Day on August 5th. By all accounts it was well worth while. Lorna's tips from the DNA sessions are on page 2.

This month has provided plenty of research time with the weather making many outdoor activities damp, if not impossible. I have again been preoccupied with my husband's DNA results. Last month I was bemoaning the fact the no Jolleys had surfaced. But Lo and behold! One appeared at the top of his GEDmatch list. I emailed her but so far have had no response. It seems one must have patience! Again I refer you to Lorna's comments.

On a positive note, I was contacted by Maura, a woman in Ireland who was much further down on Norman's list. After a week of daily emails we established a family connection four generations back. Three brothers farmed on the same estate in Co. Wicklow. One of Maura's Scottish ancestors married into one brother's family; Norman is descended from a second brother; and Maura knew about the descendants of the third brother. What a result!

Our **Public Research Day** is on August 19th, **this Saturday**. If you know anyone who would be interested, and who would appreciate expert help to get them motivated,

do encourage them to come along to the APFHC between 11am and 3pm.

Fiona Gray's talk last month revealed just how many resources are available at the National Library. If anyone missed out on copies of her notes, contact Ian Brooking.

For those who haven't visited the National Library, why not join the Kapiti Branch tour on September 28th organised by Kathy Callaghan. Many overseas databases are available, which may be difficult to access elsewhere. See page 4 for details of the trip.

The committee have been working hard this month to put together a "Back to Basics" series of workshops for anyone who is stuck and needs a boost, or for those just starting genealogy. See the notes on page 6 and give us a call or email if there is anything specific you would like included.

Bingo!! I have just had an email from the Jolley DNA match!

Excuse me while I reply!

Sheila

Next meeting
August 22nd 2017

Question and Answer
session.
Don't miss this
opportunity!

August Branch Meeting

- When:** August 22nd 2017 - 7pm - meet, greet and refreshments.
7.30-9pm - main session
- Where:** Kapiti Community Centre
- What:** **This will be a Question & Answer session - you provide the Questions, and we'll all do our best to provide the Answers.**
Please come with a question or two in mind.
Now's your chance to ask all those things you want to know.
No question is too simple!
If possible email your questions to [kapitigen"at"gmail.com](mailto:kapitigen)



Meeting Convenor: Ian Brooking
Supper roster: I – O

Branch news

Don't forget our Public Research Day
Saturday August 19th - APFHC from 11am-3pm.

Please publicise this event to anyone you think might be interested. It's our opportunity to encourage people to start their family history journey. Help will be available from experienced researchers.



DNA news from Wellington Open Day

How many of you interested in exploring DNA went to the Wellington Open Day for Family History Month on the 5th August?

If you missed any or all of Michelle Patient's talks you missed a treat. Michelle is a very informative, entertaining speaker. She covered the basics, plus some more advanced topics throughout the day.

Two thoughts to ponder on that really caught my attention as a timely reminder:

Michelle asked how often we researched: every day/week/month/6 months/year - and pointed out to us that we are hardly the typical DNA tester (especially on Ancestry). So don't get frustrated if you don't get an instant response - the majority only log in or research once a year! *(It seems many of those who test on Ancestry, lured by the ads about swapping your lederhosen for a kilt etc, are completely disappointed with the immediately obvious results, such as ethnicity regions that don't reflect what they think they know, and don't know about the wealth of additional information that can be gleaned. So they give up and never come back. Lorna)*

Also, think about your target audience when formatting your contact message.

The vast majority are young and using mobile devices - phones/ small screen tablets. They will not answer long messages with many questions in them.

Keep it short and simple, one question per contact!

Locally, we have our two monthly group where you can come along to learn more.

See page 5 for more details.

Lorna

The newly released '**TreeShare with RootsMagic and Ancestry.com**' interface is described briefly in the YouTube video URL below. If you are interested in this interface, it might be worth checking it out.

<https://youtu.be/0sZmoQAxiLE>

My Family History Journey

I lay still, silent; my hands were motionless as I looked into the face of the wee five-year-old boy staring at me. He wanted to play and had no interest in my life. See I was, he thought, in my twilight years. Having outlived all my family members who was left to be concerned with my history?

When I was young I had a most interesting life in Scotland. Being looked after and cared for, despite the ups and downs of family life on a small landholding in Lochwinnoch to the south west of Glasgow. We moved to Glasgow when work on the land became beyond us and the big city offered greater opportunities for work.

But the world was to change dramatically with unrest in Europe leading to the First World War, after which I journeyed to the other side of the world and settled in New Zealand. While opportunities in our new land abounded, times were tough. There were many changes in my life and not only did those around me have little interest in my history but the future was bringing all sorts of new things that seemed to consume everyone. The past was the past and it seemed that was how it would stay

The great depression and another war brought many challenges for my family and created a culture of only wanting to look forward. Who could blame them?

As I aged, I yearned for someone to share my history and our family's story. Then one day the same boy, now in his teens, again looked into my face. This time it was different, there was a glint in his eye. I just knew that within this boy an interest in our family history was growing. Just maybe I would have the time to be that link with the past. But again this was not to be and my almost sedentary life continued. We moved towns in New Zealand and even younger family members arrived on the scene. I despaired, thinking that our family history would be lost forever.

I was frozen in time. When my guardian passed away, I was bequeathed to the youngest bloodline in our family. As I lay there motionless, again this man looked into my face. I recognized him as the young boy I had met all those years ago. I sensed that his interest in our family history had intensified. I seemed to be the catalyst for him wanting to start his journey of research into our family history.

His first revelation was to find out that I was indeed a lot older than he had thought. He was stunned that I was 157 years old, but realized that this was why I was so still - my hands motionless, my face aged yet grand, my body worn but majestic, my inner being in great heart. I was ready to recommence my life's journey.

A visit to the watchmaker saw me back to my old self. A nice cover protected my face of character and my hands were once again set in motion. I was to be the link for bringing to life our family history.

You see this boy, now a man, had seen in me, albeit later than I would have liked, a rich history, a sense of worth and the need to understand where he had come from. He wanted to immerse himself in researching our family history.

My great grandfather's pocket watch is wound every day now and sits at my side as I research and reflect on my family history. I wish I had started this journey earlier, but I know those who have passed before me will be pleased, and maybe having a wee chuckle, as they look down and see my family history discoveries.

Ian Barbour

Family Search is ceasing the microfilm ordering service from the end of August. The YouTube video below explains how to find the digitised records on familysearch.org.
https://youtu.be/C2bUqCIg_iA



National Library Tour

Guided Tour of National Library New Zealand Thursday 28th September, Starting at 10.30am Meeting in the Foyer Corner of Molesworth Street and Aitken Street, Wellington.

If you would like to take a guided tour of National Library New Zealand, then this is your opportunity. This tour is suitable for both experienced and not so experienced genealogists. You may be surprised just what is held there.

The tour is approximately 1 hour in duration. It will give a general overview of National Library NZ, with a focus on Genealogy and Family History. A moderate amount of walking and standing will be involved.

We recommend that the group takes the 9.00am train from Waikanae (9.05 Paraparaumu). It is a short walk to Molesworth St from Wellington Station (slightly uphill). You can use your Gold Card from 9.00am (return voyage by 3pm). Of course you can use private transport. A day-rover fare is \$14.00 if you do not have a gold card.

After the tour you can stay and do some research. You may take your bags with you on the tour and into the General Reading Room. However if visiting the Alexander Turnbull Library collections in the Katherine Mansfield Reading Room, no bags, coats, food, drink, or pens are allowed (pencils provided). Your belongings can be left free of charge in the lockers provided. You may take photos (without flash).

The café is located on the 1st floor, so you can stay and have lunch if you wish. In preparation for the tour, it may be useful to visit <http://www.natlib.govt.nz>

**Numbers are limited so please register
by Fri 22nd September
email: Kathy Callaghan at [kathycallaghan "a" gmail.com](mailto:kathycallaghan@a@gmail.com) or Ph: 297 0733**

Memory of the World (MOW), launched by UNESCO in 1992, aims to recognise significant documentary heritage.

Friends of KapitiCoast Libraries invite you to meet Dianne McCaskill, Chair of the New Zealand MOW programme.

Dianne McCaskill, a Raumati resident, will explain how the Programme aims to develop the New Zealand MOW Register, propose nominations for the International Register and advocate for documentary heritage.

**PARAPARAUMU LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
SUNDAY 20 AUGUST at 2.30pm
ALL WELCOME**



Workshop at Victoria University. *Climb your Family Tree: First steps in research* with Rachel Brown, starting **Saturday 16 September**. This workshop will help people research and discover information about their ancestral heritage, through the use of birth and death certificates, as well as other available resources. This is a great course for those wishing to learn more about their ancestry background, but don't know where to or how to start.

For more information, or to enrol please visit our website <http://ce.victoria.ac.nz/courses/563-climb-your-family-tree-first-steps-in-research>; or contact Continuing Education via email: conted@vuw.ac.nz or by phone: 04 463 6556.

Dates for Your Diary

Kapiti Genealogy

Venues

APFHC: Alison Procter Family History Centre, Ground Floor, North West Corner Paraparaumu Library
KCC: Kapiti Community Centre, Pohutukawa Room, 15 Ngahina St, Paraparaumu

All Kapiti events are in the programme on our website, both in a downloadable document and on the calendar.

Monthly Branch meeting: 22nd August 7-9pm - details pages 2

Every Wednesday: 10 am to noon. Experienced researchers on hand to help you use our resources at the APFHC and further your family tree. Six computers available, all with Ancestry, FindMyPast and The Genealogist. Public and members welcome

Saturday 19th August: APFHC - Public Research Day. 11am-3pm

Tuesday 22nd August: Branch Question and Answer session. See page 2 for details.

Saturday 2nd September: Members help session 1-3pm

You may also be interested in the following:

Sunday 20th August: Talk about preserving NZ document heritage. See bottom of page 4 for details.

Thursday 28th September: Tour of Archives NZ. Full details on page 4.

Interest Group meetings (see Programme>Interest Groups on our website for further details)

Saturday 2nd September: NZ Kapiti Legacy Users Group, 1- 4pm at Kapiti Community Centre.

Thursday 14th September: Australian interest group (APFHC) 10 to 12 noon

Saturday 16th September: Roots Magic group at Kapiti Community Centre., 1.30-3.30-pm.

Saturday 14th October: DNA group at Lorna's. 2-4pm

Interest Groups

Australian

Second Thursday of every month from February to December.

Next session **Thursday September 14th** for help with any Australian research. 10-12am at the APFHC. (Apologies to Deborah for error in August.)

Roots Magic

Two monthly meetings at the Kapiti Community Centre.

Next session: **Saturday, 16th September**, 1:30 to 3:30, doors open at 1pm, \$3 door fee.

On the list for September: hints and synchronizations. Come and share your experiences, tips and techniques, not necessarily just on this topic!

<http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/rootsmagic/> for contact details, topics for discussion.

Legacy Users **NB. Change of date!**

Meetings are usually held on the last Saturday of every second month from February to October. Everyone is welcome.

Next meeting **Saturday September 2nd 2017**, 2:00 to 4:00pm. Kapiti Community Centre. Doors open 1- 4.30pm. Tea and coffee available. Cost: \$2

Contact Gerald Twiss [Gero "at" ihug.co.nz](mailto:Gero[at]ihug.co.nz) for more details.

DNA

Informal 2-monthly group for anyone interested in adding DNA testing to their genealogy toolkit.

Our session on 12th August covered a wide range of topics people wanted to learn more about.

Those who have attended will have received the very quick reminder notes - two of particular interest to the group were:

- adjusting the FamilyTreeDNA total shared figure provided to a value more compatible with the other companies by removing segments under (at least) 5cMs
- navigating FamilyTreeDNA trees by using the DNArboretum extension for the Chrome browser

Next session **Saturday 14th October 2-4pm** at Lorna's (04 293 7771).

Topic suggestions may be made via the form at <http://www.kapitigen.org/programme/interest-groups/dna/>

Topic: Any/all questions welcome plus a request from this last meeting we didn't have time to cover - GenomeMatePro

Genealogy back-to-basics workshops

Kapiti Genealogy intends to run a series of four interactive workshops "Genealogy, Back to Basics."

These workshops are a must for those just starting their genealogy journey, but will also be of interest to anyone who is apt to get bogged down with technology and genealogy jargon.

1. Introduction and searching (*how and where to search*)
2. Recording information (*with or without a computer*)
3. A more in depth workshop on searching (*available resources and how to access them*)
4. Networking, fun and camaraderie with fellow genealogists (*other workshops etc.*)

We are in the process of putting together the workshop material so if you have any suggestions on what you would like included, please let us know. Dates and times for the workshops have yet to be sorted and once agreed will be posted on our website, with details in the next newsletter.

This series of workshops is for Kapiti Branch members only. If you have friends that would like to participate in this refreshing, fun series of interactive workshops they would be welcome, but would have to join the Branch prior to the first session.

If you are interested, contact any member of the committee.

YURU takes on a new direction

YURU has a new format in one of the essential "industries" of the Kapiti Coast - its retirement villages.

Why You Are You (YURU), is a trademarked family history promotion and branding activity of NZSG for which, until 2014, Kapiti Branch had the agency. Starting in 2008, YURU productions saw national celebrities present the story of their family history to live audiences in Kapiti and Wellington, marketing the activities of the Branch and its national body.

Co-producers Sue Greene and Clive Palmer have given this activity a new lease of life centred in local retirement villages, establishing family history in Winara, Coastal Villas and Charles Fleming Villages.

Clive and Sue give regular presentations to residents and support personnel, setting up small groups where one-on-one assistance can be given. Some residents have joined the Branch, others are using the Wednesday or Saturday help sessions at APFHC. But some residents no longer drive and another group do not wish to, or cannot, join external activities, so in-house help is very welcome.

Sue for example is helping a 100 year old lady put her family story together and Clive is assisting a resident who finds it difficult to leave the unit because of an ill spouse. In most cases there is a strong desire to sort out the family history to pass on to the next generation and some members have us in contact with sons and daughters.

The next step is to expand the activity to other retirement villages in the area and possibly beyond.

If you wish to subscribe to either of our Round Robin magazines, contact Bev Chappell at (RoundRobin@KapitiGen.org) Further details on our website under [Resources > Round Robins](#).

Subs \$15 per year starting Jul/Aug) to either Family Tree magazine or Who Do You Think You Are? This is a really good way of keeping up with the latest news and having access to interesting articles without having to subscribe to the magazines. They have a wealth of ideas and information When the 'round robin' subscribers have finished with them, the magazines are put into folders in our library at the APFHC. So do check them out. Most articles do not date.

Information for new members

Branch meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month from January to November.

This month's meeting:

Tuesday August 22nd 2017. Details on page 2.

7:00pm: supper

7:30pm: meeting starts.

Supper roster: I – O

We have a roster to help our supper organiser, Judy Olsen. If your surname starts with the above letters, she would appreciate your assistance. (Don't worry - we use the dishwasher provided!)

Help with Research

Our help sessions on Wednesday mornings at the Paraparaumu Library 10-12am and on the first Saturday of every month will give you individual help to find your way around the facilities.

Website

Log in and explore, or update your own contact details.

<http://www.kapitigen.org/wp-login.php>

Facilities at the

Alison Proctor Family History Centre

The APFHC is located at Paraparaumu Library . Turn right inside the library entrance and at the far end you'll see the six computers, microfiche and library. The cupboard on the right hand side of the area contains the red folders mentioned below.

Computer Password at the APFHC

The APFHC computer password changes regularly: check the red folder in the drawer.

Members need to get the cupboard key from the library Welcome desk. Please sign the red signing-in book found in the drawer. Please replace the cover on the computer when you leave and lock the keyboard in the cupboard.

School records transcription project

This project is playing an essential part in digitizing our local schools' records. If you are willing to take part in this project contact the coordinator, John Glover. He will be pleased to hear from you.
(pamandjohn "at" paradise.net.nz)

NZ Gazette

Good news! We finally have the NZ Gazette back on line, after almost a year's hiatus. We have also taken the opportunity to simplify the steps required to reach the search box, so here's how it works:

Click on the NZ Gazette icon on our Kapiti Branch screen.

This will open Acrobat Reader as below:



Click on the Binocular icon, and this will open the Advanced Search box:

Click on "The Current Document" drop-down box, and choose "Currently Selected Indexes".

You are now ready to search.



Branch meetings:

4th Tuesday, Jan - Nov

Time: 7pm, supper / research
7:30pm, meeting start

Branch Committee

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Roots Magic: Lorna Henderson

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Newsletter contributions.

Deadline: Saturday after 1st Wednesday of month.

Please send copy to: [editor"at"KapitiGen.org](mailto:editor@KapitiGen.org)

Photos welcomed for illustration - resolution of 300dpi or higher.

Email links

Throughout the newsletter email links are clickable. Remove the "@ symbol before sending.

Membership

Subscriptions for the current financial year became due on the 1st of April - only \$25 for the year.

Only the current cream card is now valid for accessing our resources at the APFHC.

Full payment options available at

<http://www.kapitigen.org/2017/02/membership-for-20172018/>

where the bank account for internet banking is our NEW account BNZ 02-0591-0040791-000

Next meeting
September 26th 2017

Finding Cousins
By
Frances Braddick