



PROGRAM

February to April 2020

The Society of Australian Genealogists runs a program of educational events to help you with your family history. Most of our events are held on the top floor of Richmond Villa, at 120 Kent Street Sydney. However, some are held at our library at 2/379 Kent Street. We regret that there is NO disabled access at Richmond Villa. Disabled access is available at the library.

Bookings are essential for all events. For bookings and updates to the program, visit www.sag.org.au/events.

NEWS

The Webinar season ticket for this quarter gives you five webinars for the price of four, that's \$48. The webinars for this quarter cover Scottish research, online books, FamilySearch, putting your research online and Queensland research.



		Skill level
Saturday 1 Group	DNA Research Group – Intermediate, Tools in Practice – Christine Woodlands Group 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$12 members, \$17 non-members This session will explore how the DNA Painter tool 'What Are The Odds' (WATO) can help you solve genealogical puzzles. There will be time allocated for questions and discussion.	Interm
Saturday 1 Group	DNA Research Group – Advanced, Discussion Group – Mel Hulbert Group 120 Kent Street 1.30pm – 3.30pm \$12 members, \$17 non-members How do you organise your DNA information? What records do you keep and why? What tools do you use? How have your DNA outcomes been improved by using this method? This session is a facilitated discussion on the benefits and pitfalls of the various tools and techniques. It requires pre-work by participants that will be distributed before the meeting.	Adv.
Tuesday 4 Webinar	Learn from their Scottish abode – Kerry Farmer Webinar Your place! 8.00pm-9.00pm \$12, members only Much can be learnt about how our Scottish ancestors lived from the historical records that relate to places. Join Kerry Farmer in examining some sources you might not have considered.	All
Thursday 6 Lecture	Ancestry Day – Jason Reeve, Ancestry.com Lecture 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 3.30pm Get tips from an insider about how to use the Ancestry website. The morning session will cover the range of resources available, how to use the website and what changes are in the pipeline. The afternoon session will explore the DNA sections of the website and the features available to help you analyse your DNA results. Book for the morning only 10.30am-12.30pm (\$24 members \$37 non-members), the afternoon only 1.30pm-3.30pm (\$24 members \$37 non-members), or the full day at a discounted price (\$45 members \$70 non-members). Please note: Lunch is not provided.	All
Saturday 8 Group	Family Tree Maker – Larry Czarnik Group 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$12 members, \$17 non-members Join other users of this popular family history software program for insights, ideas and opportunities to share tips and ask questions.	All
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Thursday 13 Group	Writing Discussion Group: Correcting a badly written document – Sue Stenning Group 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$12 members, \$17 non-members Sue Stenning will give small groups a badly written document for them to correct, decipher and make more acceptable. This is an exercise and discussion in why we corrected the grammar and composition. If you also have a badly written document, bring a copy along for us to see.	All
Thursday 13 Lecture	Frugal Family History – Danielle Lautrec Lecture 120 Kent Street 1.30pm – 3.30pm \$24 members, \$37 non-members Researching your family history is fun and exciting but the costs can build up. Find out Danielle's best tips for family history on a budget.	All
Saturday 15 Lecture	Hatching, matching and dispatching in England and Wales – Kerry Farmer Lecture 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$24 members, \$37 non-members Kerry Farmer will demonstrate multiple ways of finding when your ancestor was born, married or died in England or Wales.	All
Saturday 15 Lecture	Deep dive into Findmypast – Michelle Patient Lecture 120 Kent Street 1.30pm – 3.30pm \$24 members, \$37 non-members Recently returned from England, Michelle will take us on an afternoon tour of the English records on the FindMyPast website.	All
Monday 17 Webinar	Online books for family history – Jill Ball Webinar Your place! 8.00pm-9.00pm \$12, members only Discover where to find free online books to help you with your family history, such as local and regional histories, parish records and much more.	All
Wednesday 26 Library Tour	Free Library Tour – Where do I start at the SAG library? Lorraine Brothers Library Tour 2/379 Kent Street 9.00am-10.00am Free, members only (bookings essential) Get an overview of the services and resources at the Library. Explore highlights of the collections and take a guided tour. Why not stay on after the tour and do some research? Limit 10.	All



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Wednesday 4 External Tour	Millers Point Walking Tour – Ralph Hawkins External Tour 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$30 members, \$45 non-members Walk in the steps of the convict stone masons, millers, sea captains and merchants of Millers Point. See the history and hear the stories of Sydney's colourful past. Walk starts with a lecture at Richmond Villa. Limit 15.	All
Friday 6 Hands On Computers	Hands On Trove Newspapers – Danielle Lautrec Hands On Computers 2/379 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$37 members, \$52 non-members Learn to use the newspaper resources of Trove for family history, with tips on features such as downloading, printing, using tags and lists, and correcting newspaper text. Attendees need to be familiar with using the internet and already have a Trove account. Limit 14	All
Monday 9 Webinar	Using FamilySearch – Paul Parton, FamilySearch Webinar Your place! 8.00pm-9.00pm \$12, members only Paul Parton from FamilySearch will share some of his extensive knowledge and tips for using the FamilySearch website effectively, including searching the historical records, using the family tree and the research wiki.	All
Thursday 12 Villa Tour	Free Richmond Villa Tour – What's in the manuscript and image collection (archives)? Villa Tour 120 Kent Street 9.00am-10.00am Free, members only (bookings essential) The Society's archives have a wide range of records such as manuscripts, photos, diaries and family histories – many of which are not held anywhere else! Explore highlights of the archives, take a guided tour and find out how to search the archives using the MIDAS catalogue. Limit 10.	All

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Thursday 12 Group	Writing Discussion Group: Your March born ancestor – Lillian Magill Group 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$12 members, \$17 non-members This month pick one of your ancestors who was born in March and in a short, three minute story, tell us about them. If you have a photo you would like to use, please email it to Lillian Magill at lhabberton2000@yahoo.com.au before 11 March.	All
Saturday 14 Lecture	Researching World War One Nurses – Janette Pelosi & Dr Nicole Blay RN Lecture 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$24 members, \$37 non-members In this session, Dr Nicole Blay RN and Janette Pelosi will share stories of WWI nurses and show how to find out about those women who served.	All
Thursday 19 Lecture	Deciphering handwriting – Marilyn Rowan Lecture 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$24 members, \$37 non-members Family history involves reading a lot of handwritten documents. Reading older documents can often be difficult, as the words, their meanings, inks, the shapes of the letters have changed over time. Get tips from a professional transcription agent who specialises in birth death and marriage certificates and parish records in NSW.	All
Friday 20 Hands On	Hands On Ancestry DNA – Veronica Williams Hands On Computers 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$37 members, \$52 non-members This hands on computer session is ONLY for people who are already working with AncestryDNA test results and want to learn more about using that website for analysing their results. Beginners are welcome. Limit 14	Beg. to Intern
Thursday 26 Lecture	DNA Case Studies – Kaye Vernon Lecture 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$24 members, \$37 non-members Kaye Vernon is a consultant who uses DNA research to supplement traditional family history research. Join Kaye as she presents some case studies which demonstrate the potential of DNA and the approaches which you could apply to your own research.	All
Thursday 26 Lecture	Australian Military Records – David Berry, NSW State Library Lecture 120 Kent Street 1.30pm – 3.30pm \$24 members, \$37 non-members Whether it's First Fleet marines or service men and women from the two world wars, many Australians have military ancestors. Learn how to trace your military ancestors and pinpoint the records of interest.	All



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Wednesday 1 Webinar	Putting Your Family History Online – Danielle Lautrec Webinar Your place! 8.00pm-9.00pm \$12, members only Putting your family history online is a great way to share your research with family and other researchers, and to utilise the tools provided by genealogy companies. What are some of the options available, how do you do it and what steps do you need to take to deal with copyright, privacy and good research practices?	All
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Saturday 4 Group	DNA Research Group - Beginners – Barbara McAlary Group 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$12 members, \$17 non-members Learn the basic DNA concepts and the first steps of interpreting your DNA test results. This session covers all of the popular DNA testing companies. There will be plenty of time for questions and discussion.	Beg.

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<p>Saturday 4 Lecture</p>	<p>Working with Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) – Veronica Williams Lecture 120 Kent Street 1.30pm – 3.30pm \$24 members, \$37 non-members This session is primarily for people who are already working with Family Tree DNA test results and want to learn more about using that website for analysing their results. However people who have not yet tested may also find it useful to decide whether to test with FTDNA. Beginners are welcome.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Thursday 9 Group</p>	<p>Writing Discussion Group: What the editor wants – Jennie Fairs Group 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$12 members, \$17 non-members Jennie Fairs will explain what she, as an editor, looks for when editing an article or book. Spelling, grammar, punctuation, consistency and sequencing are just some of them. She will also take questions on how you can improve your skills.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Thursday 9 Course</p>	<p>Publishing Workshop, Part 1 – Margaret Szalay Course 120 Kent Street 1.30pm – 3.30pm \$75 members, \$110 non-members (3 sessions) Back by popular demand! Writing your research/ memoir; preparing for printing/publication; formatting; book styles; using photos, maps & charts; indexing; cover design; registration; print specifications & quotes; marketing and more. One fee for three sessions on consecutive Thursdays (9th, 16th and 23rd).</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Thursday 16 Workshop</p>	<p>Brickwalls Workshop – Danielle Lautrec Workshop 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$37 members, \$52 non-members Find out why brickwalls occur in your research and learn ways to get your research moving again. This is a hands on workshop to practice some techniques and help each other out. Bring examples of your brickwalls. You can bring a laptop if you wish, but it is not necessary for this workshop.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Thursday 16 Course</p>	<p>Publishing Workshop, Part 2 – Margaret Szalay Course 120 Kent Street 1.30pm – 3.30pm See Part 1 for bookings Writing your research/ memoir; preparing for printing/publication; formatting; book styles; using photos, maps & charts; indexing; cover design; registration; print specifications & quotes; marketing and more. One fee for three sessions on consecutive Thursdays (9th, 16th and 23rd).</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Saturday 18 Group</p>	<p>Legacy Software Group – Beverley Hyssett Group 120 Kent Street 10.30am – 12.30pm \$12 members, \$17 non-members Legacy Software group meetings provide opportunities for you to extend your knowledge of Legacy features and to share your Legacy experiences. If you are undecided about which family history software program to purchase come along and see what Legacy can offer you.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Tuesday 21 Webinar</p>	<p>Education records in Queensland – Helen V. Smith Webinar Your place! 8.00pm-9.00pm \$12, members only While the first education record that comes to mind is the very important school pupils register and related records such as the discipline register there are a range of other education records that are also of genealogical use. These include records of teachers and their movements within the school systems and progressions (or otherwise in their careers), School Inspector Reports, the community involvement in getting a school in their district and the continued community involvement in the school activities, development of the curriculum and examinations, school journals and histories.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Thursday 23 Course</p>	<p>Publishing Workshop, Part 3 – Margaret Szalay Course 120 Kent Street 1.30pm – 3.30pm Writing your research/ memoir; preparing for printing/publication; formatting; book styles; using photos, maps & charts; indexing; cover design; registration; print specifications & quotes; marketing and more. One fee for three sessions on consecutive Thursdays (9th, 16th and 23rd). See Part 1 for bookings</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>Thursday 30 Lecture</p>	<p>Convict records in the NSW State Archives – NSW State Archives Lecture 120 Kent Street 10.30pm – 12.30pm \$24 members, \$37 non-members What records are available to research convict ancestors? How do you interpret these records? What's the difference between an absolute and a conditional pardon? And much more...</p>	<p>All</p>