



## EVENT EXTRA

### October 2023

A reminder - most of our events continue to be delivered online using Zoom.

When you register for an event, the confirmation email will contain information about how to join the event online.

The majority of our webinars are recorded, so even if you cannot attend at the scheduled time you can still book and receive the recording. If you have any difficulties, let us know and we will assist you. The event listing will advise you if an event **will not be recorded**.

The links in this newsletter take you to the event listing for more information about each event. If you are a member, you then need to log into the website to book at the member rate. You can also book by calling us on (02) 9247 3953.

Mon 16 October 2.00pm - 3.30pm AEDT

### Get Online Week | Technology Bingo

Join us for a fantastic afternoon of fun and learning during Get Online Week, a campaign aimed at supporting people to improve their digital skills and close the digital divide.

Bring your own mobile device (tablet or smart phone) and play "Technology Bingo!" Participate in a variety of activities helping you become more comfortable with some of its features. Learning with others and guided by volunteers and staff, you will have the opportunity to explore online games, photos, screenshots, QR codes, apps, podcasts and more.

The emphasis will be on fun and building confidence in using mobile devices. Everyone is welcome and the event is suitable for beginners and experienced technology users.

More information available in the event listing.

***This session will be held at our Family History Research Centre & Library (2/379 Kent Street, Sydney)***

[More information](#)

Sat 21 October 9.00am - 10.00am AEDT

### **Family History Connect | Library Tour**

Join us for a small members-only guided tour of the Library where you will get an overview of the services and resources available.

It's a great way to find out what we have if you are a new member, or haven't used the collections for a while. Once you've explored the highlights of the collections you can stay on to do some research and get assistance from our wonderful volunteers.

These free tours are for members only and are held from 9.00am to 10.00am - before the Library opens. This way we have uninterrupted access to all areas of the Library.

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Sat 21 October 10.00am - 12.00am AEDT

### **Genealogical DNA Analysis Tool (GDAT) User Group - Led by Veronica Williams**

If you already have DNA chromosome analysis skills and are using the GDAT database tool to manage your DNA information, you might wish to join our new user group. SAG user groups are aimed at '*members helping members*' so this is a collaborative working group aimed at sharing information and knowledge. You must be a SAG member to join this group.

Please check the event listing for pre-requisite knowledge.

***This session will be held via the ZOOM Platform.***

***This session will not be recorded. Please only register if you are able***

*to attend at the advertised time.*

More information

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Tues 24 Oct 10.00am - 11.00am AEDT or

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### **Family History Connect | Ancestry DNA**

These sessions will be facilitated by the three volunteers behind our very popular "First Look at AncestryDNA" session and "Analysing your AncestryDNA results" program, Christine, Kathryn and Vicki.

This will be a great opportunity for your questions about how we think AncestryDNA could assist your family history research and how you can develop your skills in working with your AncestryDNA results.

More information available in the event listing.

***This session will be held at our Family History Research Centre & Library (2/379 Kent Street, Sydney)***

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Tues 24 Oct 8.00pm - 9.00pm AEDT

### **Caroline's Diary: A Hidden Gem of the SAG Collection - Heather Garnsey**

Among the many items in the Society's manuscript collection are a small number of personal diaries kept by Caroline Thomas (née Husband). These are part of a larger series still in private hands. Caroline Husband began keeping a diary in 1851 when she was a 19 year old enjoying a whirl of London social events against the backdrop of the Great Exhibition. Her accounts follow her family's journey on the *General Hewitt* to Sydney, her time as a governess in Stroud, then her courtship and marriage to Henry Arding Thomas in 1855. As she follows Henry and their growing family to Wellington, Armidale and finally Camden her diaries give us a valuable and personal insight into daily life for a woman in late 19<sup>th</sup> century NSW.

***This session will be held via the ZOOM Platform.***

***This webinar will be recorded so you can join live or watch the recording later.***

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Sat 28 Oct 9.30am - 4.00pm AEDT

**Writing Family History Workshop** - Dr Betty O'Neill

Join well-known family historian and published author, Dr Betty O'Neill for a one-day introductory workshop on Writing family history.

Are you curious about your ancestors? Do you have a fascinating great-aunt you'd like to write about? Or maybe some lost relatives, secrets, lies or family mysteries to investigate? Betty's questioning and researching turned out to be a bit of a detective story and yours could too!

The workshop will be limited to 16 participants.

***This session will be held at our Family History Research Centre & Library (2/379 Kent Street, Sydney)***

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Sat 28 Oct 10.00am - 12.00pm AEDT

**Beginners' Introduction to DNA** - Melissa Hulbert

Receiving your test results is an exciting time but it can quickly become confusing. This session will look at the different types of tests available, which one is right for you and which companies do these tests. We will look at some basics to help you understand and interpret your matches and there will be plenty of time for questions so you can start finding those new cousins!

***This is an online session using the ZOOM platform.***

***It will NOT be recorded due to privacy reasons, so you should only book if you can attend live.***

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Sat 4 Nov 10.00am - 12.00pm AEDT

**Aotearoa New Zealand Research Group** - Led by Pauline Weeks

By 1840 when the Treaty of Waitangi (Te Tiriti O Waitangi) was signed it was estimated that there were about 80,000 Maori and 2,000 Europeans living in New Zealand. Was one of them your ancestor? Come along and hear about the early days of Aotearoa New Zealand and what's new in New Zealand research. Pauline will talk about her 4x great grandfather, Captain James Joss, a whaler on Stewart Island. We would love to hear about your early ancestor. Please let us know if you would also like to present to the group.

***We will be providing the option of either attending this session in person at the SAG Family History Research Centre and Library or online via Zoom.***

***This session will be recorded so you can join live or watch the recording later.***

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Sat 4 Nov 10.00am - 11.30am AEDT or

Sat 11 Nov 10.00am - 11.00am AEDT

**Introduction to MyHeritage DNA** - Melissa Hulbert

**Have you taken a MyHeritage DNA test or uploaded your results?  
Feeling a little overwhelmed?**

Join Mel as she demystifies MyHeritage DNA in a two-part course designed to help you feel confident when it comes to your DNA results. The course will look at how to interpret your results as well as using notes and labels to sort your matches and help you work out how they are related to you. MyHeritage DNA also has some advanced tools which will be explained along with using them to solve your brick walls. There will also be plenty of time for questions.

Please note there will be some homework to do between weeks one and two of the course.

***These sessions will be conducted on through Zoom and will not be recorded. Participants should be available at the advertised times.***

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Sat 11 Nov 10.30am - 3.30pm AEDT

**Family Tree Maker User Group** - Larry Czarnik

**Session Topics: TBA**

Join other users of this popular family history software program for insights

Join other users of this popular family history software program for insights, ideas and opportunities to share tips and ask questions.

Join Convenor Larry Czarnik and other group members as they lead you through the session.

Each session includes time for questions and answers.

***This is an online session using the ZOOM platform.***

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