



EVENT EXTRA

January 2024

Welcome to 2024! We hope that all of our members and friends had a wonderful festive season!

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.

Sat 27 Jan 10.00am - 12.00pm 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.

Sessions will include a short presentation on a specified topic identified by the group, followed by discussion between group members, then round table Q&A regarding the product. We will meet on Saturdays at 10.00-12.00 using the Zoom platform. We won't be recording the sessions, so you must attend live.

Important things to note:

1. Discussion will be focussed on utilising the GDAT software for DNA analysis;
2. Members must have an *understanding of the principles of chromosome analysis* before joining the group;
3. Chromosome analysis questions WILL NOT be discussed, except in the context of using the GDAT product.

This session will NOT be recorded. Please only register if you are able to attend at the advertised time.

[More Information](#)

Wed 31 Jan 7.30pm - 9.00pm AEDT

AI & Tech Special Interest Group - Andrew Redfern

Join our newly formed AI & IT special interest group to discuss all things Artificial Intelligence and Technology related to Family History.

Each session is made of a combination of these different segments (in order to try and encourage participation and sharing). These sessions are designed to be member driven so if you have something to share or a topic to be covered, please put it forward. Any content e.g. AI, software, hardware, tools etc. can be slotted into these broad categories.

This session will be held online via the Zoom platform.

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

[More Information](#)

Sat 3 Feb 9.00am - 10.00am AEDT

FREE: 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.

This is an in-person event at SAG Family History Research Centre & Library

[More Information](#)

Sat 3 Feb 2.00pm - 4.30pm AEDT

WEBINAR: First Look at AncestryDNA - Christine Woodlands

Christine will share her "Top 10" techniques for working with AncestryDNA. This session is ideal for those who are taking a first look at their AncestryDNA test or thinking about testing at AncestryDNA.

Demonstrations and case studies will be featured in the session. There'll be plenty of time for questions. Reference material will be available after the session.

This session is limited to 25 participants.

This session will be conducted on through Zoom and will not be recorded. Participants should be available at the advertised time.

[More Information](#)

Commences Mon 5 Feb 7.00pm - 8.00pm AEDT

COURSE: 2024 February Certificate in Genealogical Research

The Society's Certificate in Genealogical Research is designed for those with more than three years family history research experience and who have gained at least some elementary research skills and a broad, even if basic, knowledge of resources available.

To complete the assessments, you are expected to extend your research beyond what can be found on the internet and to use local libraries and family history society collections, either in-person or remotely where possible.

The course consists of 8 assignments undertaken across a year. For each assignment you will be given the outline of what is required, together with some guidance to consider in preparing your submission. The assignments have been carefully selected to reflect the sorts of skills needed by genealogists and the course is essentially practical exercises in self-directed learning from experience.

This induction webinar will be recorded, so you can either watch it live or watch it later.

[More Information](#)

Tue 6 Feb 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEDT

WEBINAR: Discover the Historical Land Records Viewer - Jeff Madsen

People often ask – What is the HLRV?

OR

I have trouble finding my way through the HLRV!

This webinar will step you through what the HLRV (Historical Land Records Viewer) really is and how it can help you with your Family Research.

This presentation will demonstrate:

- What the HLRV provides to users
- How to navigate the HLRV
- Understanding the records and processes (including flowcharts)
- Searching the records
- Benefits to family research

This session will be held online via the Zoom platform.

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

[More Information](#)

Commences Wed 7 Feb 7.00pm - 8.00pm AEDT

Season Ticket!

Ancestry Tips: February - June 2024 - Michelle Patient

Why not join Michelle Patient and her expert Ancestry guests on the first Wednesday each month for some tips, tricks and time for your questions on

...Wednesday, each month for some tips, tricks and time for your questions on anything to do with the Ancestry website and the services it provides.

The meeting dates covered by this ticket are: 7 February, 6 March, 3 April, 1 May and 5 June.

You can attend the meetings live or watch the recordings later.

[More Information](#)

Thu 8 Feb 10.30am - 12.30pm AEDT

The Writing Group February 2024 Meeting - Led by Elizabeth Capelin & Emily Purser

Are you interested in writing about your family history but need a bit more motivation or encouragement?

Come along to The Writing Group and work on your writing skills in a fun and supportive atmosphere. The group meets via Zoom on the second Thursday of each month and has a varied program of activities and speakers designed to help you progress your project/s - whatever style of writing you are interested in!

New attendees are welcome.

This session will be held online via the Zoom platform.

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

[More Information](#)

Thu 8 Feb 7.00pm - 9.00pm AEDT

WEBINAR: Rising to the challenge - Elena Fowler

DNA test results impacted by a history of pedigree collapse, multiple relationships, endogamy

Join us online to learn about how a history of pedigree collapse, multiple relationships and or endogamy may impact your DNA test results and how you can apply a range of strategies to mitigate these challenges.

This session will be held online via the Zoom platform.

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

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Sat 10 Feb 10.30am - 3.30pm AEDT

Family Tree Maker User Group - Led by Larry Czarnik

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

Bring your questions about using FTM and join Convenor Larry Czarnik and other group members as they lead you through the session.

This meeting has two sessions with an hour break for lunch. Each session includes time for questions and answers.

Morning and afternoon tea will be provided for those attending in person.

If you wish to attend in person please register by 7 February 2024 as a decision will need to be made as to whether we proceed with the in person aspect of the meeting.

Online attendees can register up until the start of the meeting.

This group meeting will be recorded so you can join live or watch the recording later. In person attendees will also receive the recording.

More Information

The vast majority of our events are currently online. With the exception of the Friday Hang Out, you must book prior to the start of the event. Most sessions are recorded and registrants receive the recording even if they cannot attend live at the scheduled time.

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