



EVENT EXTRA

May 2024

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 20 May 9.30am - 11.00am AEST

Wed 22 May 12.00pm - 1.30pm AEST

FREE IN PERSON WORKSHOP: Avoiding Scams & Staying Safe Online - Andrew Redfern

Spaces still available!

We have all heard of the scams and tricks that can happen online. In this course you will learn some tips to stay safer online. Avoiding tricks and scams can be as simple as following a few simple steps: be careful, go

slowly, and always be on the look out for warning signs.

Following this general overview, participants will then be guided to learn about phishing scams. This type of scam comes in many forms, but all the forms have one thing in common: they pretend to look legitimate to trick you into falling for the scam. Learn about the most common types of phishing scams, how to identify them and, how to avoid being scammed in this way. You'll also learn what to do if you think you have been the victim of a phishing scam.

Delivered in person by Andrew Redfern, a trained educational IT specialist, this course will be highly practical and hands on, paced appropriately to the members of the group.

These workshops will be held in person at SAG Research Centre and Library, Level 2/379 Kent Street Sydney

Mon 20 May

Wed 22 May



Thu 23 May 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEST

FREE EVENT: Checks and Balances - The story of Chief Justice Francis Forbes and Governor Ralph Darling

The NSW Supreme Court celebrated its 200th anniversary on 15 May 2024.

Many of our ancestors will have had contact with this institution in one way or another over the past 200 years.

Join SAG Education Manager Vanessa Cassin as she discusses the story of Chief Justice Francis Forbes and Governor Ralph Darling with Sally Layson, Justine Hanks and Chris Merritt from the Rule of Law Education Centre.

This Law Week come along and hear how the clash between military man, Darling and Chief Justice Forbes together with the establishment of the Supreme Court of New South Wales shaped Australia today with a free press and independent judiciary.

The Rule of Law Education Centre has recently published a book for high school aged children to educate them about this story.

This session will be held online via Zoom

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Sat 25 May 10.00am - 12.00pm AEST

Caribbean Research Group - Led by Sally Byatt and Vanessa Cassin

Guest Presenters: Michael Flynn and Peter Day

Michael and Peter will each present case studies on their research into their Caribbean ancestors.

Calling all SAG members and friends with Caribbean ancestry or interests! After a bit of a hiatus we are looking to restart our Caribbean Research Interest Group.

Join guest facilitator Sally Byatt and SAG Education Manager Vanessa Cassin as we discuss all things Caribbean.

Everyone is welcome to attend and, as SAG Research Groups are collaborative, we ask that all attendees please help their fellow researchers by offering suggestions of how to progress their research or simply share any resources you may be aware of which may help.

This session will be held online via Zoom

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Mon 27 May 7.30pm - 9.00pm AEST

Let's Talk About... Sacred Places & People

The focus of this month's Let's Talk About... event is sacred places and people

We are currently finalising the panel of speakers but will be discussing research related to religious records and places of worship. Please check back closer to the session date for more details.

Do you have a question you are desperate to have answered? Why not submit it in advance. Click on the link to send us your question now <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SAG-Talk-about-question>

NOTE: We will try to answer all advance questions that are submitted, however, at times the volume of questions received means this is not possible.

Please note: Members will need to be logged into the website to register.

This session will be held online via Zoom

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Tue 28 May 7.00pm - 9.00pm AEST

Scottish Research Group - Led by Diana Pecar, Elizabeth Gordon and Sally Skulte

County of interest - We'll take a deep dive into the historic **County of Fife** with Cathryn Murphy.

Topic: Occupations and life beyond what we think

Margaret Neyle will take us into the She-Town of Dundee with a look at how the women of the town contributed to various industries to ensure the town prospered.

Lorraine Brothers is going to take us on a journey through the history of bagpipes and how her ancestor played a part in the history.

Margaret Terry will then tell us about the woollen and tweed mills of the industrial town of Hawick where her family worked and also the unique celebrations of the Common Riding in Borders towns which dates back to the 1514 Battle of Flodden.

And we will also look at a short quirky video from the National Records of Scotland "The Experiences of Women Workers in the Second World War in Scotland" by Dr Moffat.

This session will be held online via Zoom

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Wed 29 May 7.30pm - 9.00pm AEST

AI & Tech Special Interest Group- Led by Andrew Redfern, Yvonne Masters, Sandy Pullen and Maureen Trotter

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.

- Latest Updates - Developments in AI, software and hardware
- News and Views - Opinions, discussion points, recommended software/hardware
- Quick Tips - 3 minutes or less
- Show & Tell - like at school - share something you've done with AI or Tech
- In Depth Focus - longer demonstration of tools, software
- Helpdesk - problems and support, suggestions

This session will be held online via Zoom

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Thu 30 May 7.00pm - 9.00pm AEST

Reunion and Mac Support Group - Led by Danny O'Neill and Dale Fogarty

For this meeting, we will take a closer look at some of the new features in Reunion 14 and ask members to share their own experiences with the latest update.

New features and video: <https://www.leisterpro.com/doc/v14/newfeatures/new14features.php>

Members can share their favourite features of Reunion.

Q&A

Members can bring their own questions to the group or submit them in advance

Contact us at sag.reuniongroup@gmail.com or via SAG with feedback and questions

Discussion topic

What Mac tools/applications are people using for genealogy and with Reunion? Does anyone use dictation?

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Sat 1 Jun 10.00am - 12.00pm AEST

Exploring your DNA results at MyHeritage - Vicki Hails

Have you tested your DNA at MyHeritage or uploaded your DNA data to this website and not sure what to do next?

This webinar will provide an introduction to the MyHeritage DNA website and explore the various DNA features available to help you analyse your DNA matches.

The webinar will look at the how to make the most of features such as Labels and Theory of Family Relativity and will also explore the power of the Chromosome Browser and Autocluster tools to gain new insights and make important discoveries.

The concept of segment triangulation at MyHeritage will be explained with examples on how to locate triangulated groups.

There will be time for participants to ask questions.

This session will be held online via Zoom

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Sat 1 Jun 3.00pm - 5.00pm AEST

Colonial Australia Research Group - Led by Lorraine Luks, Kristine Newton and Sharon Shelley

Topic: Diggers, robbers and getters

Our June meeting will cover one of the biggest change events of Colonial times - the gold rush!

Each decade from the 1850s saw new gold discoveries in each colony.

Gold fever hit the world and created a population and economic boom in Australia.

Along with those digging for gold were those robbing the gold - our great bushranger legends arose from robbing gold transports.

We'll also focus on another 'gold rush' - the cedar rush. This took men deep into new territory searching for the prized timber to build and furnish Colonial homes.

Timber getters lived dangerously when logging, milling and transporting timber to a growing colony.

If you have gold diggers, bush rangers or timber getters in your family and you'd like to do a short presentation to our group, get in touch with us at Colonialaustgroup@gmail.com

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Commences Mon 3 Jun 5.00pm - 7.00pm AEST

COURSE: Beginners' Research Methods - Danielle Lautrec

Are you fairly new to family history or been researching for less than three years? Do you know the basics, but need some ongoing support to develop your core research skills?

In SAG's newest online course, Beginners Research Methods, you will work on your own family history under the guidance of Danielle Lautrec over a period of seven months. Included in the course are two lectures, two workshops and six group discussion sessions (fourteen contact hours in total). Danielle will teach you to plan your research, identify research priorities and research questions, cite your sources and other important research skills. Each technique will be applied to your own family history, to help you progress your research.

Prior completion of the SAG's Beginners Course (or comparable course) is recommended, but is not essential.

This course will be held online via Zoom

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Sat 8 Jun 10.00am - 12.00pm AEST

Legacy Software Users Group - Led by Danielle Lautrec

Topic: Data entry – A detailed examination of the best ways to enter data and add source citations. This will include master lists, use of the clipboard and time saving techniques.

Our Legacy Group sessions are suitable for beginners and also experienced users. If you have been using Legacy for a while, bring along your tips to share with others in the group. **This session will be recorded, so you can attend live or watch the recording later.** Copies of the slides and some exercises to practice will also be provided.

This session will be held online via Zoom

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Shut Up & Write...Family History June 2024 - Ruth Graham

Join us for another SAG "Shut Up & Write" online session to support anyone with a family history writing project, including our active students. Hosted by SAG CEO Ruth Graham, we will put you through three to four 25 minute sessions of writing, short breaks and then a final discussion on your achievements across the group. **This is not a course but a peer support session** - you need to come to the meeting with your own writing tasks to do for yourself. The couple of hours is a way to connect with others and hear about some amazing projects they are undertaking.

Be prepared to write! Here is some background on SU&W meetings - works in cafes as well as Zoom: <https://thesiswhisperer.com/shut-up-and-write/>

Please note: Members will need to be logged into the website to register.

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Tue 11 Jun 7.00pm - 9.00pm AEST

Irish Research Group - Led by Kathleen Hackett, Alan Jones & Sally Skulte

Please join us for the next SAG Irish Research Group on Tuesday 11 June