



EVENT EXTRA

July 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 15 Jul 7.30pm - 9.00pm AEST

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Let's Talk About... Sacred Places & People (Rescheduled)

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

The panel includes Dr Ruth Slatter - her research into methodist places and latest updates from the Institute of Historic Research; Kathryn Le Gay Brereton on Project Infant and other issues of institutional control; Gemma Beswick revisiting the Society's parish register collection; Chris Hingerty speaking of her experiences as a pilgrim on the Camino de Santiago; & more to be announced!

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This session will be held online via Zoom

Thu 18 Jul 7.00pm - 9.00pm AEST

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

For the July meeting, we will continue exploring some more of the new features in Reunion 14, highlighting the charts.

We will ask members to share their own experiences with the latest update and discuss which features they have found useful and share how they are using them.

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

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

This session will be held online via Zoom

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Sat 20 Jul 3.00pm - 5.00pm AEST

Chinese Australian Research Interest Group - Led by Kam Louie

Guest Presenters: Douglas Lam and Natalie Fong

Douglas and Natalie will be talking to the group about their journey's to discover the ancestral villages of their families and other genealogical discoveries along the way.

Come along and join us as we research our Chinese Australian ancestors in a collaborative, friendly and engaging research group. Make sure you have your questions ready and also be ready to assist others if you are able to as this is the basis of what all SAG Groups are about - people helping other people with ideas and suggestions about their family research.

This session will be held online via Zoom

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Mon 22 Jul 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEST

Meet the Author - Marion and the Forty Thieves by Sarah Luke

Join Sydney-based historian Dr Sarah Luke as she introduces her new middle grade children's novel, *Marion and the Forty Thieves*.

Marion and the Forty Thieves is based on Sarah's research into Sydney's Nautical School Ships Vernon and Sobraon which were anchored at Cockatoo Island between 1867 and 1911. She has previously published a full history of this school as *Like a Wicked Noah's Ark* (Arcadia, 2020).

Featuring a strong female heroine and a diverse cast of characters, Marion and the Forty Thieves is set to captivate young readers with its blend of history, adventure, and intrigue. The book is accompanied by real photographs from the ship, portraits of Sobraon boys and images of Sydney street scenes from the era.

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Tue 23 Jul 2.30pm - 3.30pm AEST

Virtual Library Session - Karlie Frelingos

ASK THE LIBRARIAN!

Have you ever wondered what's inside the SAG library collection? Have you ever been uncertain on what to search for in the online catalogue? What questions do you have about the library?

The virtual library session is an opportunity to ask these questions and more to the SAG Librarian (Karlie Frelingos). If you have ever wondered about types of materials we have in the library or how to use the library catalogue this might be the session for you!

This session will be held online via Zoom

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Wed 24 Jul 7.00pm - 8.00pm AEST

Introduction to the SAG and Courses - Ruth Graham

Are you a new member or interested in becoming a member?

Have you been a member for a while but not really utilised our services?

Are you feeling inspired to start some formal study in family history this year?

Join the Society's CEO and other staff for a free online introduction and orientation session, as well as a guide through the course options available at the SAG throughout the rest of 2024. These include our Beginner's Practical Introduction to Family History course, our existing suite of online courses on research methodology, the Certificate in Genealogical Research and Diploma in Family Historical Studies alongside our DNA research offerings. See this website for information: <https://www.sag.org.au/StudyOnlineWithUs>

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This session will be held online via Zoom

Tue 30 Jul 11.00am - 12.00pm AEST

Family History Connect | Hints & tips for using the library catalogue

To celebrate Library & Information Week, SAG staff will host a special Family History Connect session: Hints & tips for using the library catalogue.

Participants will be guided through the unique SAG library classification system, and will be shown how to best navigate the online catalogue and prepare for a visit. You'll also learn some helpful hints and tips to improve your catalogue search techniques.

Limit of 10 participants.

This is a members only event that will take place in person at the SAG Family History Research Centre & Library

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Wed 31 Jul 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

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Thu 1 Aug 2.30pm - 3.30pm AEST

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Sat 3 Aug 10.00am - 12.00pm AEST

Legacy Software Users Group - Led by Danielle Lautrec

Topic: Generating products – How to turn your family history data into stories, reports and other useful products.

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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Commences Mon 5 Aug

2024 August 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 coursework 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.

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Tue 6 Aug 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEST

Mining the English Censuses: Beyond Discovering Your Family - Yvonne Masters

We are all familiar with using the censuses as a source for our English ancestors. There we can discover a range of information including occupation, location, names of children, and movement around the county and/or country. However, a great deal more can be learned from these censuses.

In this presentation we will explore how the censuses can be used to gather different kinds of information such as changes in locations over time, the spread of names in various area, and the predominant occupations in a given place and time. In particular 'A Vision of Britain Over Time' and '[Histpop.org](https://www.histpop.org)' will be introduced and the many forms of census information, both micro and macro, available on these sites.

This session will be held online via Zoom

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Thu 8 Aug 10.30am - 12.30pm AEST

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

Agenda for August Meeting

Anthea Gupta will talk about writing for a family history website/blog. She will share her experience of building sites in Wordpress to share her research and her creative writing based on Family History. She will then facilitate discussion/ a practical workshop on how you'd design a blog/FH website (the conceptual planning, not the use of any particular technology). The session focuses on the process of writing for a FH website, and how that differs from writing for print publications. We will look at a range of FH website examples, and welcome you to share FH websites you like, and what you see as their strengths.

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Sat 10 Aug 10.30am - 3.30pm AEST

Family Tree Maker User Group - Led by Larry Czarnik

Providing we have a minimum of 10 attending "in-person" it is planned to have a hybrid meeting for Sat 10 Aug 2024. The hybrid meeting takes place in a physical location AND as a live webinar. It has the advantage of the F2F (in-person) meeting & the different kinds of discussion that result when we have attempted "open mic" segments in Zoom webinars. Please remember, that SAG retains the right to change hybrid to webinar only.

The F2F portion of the meeting will take place at the Library 2/379 Kent St, Sydney NSW 2000.

This meeting has two 2-hour sessions with an hour break for lunch. Registration is for both sessions.

This is a hybrid session that will take place both over Zoom and in person at the SAG Family History Research Centre & Library

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