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In the News

Certificate in Genealogical Research - enrolments will close on Monday 5 August for the August intake of this popular course. Full details are available [here](#) with a ZOOM induction session scheduled for Monday 5 August at 7.00pm AEDT. Click [here](#) to register.

Family History Month Special Events - click [here](#) for a full listing of the extra events we have scheduled this month.

FREE FAMILY HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL LUNCHTIME EVENT: Which ancestor would you most like to meet?

Join us for a fascinating online special event where we sit down with individuals to discuss the ancestor they would most like to meet. Our guest will share their thoughts, feelings, and hopes of connecting with someone from their past. Don't miss this unique opportunity to time travel into the past and explore the connections that bind us to our ancestors.

Thursday 15 August - 1:00pm - 1:30pm **Darryl Low Choy** - book [here](#)

Thursday 29 August - 1.00pm-1.30pm **Philippa Shelley Jones** - book [here](#)

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

This is an online session using the ZOOM platform.

This webinar will be recorded - watch it live or watch it later.

FREE FAMILY HISTORY MONTH SPECIAL EVENT: Which flags are you flying? Family history, identity, & cultural heritage explored

Join a panel of Society members and friends as we explore what we have taken on for our personal identities from researching our family histories and whether this has changed depending on our place of birth, country of migration, cultural influences, or family history discoveries?

Which flags are you flying for the Olympics/Paralympics?

Thursday 29 August 1.00pm-1.30pm - All welcome! book [here](#)

Family Tree Maker and Family Book Creator

Advance notice of this special one-day event featuring two international speakers to be held at the Corinthian Room, Sydney Masonic Centre, 66 Goulburn Street, Sydney on Saturday 12 October 9.00am - 5.00pm.

Further details will be announced soon. There will be a special price for those who join as a SAG member when registering. This price will waive the membership joining fee and will be available when registrations open.

This event is in-person only and will NOT be recorded.

Goldrush conference

Set Saturday 17 August aside for this one day conference - full details will soon be available shortly on our website.

The theme for this newsletter is: Gold.

in the Library

The SAG Library at 2/379 Kent Street holds a vast array of material relating to Scotland and our Scottish ancestors. A select list of books about GOLD can be found below.

Ball, Carolyn A. (2019). *After the Gold Rush: The Moyle family's contribution to central Victoria*. **Thesis/A6/MOY/2.**

Carpenter, Lloyd & Fraser, Lyndon, editor. (2016). *Rushing for gold: life and commerce on the goldfields of New Zealand and Australia*. **K3/27/4.**

Gatward, Terry. (2020). *Gatwards seeking gold*. **Thesis/A6/GAT/2.**

Holthouse, Hector. (1967). *River of gold: the story of the Palmer River gold rush*. **H3/27/2.**

Johnson, Peter. (2018). *Far & faint: a history of the 1870s goldrushes to the Gulgong goldfield*. **B4.852/27/1.**

McGowan, Barry. (2006). *Fool's gold: myths and legends of gold seeking in Australia*. **A3/27/13.**

Parsons, Ronald. (1975). *Sail in the south: a selection from the A.D.*

Edwards Collection of snipping photographs in the State Library of South Australia. A3/21/31.

Potts, E. Daniel & Potts, Annette. (1974). *Young America and Australian gold : Americans and the gold rush of the 1850s. A3/30/2.*

Ramsland, John. (2011). *From Antarctica to the gold rushes: in the wake of the Erebus: Alexander Smith RN, polar voyager, astronomer & goldfields commissioner 1812-1872. A3/10/43.*

in the Archives

A reminder that our archives remain closed as we continue to deal with external contractors to remediate the moisture problems in the basement at Richmond Villa. Please continue to search our MIDAS catalogue and note which files you would like to see - limited retrievals can be undertaken if the material has been digitised. Rest assured all files housed in the compactus are undamaged.

Don't miss these upcoming events

All of our events continue to be delivered online, through Zoom. **For up to date information about our events, always check the Events page of the SAG website.**

With the exception of some DNA events where there may be privacy issues, **all of our webinars are recorded**, so even if you cannot attend at the scheduled time you can still book and receive the recording. Most of our events are open to **non-members** as well as members. However, members pay a discount price and can purchase season tickets.

You must book for all events except for the Friday Hang Out sessions. Unless an event is fully booked, if you are paying online via PayPal, you can usually register for a session up until the time the event is due to start. As soon as your payment is processed you will receive an email containing the Zoom joining link. The event listing will state if registrations are closing earlier for any reason.

If you are a member, make sure you are logged into the website to claim the member rate, or call us on (02) 9247 3953 to make a booking over the phone.

Every Friday 4.00pm-5.00pm AEDT

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SAG members can hang out every Friday afternoon at 4pm and chat about family history. Hang outs are free and you can join using the link via the MEMBER AREA of the website - you will need to **log in** to the Website.

Find out more

Tue 13 August 7.30pm - 9.00pm AEDT

WEBINAR: SAG Book Club/Meet the Author - *Vron* by Lee Boehm

Join us in our online book club event for an opportunity to meet the author, share ideas with other enthusiastic readers and gain new perspectives on our own family history research. This event is FREE for Society members - if you are not yet a member, we'd love you to join!

In August we are introducing Society member Lee Boehm & her second book, [Vron](#).

This event will be held via the ZOOM Platform.

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

Find out more and register

Thur 15 Aug 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEDT

WEBINAR: The lure of the local: local history, local collections, and truth-telling in Australian histories

Grace Karskens explains how important local collections were in her research for *People of the River: Lost Worlds of Early Australia* (2020). Local collections of documents, pictures, maps and objects were essential for asking new questions and opening up whole new understandings of colonial, cross-cultural and Aboriginal histories. The regional focus and local collections are helping historians uncover new truth-telling Australian histories and biographies.

About the presenter

Grace Karskens is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of New South Wales Sydney. Grace researches and writes Australian colonial, cross-cultural and environmental histories. Her last book *People of the River: Lost Worlds of Early Australia* explored Aboriginal and settler histories of Dyarubbin, the Hawkesbury River, and won the 2021 Prime Minister's Award for Australian History and the 2021 NSW Premier's Award for Australian

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Tuesday Evening sessions: 1 Jan - 23 April 2024:

Digital Skills for Family Historians 3-Part Online Course - Andrew Redfern

Are you looking to develop your technology skills around family history? This three-part course is designed to build upon key understandings and principles of family history research and show you how to interact with various platforms, websites and software to ensure you make the most of the tools available to you.

In this hands-on course, you'll learn to:

- **Set Up Your Computer for Research:** Learn how to organise your digital workspace for efficient and effective genealogical research.
- **Access Key repositories and Record Sets:** Discover where to find vital records and how to remotely access many of these resources.
- **Search indexes Effectively:** Master the art of navigating indexes to uncover the hidden details of your ancestor's lives.
- **Employ a Variety of Software:** Gain skills in a variety of software packages, many of which you already have access to, in order to organise and manage your findings.

Using a case study approach, each session will demonstrate key skills in real-time, ensuring you gain practical experience. Our expert instructor will guide you through the process, providing ample time to address your own questions and work through any trouble spots.

By the end of this course, you'll be equipped with the foundational digital skills needed to conduct thorough and organised family history research. The course is aimed at foundation level, for those starting their research or those who perhaps feel overwhelmed with the amount of information available.

1. **29 August 2024, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**
2. **12 September 2024, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**
3. **19 September 2024, 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM**

[Click here](#) for information about a face-to-face version of this course.

Skill Level: Beginner to Intermediate

To read SAG's Refund Policy for event registrations please [click here](#)

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Fri 30 August & Sat 31 August: 9.00am - 5.00pm AEDT

COURSE: Beginners Practical Introduction to Family History - Vanessa Cassin & Gemma Beswick

Would you like to investigate your family history but have no idea where to start, or have you previously signed up to an online platform but felt overwhelmed by all the information available?

The Society of Australian Genealogists, Australia's oldest family history society, will hold a **face to face** intensive version of our "Beginners Practical Introduction to Family History" course at our library and research centre in Sydney as part of our schedule of National Family History Month events.

Over the course of two days you will learn about:

- Key tools - family history software platforms, file organisation, research plans
- Traditional records (document based) research – types of records, locating records
- Electronic databases – Ancestry, FamilySearch, MyHeritage, Findmypast and more
- Using maps in family history
- Other resources such as Family History Societies, online forums and education options
- Introduction to DNA research including legal and ethical considerations
- Various ways to chart, share and publish your findings, including privacy and copyright concerns

While the course will focus on records available in Australia, North America, the United Kingdom and Ireland, we will also touch on locating records in other countries and the skills you will learn can be applied to researching ancestors from anywhere in the world.

Morning and Afternoon Tea will be provided.

There will be a one hour break for lunch. Please bring your own lunch alternatively, there are plenty of cafes close to the venue if you prefer to purchase something.

Please note this is a face-to-face event and will NOT be recorded.

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