



SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIAN GENEALOGISTS

**SAGe - the monthly
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Society of Australian
Genealogists**





Image of the Jenkins family reunion in 1941 from the Mitchell Library. You can find out more of their story at [here](#). With thanks to Margaret for alerting us to this article following our recent Let's Talk About session on family reunions.

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In the News

Volunteer celebration/End of year party

We are pleased to invite members to a special event at the Society of Australian Genealogists **from 10.30am** on Friday 13 December at the Mechanics School of Arts in Sydney, which will follow an earlier volunteers-only session. This festive Morning Tea and presentation will celebrate our dedicated volunteers and provide the opportunity for members to socialise at our end of year celebration. Click [here](#) for more information and to register.

New Volunteer Manager - welcome Boyd!

Boyd Robinson AM has been appointed as the Society's new Volunteer Manager. Boyd's remit will be varied, and he will play a key role supporting our community and contributing to the Society's ongoing success.

Christmas Closure Dates

Our Library at 2/379 Kent Street will close at 4pm on Thursday 19 December 2024 and re-open 10am Tuesday 14 January 2025. Staff will be back in the office from 9am Tuesday 7 January.

The theme for this newsletter is: Family reunions.

There are some fantastic raffle prizes available during AFFHOs 17th Australasian Congress next year, hosted by the Genealogical Society of Queensland. Fortunately, you don't have to be present to claim a prize, so check the website to see what's on offer: [Connections Australasian Conference 2025 Online Raffle](#)



ONLINE RAFFLE

18 Prizes to WIN!

Use the QR CODE to view the amazing prizes available to win on each day of the Conference 2025.

3 DAYS OF PRIZES - BUY A RAFFLE TICKET FOR EACH DAYS MULTI-DRAW

ONE (1) ticket - \$5 | THREE (3) tickets - \$10 | SEVEN (7) tickets - \$20 | TWENTY (20) tickets - \$50

[One multi-draw raffle will be conducted each day of the conference. Winners do not need to be present at the conference to claim prizes.]

www.connections2025.org.au/raffle

Check out these Web Tips

Thinking of planning a family reunion? [Family tree magazine](#) has a list of 10 tips for organising a successful family reunion, as well as a free checklist to download to assist in planning.

Our friends at [Family Search](#) have compiled an extensive list of resources to help you plan activities to interest and entertain any and all age groups during a reunion.

There are also countless free organisational checklists to download that may also assist your planning, just Google: 'How to plan a family reunion'.

The recording and handout from our last Let's Talk About.... community event for 2024 on Family Reunions is available to members, alongside our back catalogue of recordings, at [this link](#). This series of events will return in February 2025.

in the Library

Many family reunions result in the publication of a pamphlet or book to commemorate the event. The SAG Library at 2/379 Kent Street holds a number of such titles and a select list can be found below.

Meredith, Isobel (Belle) (1984) *Souvenir booklet Boyton family muster* **A6/BOY/CD.2**

Thom, Graham (1990) *Some Ikin reminiscences: Ikin family gathering, Sydney, June 1990* **A6/IKI/1**

Mackinlay, Leo George (2017) *The Gathering of the Mackinlay Clan: Temora NSW Saturday 15th Sunday 16th April 2017* **A6/MAC/Pam.6**

Oates, Anne *A Gathering of the Oates: to Celebrate the Centenary of 'Rosewick' Millthorpe* **A6/OAT/Pam.3**

A Gathering of the Descendants of Thomas and Sarah Richens, 31 March 1984 **A6/RIC/Pam.3**

Hawick Family Reunion, Grenfell, Saturday 13 & Sunday 14 January 2001 **A6/HAW/CD.5**

Taylor, Araleen compiled by (1984) *Crebert - Grebert reunion 13 & 14 September 2014: A Gathering of Descendants and Relatives of Franz & Catherine Grebert* **A6/GRE/CD.1**

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

Hang out with the SAG - All members welcome

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](#)

Tuesday 3 Dec 6.00pm - 7.00pm AEDT

Improve your Source Citing Skills - Danielle Lautrec

The Source Citations Group is a new members-only research group that the Society is introducing to provide ongoing support to those who want to improve their skills in citing sources. Come along to this free session for an overview of the topic and to find out how the group could benefit your research.

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](#)

Saturday 7 Dec 10.30am - 12.30pm AEDT

DNA Research Group - Tools in Practice - Veronica Williams and Danielle Lautrec

Working with FamilyTreeDNA tools

This session will explore the various tools available on the FamilyTreeDNA site for use with autosomal, Y-DNA and mtDNA. Members of the DNA Research Group will demonstrate how they are using the tools to enhance their research. Any Member who has a tool they would like to demonstrate should contact the convenors at least 7 days prior to the session.

The DNA Research Group - Tools in Practice is a collaborative group designed to assist researchers with the analysis and interpretation of genetic genealogy results.

The group is designed to meet the needs of attendees with an intermediate level of knowledge of genetic genealogy.

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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Saturday 7 Dec 1.30pm - 3.30pm AEDT

DNA Research Discussion Group - Veronica Williams and Danielle Lautrec

Topic: Y-DNA case studies

This session is a facilitated discussion session which will

- a) Examine and discuss several Y-DNA examples to assess results and explore ideas for further research.
- b) Provide an opportunity for members to ask questions about the analysis and use of YDNA results.

Information and discussion questions will be distributed before the meeting. It requires pre-work by participants with all expected to contribute to the discussion.

In the first part of the session, we will take a look at case studies which will highlight the interpretation of results (STR and BigY700), most particularly in relation to matches, haplogroups and genetic trees.

This section of the session will be recorded.

The second part of the session will be a facilitated round table Q&A session.

This section of the session will NOT be recorded and could be thought of as "Everything you ever wanted to know about YDNA testing but were afraid/never got around to ask".....

Questions could include (but not limited to) the following:

- I just don't get ...,
- How can I use ... (from my results to assist my research?
- I have heard/seen the following ... What does that mean?
- I have the following genealogy mystery/dilemma/brick wall ... Should I test? Who?
- Should I upgrade?
- I would like to know more about ...
- Questions relating to the case studies presented.

It is preferred that questions be submitted prior to the session. Questions can be accompanied by slides.

Contact details for submitting advance questions for the meeting will be included in the confirmation email you receive after registering.

Facilitator: Sharon Watson

Presenter: Christine Hingerty

Please note: The topics and tools discussed at this group are pitched at an advanced level and the Research Discussion Group meetings are not recommended for those just beginning their DNA journey.

Find out more and
register

Wednesday 11 December 7.30pm - 8.30pm AEDT

The Future of Cemeteries

As family historians we know the value of cemeteries and memorial parks to our research. We are all concerned for the future of these places where our ancestors rest.

Join us for an insightful webinar on the future of memorial parks, where we will explore critical issues shaping these spaces, delving into the importance of placemaking, death literacy and sustainability initiatives, to ensure that memorial parks remain relevant and valued community assets.

Presented in collaboration with Metropolitan Memorial Parks.

This is an online session using the ZOOM platform.

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

recording later.

Find out more and
register

Thursday 12 December 10.30am - 12.30pm AEDT

The Writing Group - 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!

In addition to the group meetings there is an optional forum utilising the Basecamp website where group attendees can discuss writing projects and share ideas between meetings.

Come and join us, new attendees are always welcome.

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

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Online Shop

We have a curated range of Gift Vouchers for all your gift-giving needs, from the experienced researcher to ones just starting out. Visit our [shop](#) to see the range.

Order online 24/7 or call 02 9247 3953
Last day for 2024 orders will be COB Thursday 12 Dec 2024.
