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In the News

Your support matters - EOFY donations

As we approach the end of the financial year, we kindly ask for your support through donations to sustain our vital work in educating family historians across the country and in preserving our rich genealogical archives. Please consider making a contribution at www.sag.org.au/gift. A donation of any amount will help ensure our continued ability to serve and educate future generations of family historians.

King's Birthday Holiday 9 June

For most of Australia, Monday is a public holiday, and the Society's offices are closed.

Thank you to the Anson family

Our sincere thanks to the Anson family for their significant donation in the past month in the memory of Wendy Anson (née Turner).

Member Forum - 18 June

Following the Society's recent AGM, the next online Member Forum, scheduled for 5.00pm AEST on Wednesday 18 June, will focus on operational planning for the coming year and the changes in working groups and committees. All members welcome - please register [here](#). (You will need to sign into our website).

Catch up on past community webinars

For those enjoying a long weekend, why not catch up on some of our recent community webinars. Access is available through www.sag.org.au/webinars

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Join the August 2025 Certificate cohort

There is still time to join us for our next **Certificate in Genealogical Research** cohort, commencing 5 August: <https://www.sag.org.au/event-5987984>

The theme for this newsletter is: Adoptions

Check out these Web Tips

The [Dependent Children Registers](#) held at the Museums of History NSW contain records relating to children who were admitted to State care between 1883 and 1923. They record where the dependent children were placed (whether with foster parents or guardians), with some children being eventually adopted.

[Find and Connect](#) was developed by a team of historians, archivists and social workers from the University of Melbourne and Australian Catholic University, with funding from the Australian Government. It provides counselling and assistance to people who spent time in care as children between 1920 and 1980, helping individuals find information about the institutions they lived in, the reasons behind the welfare policies of the time and where records created about the children exist and how to access them.

[The Public Record Office, Victoria](#) can assist in finding historic records (over 99 years) that may contain details of children who were adopted or made wards of the state in Victoria - individuals who experienced institutional or out-of-home 'care' as children whilst under the guardianship of a State child welfare authority. Note that not all children who were adopted were made wards of the state, nor were all wards of the state later adopted.

[Adopted.com](#) is a search tool designed to connect adoptees with their biological families, while also building a supportive community for those searching. This is a subscription site with the ability to register three search profiles for free with a simple form used to drive the search process. The ability to upgrade to a paid account to take advantage of additional features on the site is available at any time and the DNA search component is growing with the assistance of partners 23andMe; Ancestry, My Heritage and FamilyTreeDNA.

in the Library

The SAG Library at 2/379 Kent Street holds a vast array of material relating to adoption. A select list can be found below.

- *Meetings, a new beginning: experiences of reunion after adoption* prepared by the NSW Post Adoption Social Workers' Group. (1994). A2/1/Pam.12
- *Single mothers and their children: disposal, punishment and survival in Australia* by Shurlee Swain with Renate Howe. (1995). A3/30/9
- *Binding ties: an experience of adoption and reunion in Australia* by Tom Frame. (1999). A6/FRA/8
- *Releasing the past, adoption practices 1950-1998: final report*. New South Wales, Parliament, Legislative Council, Standing Committee on Social Issues. (2000). B3/82/5
- *Crown street women's hospital: a history 1893-1983* by Judith Godden. (2016). B4.010/11/2
- *The family tree guide to DNA testing and genetic genealogy* by Blaine T. Bettinger. (2019). L2/18/1
- *The adoptee's guide to DNA testing: how to use genetic genealogy to discover your long-lost family* by Tamar Weinberg. (2018). L2/18/3
- *The DNA guide for adoptees: how to use genealogy and genetics to uncover your roots, connect with your biological family, and better understand your medical history* by Brianne Kirkpatrick and Shannon Combs-Bennett. (2019). L2/18/4
- *A history of adoption in England and Wales: 1850-1961* by Gill Rossini. (2014). M3/30/19.

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.

Upcoming Events

- Tuesday 10 June, 2.00pm-3.00pm - [WEBINAR: Guilty of Being Poor: A History of Workhouses and the Rhetoric of Wealth in Britain](#)
- Tuesday 10 June, 7.00pm - 9.00pm - [GROUP: Irish Research](#)
- Thursday 12 June, 10.30am-12.30pm - [GROUP: The Writing Group](#)
- Saturday 14 June, 10.30am-12.30pm - [GROUP: DNA Research - Tools in Practice](#)
- Saturday 15 June, 1.30pm-3.30pm - [GROUP: DNA Research Discussion](#)
- Thursday 19 June, 1.00pm-2.00pm - [Exploring Cite-Builder with Jenny Joyce](#)
- Saturday 28 June, 3.00pm-5.00pm - [GROUP: Chinese Australian Research](#)

FREE FOR MEMBERS

- Every Friday at 4pm - [Friday Hang Out with the SAG](#)
- Thursday 19 June, 2.30pm-3.30pm - [Virtual Library Session: Find Your Way Around the Library: Catalogues, Call Numbers & Collections](#)
- Tuesday 24 June, 2.30pm - 3.30pm - [Family History Connect: The Mayflower, English Pilgrims and the Early American Genealogies](#)
- Saturday 28 June, 1.00pm-2.00pm - [WEBINAR: SAG Book Club/Meet the Author - *Irish Bigamy* by Dr. Damian Gleeson](#)
- Monday 30 June, 7.30pm-9.00pm - [Let's Talk About...Forced Adoption](#)

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