



Event EXTRA

August 2025

We're halfway through National Family History Month and there's still plenty in store for all skill levels!

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.



Friday Hang Out with the SAG

Friday 22 August 2025

'Ancestors' Occupations' with Lilian

Friday 29 August 2025

'Ancestors Who Have Left Their Mark' with John

The purpose of our Friday Hang Outs is to hear from our community, how members are doing with their research through sharing their stories.

We look to members each week to provide short form talks which can be 1-5 minutes, 5-10 minutes, or less, of their research findings related to that week's topic

[Joining Link](#)

[Hang Out Webinar Library](#)



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presentation.



MINI-CONFERENCE:

Family History, A Legacy Preserved *(Or will it all end up in the skip!)*

This afternoon from 1pm!

From DNA testing to digital formats, archival challenges to society stewardship, this event offers essential insights for individuals and organisations alike.

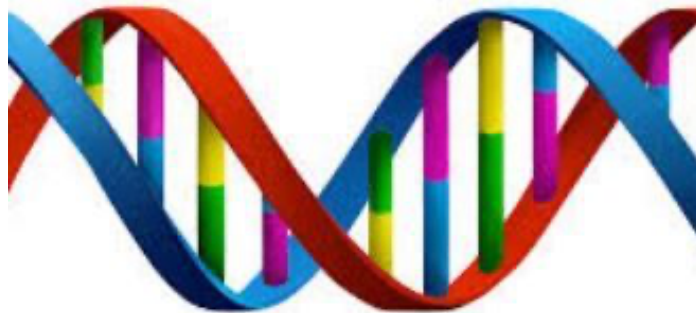
Discover how we can all be custodians of the past—while building a future for those yet to come.

Saturday 16 August 2025
at 1pm AEST (via Zoom)

[Register Here](#)



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FirstLook@ AncestryDNA

Sold Out

This practical session is designed for those who are just beginning to explore their AncestryDNA test results. We'll walk through what you can access without an Ancestry subscription, then delve into the additional tools and features available to subscribers.

Christine will share her personal tips and strategies for making the most of your results. The session includes demonstrations and real-life case studies, with plenty of time set aside for questions and discussion.

Sunday 17 August 2025
at 10.00am AEST (via Zoom)

[This session is Sold Out but click here to register for November's session](#)





Family History Connect

Female Peerages with Patrice

Most of us know a bit about English titles: dukes, earls, barons etc.

But do you know the hierarchy of titles?

What are the differences in different parts of the UK?

And how many women have been granted titles in their own right instead of being given the courtesy title alongside their husband's rank?

In this webinar, Patrice will go through the small number of women who have been granted a title since Margaret of Brotherton was made Countess of Norfolk in 1338 and Duchess of Norfolk in 1399 - all in her own right!

Tuesday 19 August 2025
at 2.30pm AEST (via Zoom)

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Be at the Inaugural Meeting!

Indian & South Asian Research Interest Group

The Indian and South Asian Special Interest Group at the Society of Australian Genealogists is a place for Australians with South Asian heritage to explore their family history.

We welcome Australians whose ancestors hail from every corner of the South Asian diaspora. We share tips on research tools and methods to help trace your roots across borders, religions, and generations. Whether you're just starting out or have years of experience, you're here among friends.

(South Asia includes Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka)

Saturday 23 August 2025
at 2pm AEST (via Zoom)

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Let's Talk About... Jane Austen & Family History

Join our panel as we talk about issues of Jane Austen & family history (relating to both novels & her own family history).

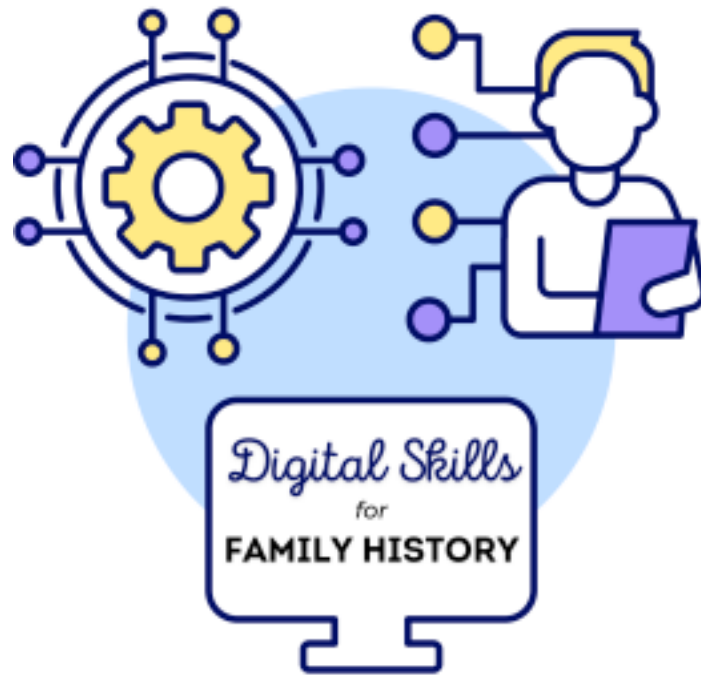
Our special guest for the evening is Susannah Fullerton OAM, FRS(N),
President of the Jane Austen Society of Australia Inc.

Monday 25 August 2025
at 7.30pm AEST (via Zoom)

[Register Here](#)



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Digital Skills for Family History (Part 1)

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.

Commencing Wednesday 27 August 2025 at 7pm AEST (via Zoom)

[Register Here](#)

Have you already completed Part 1 and are ready to learn more?

[Register Here for Part 2 of Digital Skills for Family History!](#)



Virtual Library Session

Topic: Online Library Help Desk

Have you ever wondered what's inside the SAG library collection?

Have you ever been uncertain about what to search for in the online catalogue?

This might be the session for you!

The Virtual Library Session is an opportunity to ask SAG Library staff these questions and more.

Thursday 28 August 2025
at 2.30pm (via Zoom)

[Register Here](#)





English Research Group

Counties of Interest:
Northumberland and Isle of Wight

Topic: Friendly Societies of the 18th to 20th Century and beyond

We will welcome Jane Nelson, Chief Executive Officer of the Oddfellows in England, to our meeting to hear about their history and what information might be found in their Archives.

SAG member, Bev Collis-Bird, will give us background on the Ancient Order of Foresters, their history in England and their presence in Australia.

Finally, Diana Pecar will give a brief outline of some other friendly societies - both fraternal and maternal - and what repositories/archives may have information such as their admission registers etc.

Thursday 28 August 2025 at 7pm (via Zoom)

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Online Writing Workshop with Dr Betty O'Neill

Guided by published author, well-known family historian, creative writing teacher and former SAG Board Member, Dr Betty O'Neill, you'll learn how to craft compelling stories from genealogical research, oral histories, and family legends.

Discover techniques to create vivid scenes, develop memorable characters, and weave historical context seamlessly into your writing.

Through guided exercises you'll leave with newfound confidence and a roadmap to continue your family history project.

Friday 29 August 2025
at 9.30am (via Zoom)

[Register Here](#)





Genealogical DNA Analysis Tool

Utilizing Autosomal DNA to Research Family Trees

Genealogical DNA Analysis Tool (GDAT) User Group

If you *already have DNA chromosome analysis skills* and are using the GDAT database tool to manage your DNA information, you might wish to join our new user group.

SAG user groups are aimed at '*members helping members*' so this is a collaborative working group aimed at sharing information and knowledge.

Important things to note:

1. Discussion will be focused on utilising the GDAT software for DNA analysis;
2. Members must have an *understanding of the principles of chromosome analysis* before joining the group;
3. Chromosome analysis questions WILL NOT be discussed, except in the context of using the GDAT product.

Saturday 30 August 2025
at 11am AEST (via Zoom)

[Register Here](#)





Tour of Rookwood Cemetery (General Historical)

This is a walking tour through the heritage areas of Rookwood Cemetery, the largest in the southern hemisphere, and is hosted by the Friends of Rookwood.

The cemetery has been operating since 1867, with over a million interments to this day.

Please note: Each tour lasts for approx. 3 hours and includes about 3km of walking. Participants should wear comfortable closed toe walking shoes (e.g. joggers or hiking boots) and bring a hat, sunscreen and water.

Our Tour Leader, Geoff, has been volunteering with the Friends of Rookwood for five years, and has been leading tours for the Friends for two years.

Sunday 31 August 2025
Meeting on-site at 10am AEST

[Register Here](#)

Still to come in 2025!!

[GROUP: Inaugural Meeting of the One Place Focus Group](#)

[WEBINAR: Lacemakers of Calais with Gillian Kelly](#)

[COURSE: Beginners Practical Introduction to Family History](#)

[WEBINAR: FirstLook@ Genetic Genealogy with option to add One-on-One Action Planning Sessions](#)

[WEBINAR SERIES: Introduction to Visual Phasing & Visual Phasing in Action](#)

Library Open Days

(Level 2/379 Kent St, Sydney)

Saturday 16 August 2025

Tuesday 19 August 2025

Thursday 21 August 2025

Tuesday 26 August 2025

Thursday 28 August 2025

Need some help?

[Quick Look Up Service \(members\)](#)

[Research Request \(non-members\)](#)

[Hire a Professional Genealogist](#)



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