

# Join us for the Australian Family History month Wikitree challenge

Friday 9 August 10am-3pm (Sydney time)

Hosted by the Society of Australian Genealogists

## Who can participate?

Anyone!

You need to:

1. Open a free account with Wikitree, if you do not already have one
2. Register for the free event before Friday by [clicking this link](#)

When you register for the event, please use your real name and a contact email. We will use this to send you instructions, track your progress in the challenge and issue any prizes.

## What is the challenge?

Wikitree is an online collaborative family tree. Collaborating in building the tree helps improve the quality of the tree, which helps your research and the research of others.

To improve the usefulness of Wikitree for Australians, we need to improve Australian content. This means adding new Australian profiles or contributing to existing ones.

A contribution might consist of adding a source citation, a photograph or any other relevant content to a profile which is already in the tree. Or, it might involve creating a new profile for someone who is not yet in the tree – either from your own family history research or by researching notable people.

For the purpose of this challenge, Australian content means the person in the profile must have been born in OR died in Australia.

Contributions must be done manually.

Contributions from each participant will be tracked using the Wikitree challenge system.

## How do you participate?

This is an online challenge, so most people will participate from their own computers at home. Groups may also decide to make it a social event and do it together at a single location.

There will be a small team based in the Society's library at 379 Kent Street Sydney. In addition to coordinating the challenge, they will also be available to answer questions or provide technical advice on using Wikitree. Contact details will be provided for this purpose.

There are 14 computers available at the library. If you prefer to participate from the library you can request a place. Allocation of the 14 places will be made on a first-come first-served basis.

Detailed instructions and guidelines will be provided to all participants before the big day.

### **I don't know how to use Wikitree!**

In the lead up to the challenge, you should read the excellent guidelines on the Wikitree site ([https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:How\\_to\\_Use\\_WikiTree](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Help:How_to_Use_WikiTree)).

You could also watch this [introductory webinar](#) recorded by the SAG, [handout](#).

### **Can I prepare material beforehand?**

Absolutely! That's probably the best approach to take. Just don't upload it to Wikitree until the challenge starts.

We encourage everyone to use the resources in the SAG Library and Archives to conduct their research and prepare their contributions, but if you do not have access to them you can still participate. The catalogues for these resources are [online here](#).

### **What's the reward?**

The main rewards are enjoying a family history activity and contributing to an online tree which will help others in their research. The person who makes the most contributions will win a season ticket to the Society of Australian Genealogists webinar program (Nov 2019-Jan 2020). Other prizes include a Wikitree T shirt.