

Society of Australian Genealogists-MAY 2010 to JULY 2010 Activities

All meetings are held on the top floor of 'RICHMOND VILLA' 120 Kent Street, Sydney, unless otherwise advertised. We regret that there is **NO** disabled access to this area. To prevent overcrowding there is a limit of 40 bookings for all education activities held at Richmond Villa. **Book in advance to guarantee yourself a seat!** Check upcoming events and see how many places are still available for each one under 'Courses' on the SAG website.

Members Only Section

Orientation Tours – SAG Library

A one hour tour of our library at 379 Kent St. Discover how the library is arranged and the services we offer. Members Only (Free-donations on the day appreciated).

[Sat 8 May](#): Library – 2/379 Kent St. 9.00am – 10.00am

[Mon 21 June](#): Library – 2/379 Kent St. 10.00am – 11.00am

[Sat 10 July](#): Library – 2/379 Kent St. 9.00am – 10.00am

Bookings essential & limited to 15

Getting Started on Your Family History

Are you wondering how to get started, or what questions to ask? This opportunity is especially for new members with no family history research experience. Learn the fundamentals to start you on the road, and where to find and ask for help.

[Thu 27 May](#): Villa-120 Kent St. 10.30am - 12.30pm

[Thu 24 June](#): Villa-120 Kent St. 10.30am - 12.30pm

[Thu 29 July](#): Villa-120 Kent St. 10.30am - 12.30pm

\$10 members only Bookings essential and limited to 10

May 2010

National Library of Australia:

Australian Newspapers Online & TROVE.

Sat 1 May: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

1.30pm-3.30pm. This presentation by Ann Manley will provide background to and highlight the importance of the Australian Newspapers online project and demonstrate different methods of searching to get the best results. The presentation will also cover the National Library's 'TROVE' project which aims to link the resources of 1000 libraries and repositories from Australia to provide a "one stop shop" for searching on Australian related data.

[\\$20 members](#) ([\\$25 non-members](#)) [Bookings essential](#)

Family Tree Maker (FTM) Software User Group meeting

Sat 8 May: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

10.30am-12.30pm. Information session on the latest version of Family Tree Maker (FTM) software. Q & A session on both recent and all previous versions will then follow. It would be appreciated if any topics that you would like discussed, be posted beforehand on the FTM UG Forum. Facilitator: Larry Czarnik.

[\\$8 members](#) ([\\$12 non-members](#)) [Bookings essential](#)

DPS Computer Group - Pre 1837 English research #2

Sat 8 May: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

1.30pm-3.30pm. There will be a brief recap on the available English resources for those who did not attend the January meeting. Peter Kettle will then illustrate how to do pre-1837 online English research, to resolve issues that cannot be addressed using the IGI alone. [\\$8 members](#) ([\\$12 non-members](#)) [Bookings essential](#)

The Master Genealogist (TMG) Software User group meeting - Alternate uses for 'people'

Sat 15 May: Richmond Villa-120 Kent St, Sydney

1.30pm-3.30pm. After a brief beginners' introduction to custom tags and roles Carole Riley will show how she creates 'people' to represent colonies, towns, churches and immigrant ships to keep track of their history and their relationships to people and places. There will be time for general questions. All welcome!

[\\$8 members](#) ([\\$12 non-members](#)) [Bookings essential](#)

They might have swum once....

Thur 20 May: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

10.30am-12.30pm. Finding the arrival of ancestors into NSW pre-1922 used to require trawling through film after film of unindexed shipping arrivals. Thanks to the work of commercial data providers, private indexers and State Records, that's all changed. Find out how a few hours in the SAG library might help determine that they really didn't swim here! Presenter: Heather Garnsey.

[\\$20 members](#) ([\\$25 non-members](#)) [Bookings essential](#)

English Research Group meeting

- Female Outworkers in the late 1800s

Sat 22 May: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

10.30am-12.30pm. In the mid to late 1800s many women from the poorer communities, especially in the cities, were forced into working at home to avoid the family being placed in the workhouse. The bad conditions under which they worked have been documented by many writers of the time. Pauline Kettle's talk will cover the various forms of work they undertook to keep bread on the table for the family.

[\\$8 members](#) ([\\$12 non-members](#)) [Bookings essential](#)

South Asia Research Group meeting

- SAG's Primary Records

Sat 22 May: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

1.30pm-3.30pm. Discover the value of SAG's Primary Record's collection, how to search and use it, and examine some of its treasures which aid in researching ancestors in India and the South Asian region.

[\\$8 members](#) ([\\$12 non-members](#)) [Bookings essential](#)

The Harp in the South **NOW ON 19 JUNE**

- understanding your Irish Ancestors in Australia

Sat 29 May: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

1.30pm-3.30pm. What sort of material - documents, photos, objects - help you to understand the experience of your Irish ancestors in Australia? This presentation takes you not only into the world of key personal documents such as parish registers but also reveals those sites and objects which tell so much about being Irish in the colonies. What was it like, for example, to dig spuds from Victorian blacksoil, sign up as a domestic servant, milk cows in the Illawarra, go to mass in urban Sydney, or be a member of an Orange Lodge? You can't really understand your Irish immigrant family history until you have begun to see beyond those shadowy names on a parish register or in a newspaper article into the 'lived' life here of those who left 'old Ireland' to build a new society under the Southern Cross. Presenter: Richard Reid.

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June 2010

Facebook Startup Workshop – Hands On

Fri 4 June: Library - 2/379 Kent St, Sydney

10.30am-12.30pm. Many genealogists are now using Facebook to keep in touch with friends and family, now it's your turn! In this hands-on workshop you will create your Facebook account; learn about privacy settings and update them; add friends and learn how to communicate with them. Groups and pages will be covered if time permits. An email address is required. Presenter: Carole Riley.

\$30 members (\$40 non-members)

Bookings essential & limited to 14 participants

English Essentials Online & Inhouse

Sat 5 June: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

10.30am-4.00pm. Kickstart and reinvigorate your English family history research. We'll cover the basic framework of births, deaths and marriages, parish registers, census and probate records - tailored specifically for those who are just starting to explore their English research or who need a refresher. We'll be concentrating on both what you can do online and at the SAG.

◆◆ Morning & Afternoon tea supplied, BYO lunch.

Presenters: Heather Garnsey & Martyn Killion.

\$50 members (\$60 non-members) Bookings essential

DNA for Genealogists

Sat 26 June: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

10.30am-12.30pm. Learn how the genetic markers in DNA can help you find your ancestors, when genealogy is combined with genetics. How do you decide which DNA tests and which DNA testing companies best suit what you want to know? Presented by Kerry Farmer.

\$20 members (\$25 non-members) Bookings essential

Scotland – Free websites to further your research

Sat 26 June: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

1.30pm-3.30pm. Are you researching your Scottish Ancestry? Julie Morgan will introduce you to many free websites, which will enable you to appreciate the physical and social conditions in which your Scottish ancestors lived and perhaps discover more about them. These sites will cover subjects such as county and regional repositories, maps, newspapers, trades & occupations, wills, historical timelines and the Statistical Accounts of Scotland.

\$20 members (\$25 non-members) Bookings essential

July 2010

Using the SAG Library Catalogue

Thur 1 July: Richmond Villa – 1'20 Kent St, Sydney

10.30am-12.30pm. Do you *really* know what's in the SAG library? Do you know how to use all the features of the online library catalogue to find out? Then come along to this demonstration of the new SAG library catalogue and discover gems you didn't know were at your fingertips!

\$20 members (\$25 non-members) Bookings essential

Family Tree Maker (FTM) User Group - Focus Day

Sat 3 July: York Suite - Bowlers Club,

95-97 York St, Sydney 10.00am to 4.00pm.

The software update is here, the York Suite at the Bowlers Club Sydney is booked and all we need is YOU! More than 6 presentations will be given by fellow FTM users. Come and meet our wizards and they will help troubleshoot your problems!

Full programme details will be available on the website shortly.

◆◆◆ Morning tea & light lunch will be provided.

\$60 members (\$70 non-members)

Bookings essential by Friday 18 June 2010

DPS Computer/Genealogy Group - Open Discussion

Sat 10 July: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

1.30pm-3.30pm. It was agreed last year that we would set aside one of our meetings for a general discussion with no specific topic. Well this is it! Anyone present on the day can suggest a topic for discussion and if this happens to be a problem that needs to be solved, we hope that with our combined group knowledge, we will be able to achieve this. Come along armed with questions and/or hints and tips to share with your fellow genealogists. Convenor: Peter Kettle. **\$8 members (\$12 non-members) Bookings essential**

London ancestors – It's easier than ever before!

Wed 14 July: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

10.30am-12.30pm. FindMyPast.co.uk & Ancestry.co.uk have both launched major online record series for finding London ancestors in recent months – especially parish records. This session will update you on what's available online, focusing on the 'pay-to-view' sites we provide to members in our library. Presenter: Heather Garnsey.

\$20 members (\$25 non-members) Bookings essential

The Master Genealogist (TMG) Software User Group

– Customising Sources – 'Hands On' session

Fri 16 July: Library - 2/379 Kent St, Sydney

10.30am-12.30pm. When entering sources into the genealogy program "The Master Genealogist" (TMG), users can choose different formats for how those sources appear in footnotes or a bibliography. You can choose between many predefined layouts, or customise those, or even create totally new source formats. Using SAG's computers at 379 Kent St. Presenter: Kerry Farmer.

\$30 members (\$40 non-members)

Bookings essential & limited to 14 participants

Forums and Mailing Lists

Wed 21 July: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

10.30am-12.30pm. Some genealogical forums, message boards and mailing lists have been in existence for more than 12 years. Their archives hold a wealth of information – maybe about your family. Sylvia Murphy will show you how to use and get the most out of these on-line resources.

\$20 members (\$25 non-members) Bookings essential

Writing Interesting Family Histories

Sat 24 July: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney

10.30am-12.30pm. Keen to write an interesting family history? Stuck with little more than names and dates? Uncertain how to begin? Come along to Carol Baxter's session and find out how to write an *interesting* family history.

\$20 members (\$25 non-members) Bookings essential