

# SAG Event Calendar - November 2011 to January 2012

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 by using the Events Tab located on the front page of 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 12 Nov: Library – 2/379 Kent St. 9.00am – 10.00am**

**Mon 12 Dec: Library – 2/379 Kent St. 10.00am – 11.00am**

**Sat 14 Jan: 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 24 Nov: Villa-120 Kent St. 10.30am - 12.30pm**

**Thu 19 Jan: Villa-120 Kent St. 10.30am - 12.30pm**

**\$10 members only Bookings essential and limited to 10**

## November 2011

### **Lost in the Southern Tablelands**

**“How Settled Were the Settlers?”**

**Sat 5 & Sun 6 November 2011**

**Best Western Centretown, 77 Lagoon St, Goulburn, NSW**

Join us in Goulburn for the Society's annual weekend conference in association with Southern Tablelands Regional Library & Goulburn & District Historical Society. Find out about available records for the people who settled, worked in or moved through the district from early days. Our program will also include the latest developments on a number of major websites as well as other online and archival resources for Australia and beyond. A **Detailed Program** and information about accommodation and other local activities is available on our website [www.sag.org.au](http://www.sag.org.au)

**Cost (2days): Members \$95 (Non-members \$115)**

**Bookings essential by 28 October 2011**

NB: Members price valid for financial members of SAG and Goulburn Historical Society & Family History Group. The above price is for the Conference only & includes light lunch and morning/afternoon teas as indicated in the program.

### **Family Tree Maker (FTM) Software User Group**

**Sat 12 Nov: 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**

### **Parramatta Heritage Centre –Behind the scenes tour**

**Tues 15 Nov: 346a Church St Parramatta**

**10.45am-12.15pm.** Join Gay Hendrickson at the Parramatta Heritage Centre for a behind the scenes tour of their unique collection. Learn how those resources are used to research the subjects featured in their wonderful exhibitions such as 'Women Transported: Life in Australia's Convict Female Factories' and their current exhibition 'From Canton with Courage'. Assemble at the Centre at 10.30am for the tour and consider spending the afternoon researching in the Local Studies & Family History unit of the Library. **\$15 members (\$20 non-members)**

**Bookings essential & limited to 20 participants.**

### **British Military Service Records**

**Sat 19 Nov: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** Many families have a connection to service in the armed forces. The records of members of the British Army, the Royal Navy and the Royal Air Force are extensive and can provide a fascinating insight into the lives of our ancestors who served their country. This seminar will cover 'recent' records from the First World War as well as looking at material available for earlier time periods. Presenter: Jeremy Palmer.

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

### **The Master Genealogist (TMG) Software User group–**

**BRING ALONG YOUR LAPTOPS – Group demos on how to do it!**

**Sat 19 Nov: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**1.30pm-3.30pm.** Bring your laptops if possible. This meeting will allow 1-on-1 and also small groups, so think in advance about any aspects of TMG where you'd like to "see how others do it" or problem areas that you would like to address.

**\$8 members (\$12 non-members) Bookings essential**

### **English Research Group – Farm & Agricultural Labourers**

**Sat 26 Nov: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** This talk will showcase the lives of farm workers and their families in the 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> centuries and the range of records that can be researched. Farm workers & agricultural labourers played an important role in the country community and the records highlighted here may assist you in reconstructing the lives of your ancestors. Presenter: Pauline Kettle.

**\$8 members (\$12 non-members) Bookings essential**

### **South Asia Research Group – “Meerut – 2011”**

**Sat 26 Nov: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**1.30pm-3.30pm.** Ian Gregory shares his recent experiences in India, particularly Meerut where he and his wife photographed and transcribed about 200 gravestones.

**\$8 members (\$12 non-members) Bookings essential**

### **Researching records concerning Occupations & Professions**

**Wed 30 Nov: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** The lecture will cover A-Z of occupations and professions with tips and tactics for finding records of employed persons and those who had to be licensed by the NSW Government. Sources for some lesser known or unusual occupations will also be discussed. Presenter: Gail Davis-Senior Archivist State Records Authority NSW.

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

## December 2011

### **Ancestry – Hands On Workshop**

**Fri 2 Dec: Library - 2/379 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** Ancestry.com holds more collections of genealogical information than any other subscription-based website. The sheer size of the collection and its organisation can make it difficult to find the information you seek. Kerry Farmer will repeat her popular hands-on session using SAG's computers at 379 Kent St to familiarise you with some of this vast collection. **\$30 members (\$40 non-members)**

**Bookings essential & limited to 14 participants**

### **How to research your Australian Military Ancestors**

**Sat 3 Dec: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** Discover the variety of resources available including the Australian War Memorial, National Archives, Commonwealth War Graves Commission, SAG resources etc. and the information contained within that exists for you to explore. Learn ways to find your relative's service history and the history of the units that they served with. Presenter: Damien Bowley.

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

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## DNA for Genealogists

**Sat 10 Dec: 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. Kerry Farmer will discuss the DNA tests (and DNA companies) that can benefit your family history research.

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



## Christmas & New Year Trading Hours

The SAG Library at 379 Kent St & Richmond Villa at 120 Kent St will be CLOSED for the CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR Break.

**Both premises will close to the public 4pm Thur 22 Dec 2011 & re-open again at 10am Tues 3 Jan 2012.**

With the exception of the Public Holidays, our administrative headquarters will continue to operate at the Villa and all telephone enquiries should be directed to 02 9247 3953 during this period.

The Staff & Volunteers wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and New Year and successful researching in 2012.

## January 2012

### Family History Research Clinic

**Fri 13 Jan: Library - 2/379 Kent St, Sydney**

**2Hour Sessions- 10am-12pm, 12-2pm or 2-4pm.**

Need help with a specific research problem? Then book a session in our research clinic day. You will be allocated an hour to sit with an experienced SAG volunteer who will analyse the problem and discuss with you ways to solve it. You'll then be able to spend a further hour consulting suggested resources at 379 Kent Street which might help.

Sessions will be allocated by SAG according to availability of volunteers. After booking you will be asked to provide a summary of the research problem and you will be allocated a time slot of 10am, 12pm or 2pm depending on the availability of volunteers. **\$30 Members only**

**Bookings essential by 9 January 2012 Numbers limited**

### National Library of Australia (NLA) & TROVE – Using the resources effectively!

**Sat 14 Jan: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**1.30pm-3.30pm. Part 1: The National Library:** Find out about the material (9 million items relating to Australia and Australians) which could help you with your family history - both in Canberra or from your own desk. **Part 2: TROVE:** Discover and extend your knowledge of this wonderful resource - from digitised Australian historic newspapers, journal articles and instant citations to personalised lists and tags. Presenter: Jenny Higgins (Family History Reference Librarian- NLA)

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

### FindMyPast

**Thurs 19 Jan: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**1.30pm-3.30pm.** FindMyPast will be known to many for its UK website, but in 2010 FindMyPast also came to Australia and more recently still to Ireland. These developments have made available some of the most exciting resources in family history research. Vicki Eldridge will show us some of what is now available and how to access them either in the SAG Library or from home.

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

### Irish Research-Special Library Access – members only

**Fri 20 Jan: Library - 2/379 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.00am-1.00pm.** Join us at the Library for a special 3 hour research session & learn what is available there to help locate those elusive Irish ancestors. Perry McIntyre and a group of SAG volunteers will be on hand to assist you. **\$40 members only**

**Bookings essential & limited to 20 participants**

### Getting the Best from GOOGLE

**Sat 21 Jan: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** We all use Google, and the new features constantly being added mean that we can all use it more effectively. We will cover basic Google searching commands and the types of results you might expect. We will then examine the tools to narrow down the results to a more meaningful list. The talk will also cover 'alerts' and 'cached' results. Presenter: Carole Riley.

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

### County Spotlight Kent

**Sat 21 Jan: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**1.30pm-3.30pm.** Learn about the resources which are available for you to start and further your family history research in the County of Kent. Selected online sources and those accessible in the SAG library will be covered. Presenters: Philippa Garnsey & Joan Healy.

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

### Webinars - a new SAG service.

We now offer Webinars as part of our Activities Calendar – Live computer-based presentations you can watch on your own computer at home.

See [www.sag.org.au/events/webinars.html](http://www.sag.org.au/events/webinars.html) for more information on what you need to take part - ideal for the 'time poor' and non-Sydney residents. Our webinars are only available to financial SAG members and bookings are essential.

### Webinar - Are Your Ancestors Hiding?

**Tue 15 Nov: Location: Your Place!**

**8.00pm-9.00pm. (AEST)** Are you *really* sure they aren't in that index or database you're looking at? Tips and tricks to help you locate ancestors that you know must be there somewhere.

Presenter: Heather Garnsey. **\$10 members only Bookings essential**

### Webinar – Finding Black Sheep in NSW

**Thur 8 Dec: Location: Your Place!**

**8.00pm-9.00pm. (AEST)** Learn about the wonderful sources for finding more details of the black sheep in the family. Whether you have a gaol bird, a bankrupt, a divorcee or simply a member of the family 'we didn't talk about', this session is for you!

Presenter: Martyn Killion. **\$10 members only Bookings essential**

### Webinar - Does the SAG have that?

**Mon 16 Jan: Location: Your Place!**

**8.00pm-9.00pm. (AEST)** This session will look at the SAG online library catalogue which lists all our books, CDs, microfiche, microfilms, pamphlets and journals. Learn how to do effective searches, what the results mean, and how you can tailor it especially for your own research interests.

Presenter - Heather Garnsey. **\$10 members only Bookings essential**