

SAG Irish Focus Day

Irish Stories: finding your Irish ancestors

VENUE	99 On YORK (Bowlers Club) – 99 York street, Sydney
DATE	Saturday 3 rd March 2012
TIME	9.30am to 3.30pm
COST	\$65 Members and \$85 Non-members – includes morning tea and light lunch. <u>Bookings are essential by 18 February 2012</u>

9.30am - 9.40am **Welcome** - by Dr Richard Reid & Dr Perry McIntyre

9.40am - 10.30am **Dr Richard Reid, FSAG: 'The Road through Ireland'**
- **Road signs for your Irish research.**

10.30am – 11.00am **MORNING TEA - provided**

11.00am - 11.50am **Cassie Mercer: Rebels, highway and bride thieves: the stories behind our early Irish convicts.**
Looking at several Irish convicts transported before 1800, the contributions they made to early Sydney and highlighting some of the resources that were used to research their lives.

11.50am – 12.40pm **Carole Riley: Where did they come from? The answer is in Australia.**
To research Irish ancestors it is not enough to know that they came from 'Ireland'; we need a county and parish, or even better, a townland. This information can often be found on records here in Australia. We will look at the types of Australian records that may give the birthplaces of the Irish, with examples.
We will also consider how to decipher placenames.

12.40pm – 1.40pm **LUNCH - provided**

1.40pm – 2.30pm **Dr Perry McIntyre, FSAG: Finding your Irish ancestors in government correspondence.**
Looking at information that can be located in correspondence such as the Colonial Secretary's papers, Papers of the Chief Secretary's Office of Ireland and British Parliamentary papers.

2.30pm – 3.00pm **Carole Riley: Website- Spotlight on findmypast.ie**

3.00pm – 3.30pm **Question Time & close**