

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 an indication of how many places are still available for each one under 'Courses' on the SAG website.

Members Only Section

Orientation Tours – SAG Library

Sat 21 Nov: Library - 379 Kent St. 9.00am – 10.00am

Mon 7 Dec: Library - 379 Kent St. 10.00am – 11.00am

Sat 23 Jan: Library - 379 Kent St. 9am – 10.00 am

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). **Bookings essential & limited to 15 – click on date to book**

Getting Started on Your Family History

Thu 26 Nov: Richmond Villa-120 Kent St. 10.30am-12.30pm.

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.

Members Only \$10 Bookings essential and limited to 10 – click on date to book

LOST IN BLACK SHEEP

A weekend in Orange

Orange Civic Theatre: Saturday 7 & Sunday 8 November:

♦ The Society of Australian Genealogists, in association with Central West Libraries, is hosting a two-day family history seminar at the Orange Civic Theatre Forum on Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November 2009.

♦ If your ancestors divorced, went to gaol, ended up in an asylum, had their day in court, were destitute, deserted, bankrupt, or generally fell on hard times, then they may have left behind a wonderful paper trail! A range of local and Sydney-based speakers will present a weekend of lectures and help you discover how you can find out more about your very own black sheep.

♦ Speakers include Christine Yeats (State Records NSW), John Partridge, (formerly with Corrective Services), Angela Phippen (Ryde Local & Family History Librarian), Jan Richards (Manager, Central West Libraries), Martyn Killion (Vice President, SAG) and Heather Garnsey (Executive Officer, SAG). A guided tour of Bloomfield Hospital (on the outskirts of Orange) by Dr John Hoskin on Saturday afternoon is also planned for registrants.

♦ Registration includes the two-day seminar, light lunches & morning & afternoon teas. A casual dinner (at additional cost) will be held in Orange on the Saturday evening for anyone who wishes to attend – we'll confirm this with you when you book. A full programme and details of possible accommodation in Orange is available on the SAG website [here](#).

Cost: \$85.00 for SAG & Orange FHG members, \$95.00 for non-members. Bookings essential by 28 October 2009. Book online at www.sag.org.au or telephone (02) 9247 3953.

NOVEMBER 2009

FTM (Family Tree Maker) Software User Group Meeting

Sat 14 November: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

10.30am – 12.30pm. Information session on the latest version (FTM 2010 **may** have been released!) 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 problems that you would like discussed on the day, be posted beforehand on the FTM UG Forum. Facilitators: Helen de Mamiel & Michael Brock.

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

DPS Computer/Genealogy Group

Sat 14 November: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

1.30pm-3.30pm. A general discussion on genealogical computing will be led by Peter Kettle.

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

Macquarie Lighthouse Tour - Sydney

Sun 15 November: Old South Head Road, Vaucluse.

11.00am-11.20am. Explore Australia's first and longest operating navigational light, which was originally built in 1818 and designed by convict architect Francis Greenway. It was replaced by the current tower in 1883 due to the original stone eroding. **Please note:** There is a maximum of 10 persons permitted per tour. This walking tour is 20 minutes in length and includes climbing 100 steep & narrow stairs to the top of the lighthouse where you can enjoy magnificent harbour and city views. No food or drink may be consumed in the lighthouse. Limited parking is available in the surrounding streets and there are no public toilets on site.

[\\$7.50 members \(\\$12.50 non-members\)](#) [Bookings are limited to 10 persons & essential by 11 October 2009.](#)

First Steps for Aussie Ancestors. Full Day

Sun 15 November: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

10am-4pm. The mystery of the unknown will be revealed as you discover your family history but where & how to begin can be the greatest mystery of all. Join us for the day and learn about, Australian birth, death and marriage & cemetery records, arrivals, the value of oral history & family folklore, keeping a record and recording sources. A detailed programme is available on our website [here](#).

[\\$60 members \(\\$70 non-members\)](#) [Bookings essential](#)

County Spotlight- Hertfordshire

Sat 21 November: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

10.30am-12.30pm. Hertfordshire is an inland county in England and located to the north of Greater London, bounded by Essex, Buckinghamshire, Bedfordshire & Cambridgeshire. This presentation aims to show you the resources which are available for you to start and further your family history research in this County. Presenters: Pauline & Peter Kettle.

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

County Spotlight - Yorkshire

Sat 21 November: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

1.30pm-3.30pm. Presenters: Joan Healy & Philippa Garnsey will show you the resources which are available for you to start and continue further with your family history research in the County of Yorkshire. Both selected online sources and those sources available in our SAG library will be covered.

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

TMG (The Master Genealogist software)--Hands on session
 Fri 27 November: Library - 2nd Floor 379 Kent Street.

10.30am-12.30pm Adding Custom Tags to TMG
 In TMG virtually all information about a person is placed in tags, and many standard tags come with the program. Despite this, sometimes you would like to be able to create a custom tag in order to enter information encountered in your research. This session continues to work through Terry Reigel's book '*A Primer for the Master Genealogist*'. Presenter: Kerry Farmer.
[\\$30 members \(\\$40 non-members\)](#)
Bookings essential & limited to 14 participants

South Asia Research Group-Census & Census Substitutes in 19th Century Colonial India
 Sat 28 November: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.
 1.30pm – 3.30pm. Who took censuses and when in colonial India? What records remain of these censuses? Get the answers to these questions and more, and discover what sources can be used to fill in the gaps. Sylvia Murphy will share her research & provide examples.
[\\$8 member \(\\$12 non-members\)](#) Bookings essential

DECEMBER 2009

Irish Research Group – Beginning your Irish Family History
 Sat 5 December: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.
 1.30pm– 3.30pm. This session will explore how you can tell from Australian sources whether you have an Irish ancestor, and will introduce the terminology and resources you'll need to understand to successfully trace the family to Ireland. Presenter: Perry McIntyre.
[\\$8 members \(\\$12 non-members\)](#) Bookings essential

TMG (The Master Genealogist) Software User Group
 Sat 12 December: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.
 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.
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Christmas & New Year Trading Hours

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

Both premises will close to the public 4pm Wed 23 Dec 2009 & re-open again at 10am Tues 5 Jan 2010.

Our administrative headquarters will continue to operate at 120 Kent Street on the non public holidays and telephone enquiries should only be directed to 02 9247 3953 during this period.

The Staff & Volunteers wish all our members a very Happy Christmas and New Year and look forward to catching up in 2010.

JANUARY 2010

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 1.30pm-3.30pm. A general discussion on genealogical computing led by Peter Kettle.
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Special SAG Library Access Day-2nd Floor 379 Kent Street.
 Fri 15 January – 9am – 5pm. Experienced SAG Library Volunteers will be on hand to assist members with research advice, demonstration and assistance in using all our resources. Come for a little or as long as you like during the stipulated hours. This rare opportunity is made available for booking to country and interstate members only until 11 December thereafter booking for available places can also be filled by any members from the Greater Sydney area. Includes light lunch and morning tea. Limited places are available.
[\\$50 members](#) Bookings essential.

So you want to be a Professional Researcher?
 Sat 16 January: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.
 10.30am-12.30pm. Many people dream of turning their hobby into a career and for family historians this is certainly a possibility. Whether you want to work full time or part time, being a professional researcher is a rewarding occupation. In this discussion based seminar Jeremy Palmer covers the basics of how to be a professional researcher where topics such as getting qualified, what to charge, presentation and record keeping will be examined.
[\\$20 members \(\\$25 non-members\)](#) Bookings essential

English Research Group - The Workhouse
 Wed 20 January: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.
 10.30am-12.30pm. An Institution dreaded by the paupers in England, but why was this? There were many reasons why people entered the Workhouse. The discussion will centre on the workhouse before and after the Poor Law of 1834 to discover the conditions and hardships that the poor had to endure within the walls of these institutions. How to obtain information about those who were placed in the workhouse will be also covered. Presenter: Pauline Kettle.
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