

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

[Mon 15 Feb](#): Library - 379 Kent St. 10.00 am – 11.00am

[Sat 13 Mar](#): Library - 379 Kent St. 9.00am – 10.00 am

[Mon 12 Apr](#): Library - 379 Kent St. 10.00am – 11.00am

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 25 Feb](#): Villa-120 Kent St. 10.30am - 12.30pm

[Thu 25 Mar](#): Villa-120 Kent St. 10.30am - 12.30pm

[Thu 29 Apr](#): 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

FEBRUARY 2010

Chinese-Australian Ancestry

Sat 6 February: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

10.30am-12.30pm Daphne Lowe Kelley of the Chinese Heritage Association of Australia will give us an introduction to researching Chinese-Australian family history followed by Robyn Atherton, professional genealogist and author who will give us a talk based on her book *They were more than gold diggers; the Chinese of Murrumburrah and surrounding districts 1860s to 1960s*.

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

New Zealand Research:

Maori Genealogy & Archives New Zealand

Sat 6 February: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

1.30pm-3.30pm Pauline Weeks (SAG member) will give a talk on New Zealand research looking at Whakapapa-Maori Genealogy, with tips and hints for searching for a Maori relative. This talk will also cover the Archives of New Zealand, what it holds and how to order online from Australia.

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

FTM (Family Tree Maker) Software User Group

Sat 13 February: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

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 items that you would like to be discussed on the day, be posted beforehand on the FTM UG Forum.

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

County Spotlight – Leicestershire

Sat 13 February: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

1.30pm-3.30pm Leicestershire is in the heart of the English midlands. Historically, it is a county of contrasts, with great areas of rural natural beauty, spas, market towns, and wealthy landholders, but strongly impacted by the industrial revolution with the poor employed as framework knitters and coal miners. Sylvia Murphy will introduce you to resources available at SAG, on-line and elsewhere to help you research your Leicestershire ancestors.

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

Introduction to State Records NSW

Thurs 18 Feb: Sydney Records Centre, 2 Globe Street, The Rocks, Sydney 10.30am-12.00pm Join Christine Yeats from State Records NSW to learn about some of the resources available for family historians to explore in both the Sydney & Kingswood Records Centres. Learn how to advance order files in preparation for our research bus trip to Kingswood on Thurs 11 March 2010. ▲▲Combine this talk with the SAG Bus Trip to State Records Centre at Kingswood on Thurs 11 March 2010 and **SAVE!** Combined price only \$45 (\$55 non-members). **\$15 members (\$20 non-members) Bookings essential by 15 February 2010.**

Helping those in need in colonial Sydney - the role of the Sydney Benevolent Asylum

Sat 20 February: Richmond Villa-120 Kent Street.

10.30am-12.30pm The Benevolent Asylum near present-day Central Railway was a place of refuge for the destitute, deserted and desperate citizens of Sydney. Single girls went there to give birth, deserted wives and children found temporary shelter within its walls, and thousands of ex-convicts passed through its doors. This session will look at the role of the Sydney Benevolent Asylum in providing welfare to those in need and highlight the marvellous records it created. Presenters: Heather Garney & Martyn Killion.

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

TMG (The Master Genealogist) Software User Group – TMG Projects & Datasets

Sat 20 February: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

1.30pm-3.30pm TMG allows several independent Data Sets within a common Project. This allows an easy comparison of multiple people's research, while storing their information separately. Presenter: Linda Bishop.

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

English Research Group - Female Outworkers

Sat 27 February: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

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 in order to keep bread on the table for the family.

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

South Asia Research Group –

Before NSW-Lachlan Macquarie in India 1787-1806

Sat 27 February: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

1.30pm-3.30pm 2010 is the Bicentenary of Governor Lachlan Macquarie taking up his post in NSW. Before that he spent about 20 years in western India as an officer with HM Army. We will look at the contribution he made to government and life in India and the availability of records relating to him during 1787-1806. Presenter: Sylvia Murphy.

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

MARCH 2010

Software Demonstration - Focus Day for PCs

Sat 6 March: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

10.00am-4.00pm FULL DAY.

Purchasing family history software can be a daunting task; everyone you ask will tell you the one they use is the best! We want to help you make your own decision so have arranged for 5 different programs (Legacy; The Master Genealogist-TMG; Family Tree Maker-FTM; Relatively Yours-RY3 and Personal Ancestral Files-PAF) to be demonstrated on the 'big screen'. These presentations will be aimed at **novices/beginners** in using family history software and will demonstrate how each program handles the ordinary tasks, as well as some of the features. The day will include 'free' as well as commercially available programs. Bring Your Own Lunch.

[\\$50 members](#) ([\\$60 non-members](#)) [Bookings essential](#)

Bus Trip-Research Day at State Records, Kingswood

Thurs 11 March: Western Sydney Records Centre, 143 O'Connell St, Kingswood - 10.00am to 3.00pm

We have once again organised a day bus trip from Richmond Villa to the Kingswood Western Sydney Records Centre allowing for a FULL day of research. **The Coach will leave 120 Kent Street at 8.30am in time to arrive at Kingswood by 10.00am and depart at 3.00pm to return to Richmond Villa by 4.30pm.** It is strongly recommended that you use the State Record's pre-order system, so that some of the material is waiting for you on arrival. Bring Your Own Lunch.

[\\$35 members](#) ([\\$40 non-members](#))

[Bookings essential by 15 February 2010 and limited to 26](#)

▲▲ Combine this outing with the Introduction to State Records Talk by Christine Yeats on Thurs 18 February 2010 at 2 Globe Street, Sydney and **SAVE! Combined price only \$45 (\$55 non-members)**

Genealogy Programs for Macintosh Computers

Sat 13 March: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

10.30am-12.30pm Do you have a Macintosh computer or are you considering buying one? Do you know what family history programs are available for Macs? At this presentation Tony Healy will give an overview of Reunion for Macintosh and Philippa Garnsey will demonstrate MacFamily Tree.

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

Irish Research Group

Is your Irish Ancestor on the Web?

Sat 13 March: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

1.30pm-3.30pm Find out what resources are on the internet for research into your family history!

Presenter: Perry McIntyre.

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FindMyPast – Hands On

Fri 19 March: Library-2/379 Kent Street. 10.30am-12.30pm Using SAG's computers, you can freely access most of the website FindMyPast, which is usually by subscription only. In addition to "Outgoing Passenger Lists from UK 1890-1960", there are also parish records, apprenticeship records, and even some Australian records, including Burial Registers; Memorial Inscriptions and Funeral Notices for Victoria. In this session you will use the computers in SAG's library at 379 Kent Street to have a look at some of this very large collection.

Presenter: Kerry Farmer. [\\$30 members](#) ([\\$40 non-members](#)) [Bookings essential & limited to 14 participants](#)

Where to from here? – NSW Land Records

Sat 20 March: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

10.00am-4.00pm FULL DAY

Just like a ripple in a pond, finding a reference of interest in a NSW Government or Police Gazette may well be the beginning not the end of the story. This day will focus on land and related references (includes mining) by looking at the clues and resources where you may find more. Such clues may involve Title Deeds, Conditional Purchases & Leases, Mining Leases, conflicts arising, resumption, exemption, proclamations, auctions, settlements, grants, selections or criminal actions. The presenters will be: Alan Day (Parish Maps), Helen Dickinson (Land Titles), Christine Yeats (State Records NSW) and Vicki Eldridge (Gazettes). Programme will be available on SAG website. Bring Your Own Lunch.

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APRIL 2010

Beginning the Search for your Ancestors in Australia

National Trust Heritage Festival Event

Sat 10 April: Hyde Park Barracks - Queens Square, Macquarie St, Sydney. It's time to find out how your ancestors played a part in establishing our Nation! Visit Sydney's historic Hyde Park Barracks Museum where experienced researchers from the SAG will demonstrate, in a 2 hour presentation, how to begin researching your family history, using sources held at the SAG, NSW Archives, Libraries and various websites. Relevant publications and computer programs will be available to view and purchase on the day. Presenter: Heather Garnsey.

Please note – there is no disabled access to lecture areas on upper levels of the museum.

Times: [10.00am-12.00pm](#) OR [1.30pm-3.30pm](#)

Price: will include access to the current Hyde Park Barracks exhibition **Convict Hulks-Life on the prison ships.**

[\\$20 per person](#) [Bookings essential](#)

Blogs for Family Historians

Sat 17 April: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

1.30pm-3.30pm A blog is a website for letting people know what you're doing and what you've found, and can be an effective way to locate other family researchers. In this session you will learn about blogs – what they are, what they are for, how to find them, how to create your own, and why you would want to. Presenter: Carole Riley.

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Documents On Line – The National Archives (UK)

Sat 24 April: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

10.30am-12.30pm This online resource has proven to be a boon to many researchers and is always worth revisiting as new material is added frequently. Vicki Eldridge will look at the variety of records available through this resource and how members can access this database free of charge in our Research Centre at 379 Kent Street.

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Help Files & Search Tools-The National Archives (UK)

Sat 24 April: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent Street.

1.30pm-3.30pm The National Archives website is a powerful tool which provides a broad range of guides to assist with a range of general family history, defence service, and criminal records amongst others. Several search tools are linked from the home page including the Catalogue, Access to Archives (A2A), Local and House History. If you have ancestry in England, this session is for you. Presenter: Sylvia Murphy.

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