

# Society of Australian Genealogists Event Calendar – Aug 2010 to Oct 2010

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 if places are still available for each one using the Event Calendar 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).

**Mon 9 Aug: Library – 2/379 Kent St. 10.00am – 11.00am**

**Sat 25 Sept: Library – 2/379 Kent St. 9.00am – 10.00am**

**Mon 11 Oct: Library – 2/379 Kent St. 10.00am – 11.00am**

**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 26 Aug: Villa-120 Kent St. 10.30am - 12.30pm**

**Thu 30 Sept: Villa-120 Kent St. 10.30am - 12.30pm**

**Thu 28 Oct: Villa-120 Kent St. 10.30am - 12.30pm**

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

## August 2010

### **Guild of One-Name Studies**

**Sat 7 Aug: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** The Guild of One-Name Studies is a charitable organization, founded in Britain in 1979, with a world wide membership. The Guild brings together those with an interest in one-name studies and other forms of surname study (such as DNA projects). A one-name study is a project researching facts about a particular surname (and its proven variants) and all the people who have held that surname. Karen Rogers will educate us on how to form a one name group (ONG) and what is involved and what benefit there can be to researchers in contacting an ONG.

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

### **Child migration schemes: UK to Australia**

**Wed 11 Aug: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** Following WWII a number of schemes were initiated specifically to bring children to Australia. One of those schemes was the Big Brother Movement and Eddie Steel, a Little Brother himself and a director of the BBM today will tell us about the scheme and who were involved. He will be joined by Fiona Burn from the National Archives of Australia to tell us of other such schemes approved by the Commonwealth during that time.

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

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

**Sat 14 Aug: 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**

### **The Master Genealogist (TMG) Software User group meeting Charts Large and Small in TMG**

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

**1.30pm-3.30pm.** The Master Genealogist program gives users full control over the appearance of family history charts that can be created. Barb Toohey will show some of the tricks and tools you will find useful, whether you want to create a page about your immediate family or a large wall chart.

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

### **IRISH Individual HELP sessions - Greg O'Connor**

**Fri 20 Aug: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.00am-3.00pm.** Greg O'Connor, archivist from the National Archives of Ireland, is visiting Australia in August and will be available for individual consultation sessions of 20 minutes duration.

Take advantage of this unique opportunity to have your Irish questions answered by an expert!

**Sessions are limited and only available to current SAG members. Bookings accepted ONLY BY PHONE to Richmond Villa on (02) 9247 3953, when an interview time will be allocated. \$25 Strictly Members only & Bookings essential**

### **An Afternoon of Irish Research**

**Sat 21 Aug: 'Red Room' Bowlers Club, 95-97 York St, Sydney**

**1.00pm-3.30pm.** The SAG is proud to present Greg O'Connor, archivist from the National Archives in Ireland who will deliver two sessions highlighting the many Irish records which may further your genealogical research.

**Session One: An overview of Genealogical Sources at the National Archives of Ireland.** – This lecture will cover 1901 & 1911 census returns, Wills and other Testamentary Documents, Primary ("Griffith") Valuation, 1820 & 1830 Tithe Applotment Books, and Landed Estates Court. It will also highlight those records with genealogical value which can be used as substitutes for the documents destroyed in 1922, such as the Rebellions of 1798 & 1803 and the Fenian Rising of 1867.

**Session Two: Research in Ireland prior to 1800** - Focusing on records held in the National Archives in Ireland, this lecture will cover records from private sources such as Solicitors, Administrators of Landed Estates, business firms and individual collectors predating 1800. Greg will show you how to "think outside the box" and nominate which institutions you should be searching to maximise your chances of finding family history information in this period.

**\$40 members (\$50 non-members) includes Light afternoon-tea  
Bookings are essential by 15 August 2010**

### **English Research Group meeting**

**Militia Records mid to late 1700s**

**Sat 28 Aug: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** Militia records are very useful and can take family research back a stage further prior to the censuses. Lists are available for men ranging from the ages of 18 to 45 or 50. The SAG Library holds a wide collection of these records and their usefulness will be demonstrated.

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

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## South Asia Research Group meeting

### Getting the Most out of Fibiwiki

**Sat 28 Aug: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**1.30pm-3.30pm.** Fibiwiki is a wiki where you can read and share information helpful for researching ancestors in India. It not only contains research guides, but also lists sources, and general background information about the culture, society and history of India during the period from 1600 to 1947. Member Maureen Evers is a major contributor to the wiki and many of us have benefited from her articles. She will show us how to get the most out of the Fibiwiki and also how to edit or add new articles. **\$8 members (\$12 non-members) Bookings essential**

## September 2010

### FamilySearch – Hands On Computer Workshop

**Fri 3 Sep: Library - 2/379 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** FamilySearch.org website is expanding. Many free digital images and millions of newly indexed names now populate the 'pilot/labs/beta' sites expanding on your research experience. Vicki Eldridge will lead this hands on session to discover what is now available in search tools and records. **\$30 members (\$40 non-members)**

**Bookings essential & limited to 14 participants**

### SAG Spring Special

**Sat 4 Sep: Conference Room, Western Sydney Records Centre, 143 O'Connell Street, Kingswood**

**10.00am-3.45pm. FULL DAY.** This seminar will remind you of all your SAG membership has to offer. Come along and get an update on the library and manuscript collections, microfilming projects, and our services. Best of all, this day-long session is free! Full programme will be available on our website shortly. Light refreshments will be served (gold coin donation on the day appreciated). BYO lunch. Free parking, wheelchair access & toilets for the disabled are provided.

**◆◆ Members Only Free - Bookings essential by 28 Aug 2010**

### Faces & Places – Dating Family Photos

**Wed 8 Sep: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** Ralph Hawkins, SAG Archivist, will discuss how to date your family's unidentified photos. Using examples held in the SAG Manuscript & Images collection, Ralph will demonstrate how the photographer's name & location; clothing styles, backgrounds, furniture or the architecture displayed in the photos can assist you with the dating process.

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

### The Parish Chest – an additional resource to Parish Registers

**Sat 11 Sep: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10:30am-12:30pm.** These records reflect the life of many of our ancestors in the period up to the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century and can be an excellent additional resource to parish registers. Many hold overseers of the poor accounts, settlement and removal certificates, bastardy documents, constables' account and local land records. Presenter: Jeremy Palmer.

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

### Researching in Sydney for Colonial Ancestors in the Days of the Raj and earlier.

**Sat 18 Sep: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**1.30pm-3.30pm.** This is an essential introduction to researching British and European ancestry in India and South Asia prior to Indian independence. Sylvia Murphy will present some of her research experiences highlighting locally available repositories and resources. She will also provide an in-depth guide to using on-line and microfilmed records of birth/baptism, marriage and death/burial in India. **\$20 members (\$25 non-members) Bookings essential**

### Ancestry – Hands On Workshop

**Fri 24 Sep: Library - 2/379 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.30am-12.30pm.** Ancestry.com holds more collections of genealogical information than any other subscription-based website. It is also free to use at SAG for SAG members. The sheer size of the collection and its organisation can make it difficult to find the information you seek. Kerry Farmer will lead a hands-on session using SAG's computers at 379 Kent Street to familiarise you with some of this vast collection.

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

**Bookings essential & limited to 14 participants**

### The Genealogist.co.uk

**Sat 25 Sep: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**1.30pm-3.30pm.** Now freely available on two computers in the SAG Library; this English subscription website has won several awards from the UK genealogy magazines. Discover what it has to offer, especially, **non-conformist** and other **non-parochial records**; unique census searching modes, directories, including Army and Navy lists, WW1 and WW11 records and much more. Sylvia Murphy will show you how to use this site's search tools and show examples of available records.

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

## October 2010

### AUSTRALIA and GREAT BRITAIN and the GREAT WAR

**Sat 9 Oct: Richmond Villa - 120 Kent St, Sydney**

**10.00am-4.00pm FULL DAY.** Britain called and Australia answered sending service men and women across the seas – many never to return; others independently made the trip to Britain and joined the forces there. Our WW1 day will look to learning more about the experiences of those who served and interpreting the records. Highlights will be two recent major research projects on Gallipoli and Fromelles from experts involved. A detailed programme will be available on the website. Morning and afternoon tea will be provided, bring your own lunch.

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

### LOST IN THE INTERNET 2010

**Is this a family historian's pot of gold?** The internet is fast moving and ever changing and unless you are using it regularly can be extremely challenging and very confusing. Is there a way you can learn more and be shown what is happening and make better use of this medium to research your family history? The answer is YES!

The Society of Australian Genealogists is holding its annual weekend seminar in October. Join us as we check out the latest on free-to-view and pay-to-view sites; review social networking; consider privacy and etiquette concerns; look to maximising your Google-ing experience and much more. **A full programme will be available on our website shortly.** Morning and afternoon teas are included, but it is recommended that you BYO Lunch as food outlets are very limited in the area on weekends.

**VENUE:** Dixon Room, Mitchell Library, Macquarie St, Sydney

**DATE:** Saturday 30 & Sunday 31 October 2010

**TIME:** 10am to 4.00pm each day

**COST:** \$95 members & \$115 non-members

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL BY 24 OCTOBER 2010**

**Bookings** can be made by contacting the SAG by

**phone:** on (02) 9247 3953 Mon-Sat 10-4pm or

**online:** through the SAG bookshop on [www.sag.org.au](http://www.sag.org.au)