



Event Calendar – November 2015 to January 2016

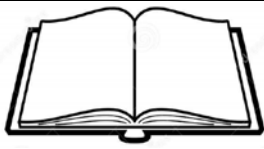
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Full details will be found on all upcoming activities at www.sag.org.au

*Unless otherwise advertised, all activities are held on the top floor of 'Richmond Villa', 120 Kent Street Sydney and are limited to 40 bookings. We regret there is **NO disabled** access to this area. Prices are shown as **Member/Non-member price**.*

Date /Venue	Time	Title /Presenter/s	Price	Brief Description
NOVEMBER 2015				
Sat 7 and Sun 8 Nov Your place	See website for schedule.	SPECIAL VIRTUAL EVENT – LOST IN How to Do Your Family History in 2015	\$75 / \$110 (for two days)	Have you become overwhelmed by your family history? Are you determined to be better organised in 2016? Join us for two days of virtual learning, with new ideas for organising your records & progressing your research. This year we're offering our annual LOST IN seminar virtually! We'll be presenting a series of webinars & online panel discussions, as well as special competitions for participants. The course fee includes all handouts & recordings of sessions. If you've always wished you could get to one of our Lost In seminars here's your chance! See the website & flyer for more details.
Tues 10 Nov Your place	Extended time – 8pm-9.30pm	WEBINAR - Tracing Your German Ancestors Dr Michael Lacopo and Martyn Killion	\$13 Members only	Join Dr Michael Lacopo and SAG President, Martyn Killion, as they explore sources for pinpointing your ancestors' place of origin in Germany, the records available to take your research further and how to contact other researchers of your German branches.
Thurs 12 Nov 120 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Writing Discussion Group Secrets of Successful Storytelling - Jayne Tancred	\$8 / \$12	Want your writing to connect with your audience and keep them enthralled? A business writer shares tips for incorporating storytelling techniques to liven up your work, and explains how even factual writing can make use of these ancient principles.
Fri 13 Nov 379 Kent St	10.00 am – 1.00 pm	HANDS ON County Kent Philippa Garnsey, Joan Healy	\$30/\$45	Join us for this Hands On session highlighting selected online sources & other material available for Kent, & where it can be found in the SAG Library. Includes an hour to consult featured records. Limit 14
Sat 14 Nov 120 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Family Tree Maker User Group – AM Session	\$8 / \$12	Join other users of this popular family history software program for insights, ideas and opportunities to share tips & ask questions.
Sat 14 Nov 120 Kent St	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Family Tree Maker User Group – PM Session	\$8 / \$12	Afternoon session.
Thurs 19 Nov 120 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	House histories Catherine Hardie and Kirstin Cox - Local History Librarians, City of Canterbury Library	\$20 / \$30	Have you ever wondered about the stories behind your old home or the home your ancestors lived in? When it was built, the previous occupants and their occupations, or the name of your house? Researching houses can provide valuable information for your family history. Learn how to access directories, land subdivision plans, newspapers, maps and local Council information to research your house and your local area.
Fri 20 Nov 379 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	HANDS ON COMPUTERS 20 hints for Trove Judy Keena	\$30/\$45	A repeat of this popular session. The Trove database of Australian newspapers, photos and books is a gold mine for genealogists. Learn how to make the most of it. Limit 14
Sat 21 Nov 120 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Legacy User Group Bev Hyssett	\$8 / \$12	Discover ways to maximise the benefits of this family history software program. Learn from others, share tips and ask questions.
Sat 21 Nov 120 Kent St	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Aboriginal family history Kath Schilling	\$20 / \$30	Kath will draw on her vast experience researching Aboriginal family history to discuss how to get through some of the difficulties when tracing Aboriginal Heritage and the reality of finding records pre 1900. More details on this session available on the SAG website.
Tues 24 Nov Your place	8pm - 9pm	WEBINAR - Ascertaining arrivals to NSW Martyn Killion	\$10 Members only	Join Martyn Killion as he explores sources and strategies for finding your ancestor's arrival, using NSW as an example of material available for immigration. This is a session not to be missed if you have ancestors still 'swimming' to the colonies!
Wed 25 Nov Sydney University	10.00am-11.00am	Guided tour of the Macleay Museum Sydney University	\$18 Members only	Join a guided tour of the oldest natural history collection in Australia and historically rich collections of Aboriginal, Torres Strait and Pacific islanders' cultural material. The museum also holds a collection of photographs documenting life in Australia and the Pacific region from the late 1840s to the 1960s. Limit 25. Meet at Sydney University.
Thurs 26 Nov 120 Kent St	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	What's in the City of Sydney Archives Michael Smith	\$20 / \$30	Find out what's in the City of Sydney's Archives Collection and how to search their collection online. Michael will update us on volunteer projects that are providing highly valuable data for family and local history research. <i>NB: Rescheduled from 14 November.</i>
Sat 28 Nov 120 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	English Research Group Visiting Archives? – Go prepared! Pauline Kettle	\$8 / \$12	Archives in the UK can be a minefield - preparing early for that overseas visit is vital to make best use of your time when there. If you are researching from home, the talk will also be useful as many of the online resources available through leading archives and other repositories will be discussed.
Sat 28 Nov 120 Kent St	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Family Historian software Hands On Introduction Kerry Farmer	\$8 / \$12	Family Historian is a genealogy software package that stores your research along with multimedia and sources. It supports queries and reports, allowing researchers to quickly find or analyse data. Consider installing the 30-day free trial of the software and then bring along your laptop to this meeting to try out some of the features.



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DECEMBER 2015				
Wed 2 Dec Your place	8pm - 9pm	WEBINAR - Finding BDMs in Australia Heather Garnsey	\$10 Members only	Explore the different ways in which you can track down birth, death and marriage records in Australia using consolidated indexes on commercial sites, as well as the government registry websites.
Fri 4 Dec 379 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	HANDS ON COMPUTERS Discover free eBooks for genealogy Judy Keena	\$30/\$45	Vast numbers of books have been digitised and are freely available on the internet. Learn about some of the key sites and their value to family history.
Sat 5 Dec 120 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	New Zealand Research Group Pauline Weeks	\$8 / \$12	NZ On-line: Find out what's online at your fingertips to do New Zealand research. Tips and hints and what's new to make that search easier across the ditch. Group meets for lunch afterwards. All welcome.
Thurs 10 Dec 120 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Writing Discussion Group Festive Flash - Members	\$8 / \$12	Your chance to read an interesting family history story to the group. It must be no longer than 3 minutes and relevant to one or more of the themes on a list to be given out beforehand. A repeat of our successful February meeting, but with new topics and hopefully some new speakers.
Thurs 10 Dec 120 Kent St	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Crime and punishment records in NSW State Archives John Cann	\$20 / \$30	Many of our ancestors had contact with the criminal system and the records they left can add value to your family history. Discover what records are held by the NSW State Archives and how to find them. Some convict records will be mentioned, but the focus is primarily on later records.
Sat 12 Dec 379 Kent St	9.00 am – 10.00 am	Where do I start at the SAG Library?	Free - Members only	An overview of the services and resources at the Library. Explore highlights of the collections and take a guided tour. Why not stay on after the tour & do some research? Limit 10.
Sat 12 Dec 120 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	DNA Research Group Veronica Williams	\$8 / \$12	The DNA Research Group is an ideal forum for beginners to get started, & for the more experienced to share practical ways to work with results.
Libraries will be closed 24 December to 4 January inclusive MERRY CHRISTMAS!				
JANUARY 2016				
Sat 9 Jan 120 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Getting the most out of your SAG membership Danielle Lautrec	\$10 / \$20 <i>Special price</i>	Start 2016 with a look at all that your SAG membership offers. Find out about the treasures in the archives, upcoming education events, how to make best use of the catalogues and more!
Sat 9 Jan 120 Kent St	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Introduction to FindMyPast Judy Keena	\$20 / \$30	Learn what groups of records FindMyPast holds and how to use the search features to find what you want.
Tue 12 Jan Your place	8pm - 9pm	WEBINAR - Researching South Australian family history South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society	\$10 Members only	Get hints for tracing South Australian family history and learn what resources South Australian Genealogy & Heraldry Society Inc. has available both in its library and online
Thurs 14 Jan 379 Kent St	9.00 am – 10.00 am	Where do I start at the SAG Library?	Free - Members only	An overview of the services and resources at the Library. Explore highlights of the collections and take a guided tour. Why not stay on after the tour & do some research? Limit 10.
Sat 16 Jan 120 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Bankruptcy and insolvency records, NSW Heather Garnsey	\$20 / \$30	If your ancestor was unlucky enough to go bankrupt, you could be richly rewarded with bankruptcy and insolvency records. This session will cover NSW online and archival records to 1928.
Wed 20 Jan Your place	8pm - 9pm	WEBINAR - 1939 Register, UK Audrey Collins	\$10 Members only	Join professional researcher Audrey Collins based in England as she takes us through the 1939 Register – the 'next big thing' in England and Wales research that is coming online. This replacement census contains 40 million entries and will revolutionise how we conduct our 20th century research.
Fri 22 Jan 379 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	HANDS ON PRONI Hilary Walker, Philippa Garnsey, Joan Healy	\$30/\$45	The Public Record Office of Northern Ireland (PRONI) is the official archive for Northern Ireland. They date largely from c.1600 to the present day. Learn how to navigate this website and utilise its wonderful resources
Sat 23 Jan 120 Kent St	10.30 am – 12.30 pm	Find your ancestor's land Carole Riley	\$20 / \$30	Many of our ancestors owned a house or a farm at some point in their lives. This session will show you what records are available and how to find them. We will start with the ancestor's name and general place of residence and work through some examples of land searches and the resulting titles, deeds, rate books, maps and plans.
Sat 23 Jan 120 Kent St	1.30 pm – 3.30 pm	Land research workshop Carole Riley	\$20 / \$30	An opportunity to work through a number of 'land problems' in a group workshop, drawing on what you've learned in the morning session. Carole will address specific land research problems utilising online resources where possible. See website for details on how to submit your problem for discussion.