



Event Calendar

February 2016 to April 2016

The **Society of Australian Genealogists** runs a program of educational events to help you with your family history. Most of our events are held on the top floor of Richmond Villa, at 120 Kent Street Sydney. However, some are held at our library at 2/379 Kent Street. We regret that there is NO disabled access at Richmond Villa. Disabled access is available at the library.

Please check the venue and starting times carefully.

For bookings and updates to the program, visit www.sag.org.au/events.
<http://www.sag.org.au/downloads/OnlineEventsBookingGuide.pdf>

NEWS

Lost In: In November we held our first ever virtual Lost In, featuring eight webinars over a weekend. The webinar format meant that people who do not live in Sydney could participate and the success of this is evident – about half the participants were from outside of Sydney. Participants could watch the webinars live, or view the recordings at a time that was convenient to them. This was greatly appreciated by members who had other things to do that weekend – like taking care of the grand kids! In response to feedback about Lost In, we are planning to hold another virtual Lost In in June 2016. For those who like the face to face contact – do not worry, the usual face to face Lost In will return in November 2016.

Webinars: From February, when you register for a webinar you also receive the recording so that you can attend live or watch it later at your leisure. We have also introduced two new types of webinars for 2016. 'Webinar matinees' will be held during the daytime, on Wednesdays. 'Webfests' will be a block of about three webinars on related topics. There is one of each of these new events in this program.

Hands On: Another new type of event being introduced in this program is 'Hands On @120'. You will be familiar with the Hands On Computer sessions at the library (now referred to as 'Hands On @379'). These new sessions will be practical sessions with lots of time for discussion and practice.

Fees: Reluctantly, we have also had to increase our prices in 2016. This is the first increase since 2008 and we have endeavoured to keep the increase to a minimum.

What's coming in the next program?

The SAG is planning a research trip to Canberra next quarter, tentatively set for 18-21 May. If you might be interested, it would be wise to reserve those dates in your diary. More information will be available in the next month or so.

The next Lost In will be another virtual event and is scheduled for the weekend of 18 and 19 June.



Tuesday 2 Webinar	<u>Getting the most out of the National Archives of the UK's website</u> - Heather Garnsey Webinar Your place 8.00pm-9.00pm \$12, Members only The National Archives UK is a treasure trove of genealogical information, but its website offers much more than catalogues and digitised records. See how you can use its many features to improve your research skills and knowledge base.
Thursday 4 Lecture	<u>Excel-lent uses for Excel in family history</u> - Danielle Lautrec Lecture 120 Kent Street 10.30am-12.30pm \$22 members, \$35 non-members Excel is not just for calculations. It can store, sort and filter data. Learn how to use Excel to organise your family history data, keep your research on track and solve research problems.
Saturday 6 Group	<u>DNA Research Group</u> - Veronica Williams Group 120 Kent Street 10.30am-12.30pm \$10 members, \$15 non-members The DNA Research Group is a forum for beginners to get started and for the more experienced to share practical ways to work with test results.
Saturday 6 Group	<u>Legacy Software User Group</u> - Bev Hyssett Group 120 Kent Street 1.30pm-3.30pm \$10 members, \$15 non-members Discover ways to maximise the benefits of this family history software program. Learn from others, share tips and ask questions.

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<p>Thursday 11 Group</p>	<p><u>Writing Discussion Group</u> - Using Photobooks to Produce a Family History, Pat Lyndon Group 120 Kent Street 10.30am-12.30pm \$10 members, \$15 non-members Starting with a diary, documents and photos of a man who died in WWI and wanting to share the information with the family, Pat chose to produce a photobook. She will point out the advantages and disadvantages, the process involved and share some tips.</p>
<p>Saturday 13 Tour</p>	<p><u>Free Library Tour</u> - Where do I start at the SAG library? Tour 2/379 Kent Street 9.00am-10.00am Free, members only Get 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.</p>
<p>Saturday 13 Group</p>	<p><u>Family Tree Maker User Group</u> - Larry Czarnik Group 120 Kent Street 10.30am-12.30pm \$10 members, \$15 non-members Join other users of this popular family history software program for insights, ideas and opportunities to share tips & ask questions.</p>
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<p>Friday 19 Hands On</p>	<p><u>HANDS ON @379 – County of Cambridgeshire</u> - Philippa Garnsey, Joan Healy Hands On Computers 2/379 Kent Street 10.00am-1.00pm \$35 members, \$50 non-members Join us for this Hands On computers session highlighting selected online sources & other material available for Cambridgeshire, & where it can be found in the SAG Library. Includes an hour to consult featured records. Limit 14</p>
<p>Saturday 20 Group</p>	<p><u>Reunion for Mac Group</u> - Philippa Garnsey Group 120 Kent Street 10.30pm-12.30pm \$10 members, \$15 non-members Reunion for Mac is a popular program used by people who have Apple computers. It operates on desktops, laptops, smart phones and iPads. Participants are encouraged to bring their own devices.</p>
<p>Saturday 20 Group</p>	<p><u>The Master Genealogist User Group</u> Group 120 Kent Street 1.30pm-3.30pm \$10 members, \$15 non-members Users of TMG software show how they use the program to record their family history and preserve that information for the future.</p>
<p>Wednesday 24 Webinar</p>	<p><u>Cemetery collections of the SAG</u> - Heather Garnsey Webinar Your place 8.00pm-9.00pm \$12, Members only The Society's current Annual Appeal focuses on its cemetery holdings and aims to raise funds to digitise and index this wonderful collection. Ranging from its earliest Sydney cemetery transcriptions done in the 1890s, through to its holdings of maps and plans, photographs and registers, in this webinar the SAG staff and volunteers will showcase why this collection is so important for all researchers and will highlight some of its gems.</p>
<p>Thursday 25 Focus Day</p>	<p><u>Getting started with family history</u> - Judy Keena Focus Day 120 Kent Street 10.00am-3.00pm \$45 members, \$70 non-members This session will suit both absolute beginners and anyone who needs a refresher or guidance. Learn how to get started and the basics of research. Get hints on strategies, tools and record collections that will get you moving in the right direction. Morning and afternoon tea provided. BYO lunch. Limit 20</p>
<p>Saturday 27 Group</p>	<p><u>English Research Group</u> - 'Ag Labs' or farm workers, Pauline Kettle Group 120 Kent Street 10.30pm-12.30pm \$10 members, \$15 non-members 'Ag Labs' or farm workers, whatever the description, was an occupation that features in many family histories. The discussion will cover their tasks, wages, conditions of work and family life and sources to help illustrate the lives of these ancestors.</p>
<p>Saturday 27 Lecture</p>	<p><u>Convict transportation and research</u> - Kerry Farmer Lecture 120 Kent Street 1.30pm-3.30pm \$22 members, \$35 non-members Whether you are taking the Hyde Park Barracks tour on 9 March or just need help with convict research, Kerry will provide an overview of the convict transportation system and the records available for your family history.</p>

<p>Saturday 5 Webinars</p>	<p><u>Your family history online</u> Webfest (a group of webinars) Your place 11.00am-3.00pm \$35, members only NEW IN 2016 – Relax in the comfort of your own home and participate in a festival of webinars! Join Jill Ball and others as they explore options for sharing your family history online. Three webinars, with rest breaks: Blogging for genealogy; Where to put your tree online; Creating a genealogy website.</p>
<p>Wednesday 9 Tour</p>	<p><u>Guided tour of the Hyde Park Barracks and the Mint</u> - Ralph Hawkins Tour Meet outside the Barracks, Macquarie Street 10.30am-12.30pm \$20 members, \$25 non-members The World Heritage listed Hyde Park Barracks played a central role in convict transportation. The Mint once formed part of Governor Macquarie's notorious Rum Hospital and later part of the first overseas branch of London's Royal Mint. Ralph Hawkins has extensive knowledge of the two buildings and their collections on display. Price includes admission fee. NB The buildings are accessed via stairs and there is no disabled access. Limit 15.</p>
<p>Thursday 10 Group</p>	<p><u>Writing Discussion Group</u> - Croker Prize - Janette Pelosi Group 120 Kent Street 10.30pm-12.30pm \$10 members, \$15 non-members Want to win \$1000? Learn about the Croker Prize entry conditions, including proper citation practice for genealogical sources, from the Convenor of the Judging Panel.</p>
<p>Thursday 10 Lecture</p>	<p><u>Attaching names to digital photographs</u> - Tony Healy Lecture 120 Kent Street 1.30pm-3.30pm \$22 members, \$35 non-members Learn how to append names to digital photographs so that future generations will know who the people are in the pictures. More details on the website.</p>
<p>Saturday 12 Focus Day</p>	<p><u>Researching with newspapers</u> Focus Day 120 Kent Street 9.30am-3.30pm \$55 members, \$85 non-members Immerse yourself in a full day of newspaper research! Join Jenny Higgins and others as they focus on how to use newspapers to research your family history. The day will cover Trove, British and other online newspapers, as well as newspapers that are not online.</p>
<p>Wednesday 16 Webinar</p>	<p><u>How to use the MIDAS catalogue</u> - Alison Wolf Webinar Your place 11.00am-12 noon \$12, members only NEW IN 2016 – Too busy to listen to night-time webinars? Try a webinar matinee The Society holds vast numbers of manuscripts, images and digital records. This session will provide a practical guide to using the MIDAS catalogue to help you find what you need.</p>
<p>Friday 18 Hands On</p>	<p><u>HANDS ON @379 – FindMyPast</u> - Judy Keena Hands On Computers 2/379 Kent Street 10.00am-12.30pm \$35 members, \$50 non-members Join us for a hands on computers session at the library. Use the databases and search facilities of this popular online genealogical site under the guidance of an experienced researcher. Limit 14</p>
<p>Saturday 19 Lecture</p>	<p><u>Using GENUKI</u> - Judy Keena Lecture 120 Kent Street 10.30am-12.30pm \$22 members, \$35 non-members Great tips and instructions for using this enormously useful gateway website for the UK and Ireland.</p>
<p>Saturday 19 Lecture</p>	<p><u>Goldfields resources for NSW & Victoria</u> - Philippa Garnsey Lecture 120 Kent Street 1.30pm-3.30pm \$22 members, \$35 non-members There are an ever increasing number of resources available for tracing your ancestors on the Victorian and NSW goldfields. Philippa Garnsey will discuss the resources available at the SAG and online, looking at many you may not have considered.</p>
<p>Thursday 31 Tour</p>	<p><u>Free Library Tour</u> - Where do I start at the SAG library? Tour 2/379 Kent Street 9.00am-10.00am 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.</p>

Tuesday 5 Webinar	<p><u>Gems of the Mitchell Library</u> - Wendy Holz, NSW State Library</p> <p>Webinar Your place 8.00pm-9.00pm \$12, members only</p> <p>The Mitchell Library forms part of the State Library of NSW, which is Australia's oldest library and is a vast and surprising repository for biography, memoir and family history which can all be used to help build the story of a life or a family. Wendy Holz will be highlighting some of the Mitchell's most relevant collections for family historians.</p>
Wednesday 6 Tour	<p><u>First Government House and the Museum of Sydney</u> - Danielle Lautrec</p> <p>Tour meeting place to be advised 10.30am-12.30pm \$20 members, \$25 non-members</p> <p>Australia's first Government House was the centre of colonial administration until it was demolished in 1846. In 1983 the site in Bridge Street was excavated by archaeologists. Join one of the archaeologists, visiting the Museum of Sydney for a guided tour and other nearby related sites. Price includes admission to the museum. Limit 15.</p>
Thursday 7 Lecture	<p><u>Minding her own business</u> – Colonial businesswomen in Sydney - Dr. Catherine Bishop</p> <p>Lecture 120 Kent Street 10.30am-12.30pm \$22 members, \$35 non-members</p> <p>There are few memorials to colonial businesswomen, but if you know where to look you can find many traces of their presence as you wander the streets of Sydney. From milliners and dressmakers to ironmongers and booksellers, these women have been hidden in the historical record but were visible to their contemporaries.</p>
Thursday 14 Group	<p><u>Writing Discussion Group</u> - Digital Publishing - Barb Toohey</p> <p>Group 120 Kent Street 10.30pm-12.30pm \$10 members, \$15 non-members</p> <p>Are you daunted by the thought of publishing a book? Have lots of photos, charts and even videos? Sneak a look into the world of digital publishing and see how to make a DVD, publish an eBook, hyperlink stories behind people in a chart or photograph.</p>
Friday 15 Hands On	<p><u>HANDS ON @379 – County Limerick</u> - Philippa Garnsey, Joan Healy</p> <p>Hands On Computers 2/379 Kent Street 10.00am-1.00pm \$35 members, \$50 non-members</p> <p>Join us for this Hands On computers session, highlighting selected online sources & other material available for Limerick, & where it can be found in the SAG Library. Includes an hour to consult featured records. Limit 14</p>
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Thursday 21 Hands On	<p><u>HANDS ON @120 – Handwriting workshop</u></p> <p>NEW IN 2016 – Introducing Hands On sessions at Richmond Villa</p> <p>Hands On 120 Kent Street 10.30pm-12.30pm \$35 members, \$50 non-members</p> <p>Using manuscripts from the SAG collection and other samples, learn how to decipher old handwriting and practice transcribing documents. If you have a document you cannot read, bring it along! Limit 15</p>
Saturday 23 Lecture	<p><u>Restoring photos with Photoshop Elements</u> - Melissa Hulbert</p> <p>Lecture 120 Kent Street 10.30am-12.30pm \$22 members, \$35 non-members</p> <p>You asked for it and here it is! Learn how to use Photoshop Elements to enhance your digital photos, remove blemishes, repair tears and much more. If you have a laptop with the program on it, bring it along but it is not essential.</p>
Wednesday 27 Webinar	<p><u>Did your Ancestor serve in the British Military BEFORE World War One?</u> - David Holman</p> <p>Webinar Your place 8.00pm-9.00pm \$12, members only</p> <p>This talk looks at the records available to help you research your ancestors who served in the British Army, Navy or Royal Marines PRIOR to WWI. More details available on the website.</p>
Saturday 30 Lecture	<p><u>Chinese family history and migration to Australia</u> - Dr Kate Bagnall, University of Wollongong</p> <p>Lecture 120 Kent Street 10.30am-12.30pm \$22 members, \$35 non-members</p> <p>Join historian Dr Kate Bagnall as she takes us on a journey into the history of Chinese Australian families. Starting with an overview of Chinese migration to Australia from the 1810s to 1940s, Kate will explore the different kinds of records you can use to uncover information about your Chinese ancestors. She will also share tips about Chinese names and ideas for tracking family back to China.</p>