

# Analysing your AncestryDNA results - Summer 2024 Program

We're pleased to announce the Summer 2024 program for *Analysing your AncestryDNA results*. This is the sixth time the program has been run by the Society since 2021. The program is a combination of face-to-face sessions on Zoom and pre-recorded presentations. It runs from 27 January 2024 to Saturday 9 March 2024. The first Zoom session is on Saturday 3 February 2024. The detailed program follow.

The program will again be presented by Christine Woodlands. She will be assisted by Kathryn Barrett and Vicki Hails. The presentation team are volunteers at the Society and provide their time freely.

The program is delivered in four modules. We'll see how brick walls can come crashing down by using a three prong approach to solving DNA dilemmas at AncestryDNA - grouping your matches, building research trees at Ancestry and using the 'What are the odds?' tool at *DNA Painter*. When participants are comfortable with the approach, they can apply it to the other testing sites and *GEDmatch*.

We're limiting the number of participants to twenty as this allows everyone to get the most out of the program.

Here's the link to a short video where Christine provides an overview of the program.

<https://vimeo.com/869054463/d433880b79?share=copy>

If you are interested in working through the six "Getting Started" Lessons at Ancestry, the link is here.

<https://support.ancestry.com.au/s/article/Getting-Started-Lesson-1-Starting-Your-Tree>

The next link shows how Christine's used DNA to solve mysteries in her family. This provides an overview of the methodology we'll be covering in the program and will help you answer some of the survey questions.

<https://vimeo.com/788878469/749bf087c6?share=copy>

***If you're interested in being considered for the upcoming program, please use this link to complete the survey as soon as possible and email it to [admin@saq.org.au](mailto:admin@saq.org.au)***

<https://www.saq.org.au/resources/Documents/Handouts/Analysing%20your%20AncestryDNA%20Summer%202024%20SURVEY.docx>

## ***What will happen after you complete the survey?***

Survey responses will be considered within a week of being received. You will then receive feedback from Christine advising if you will be offered a place in the program or activities that you could consider before undertaking the program. If you are being offered a place in the program, you will then receive an invoice for the cost of the program. Upon payment of the course cost, your place will be secured in the program.

If you withdraw prior to 31 December 2023, half of the cost will be refunded. If you withdraw prior to 13 January 2024, half of the cost will be refunded if your place in the program is filled. After that time, there will be no refunds.

## ***Key points about the program***

- Module 1 and 3 presentations will be prerecorded and available for participants to watch for a two week period.
- Participants must be available to attend Module 2 and 4 presentations via Zoom as they will not be recorded.
- Attendance is essential for Module 2 presentation from 10am to 12.30pm (Sydney time) on Saturday 3 February 2024.
- Attendance is essential for Module 4 presentation from 10am to 12.30pm (Sydney time) on Saturday 2 March 2024.
- There will also be three optional two and a half hour discussion session presented via Zoom that will not be recorded.

Christine, Kathryn and Vicki do their best to support participants through the program. The presentation team and participants in the program are expected to be respectful and courteous at all times. The presentation team and participants should operate within the Society's published guidelines for copyright, privacy and ethics which can be found on the Society's website.

### ***Program cost***

- \$500 if you are not a member of the Society
- \$450 including one year's membership of the Society
- \$350 for current members of the Society

( Society members who are students and Australian pensioner concession card holders can contact [admin@sag.org.au](mailto:admin@sag.org.au) to discuss a further discounted price.)

If you have any questions about the Summer 2024 program, please email [admin@sag.org.au](mailto:admin@sag.org.au).

### ***Opportunity for "one to one" AncestryDNA consultation***

In conjunction with the program, we are again offering a limited number of "one to one" AncestryDNA consultations. We did this in conjunction with the Winter 2023 program and they were very successful.

Each two weeks, we will schedule at least one consultation based on the demand and availability of experienced genetic genealogists who are SAG members. They volunteer their time to work under the leadership of Christine to provide this opportunity.

- We'll check all your settings are in place so you can use the features of AncestryDNA.
- We'll sort your AncestryDNA matches into the four grandparent groups.
- We'll identify "mystery" matches for your further investigation.
- Once we've completed this, we'll arrange a one hour "one to one" Zoom session to discuss your AncestryDNA results.
- You'll received a copy of the recording.

The cost is \$250 and comes with a credit of \$50 for future programs of *Analysing your AncestryDNA results*.

If you are interested, please email [admin@sag.org.au](mailto:admin@sag.org.au) and this will be sent through to Christine who will make contact with you.

Kind regards,

SAG Education Team

Timetable	
Saturday 27 January to Sunday 11 February	Module 1 presentation available on demand for two weeks
Saturday 3 February 10am to 12.30pm Sydney time	Module 2 presentation live via Zoom - not recorded <b><i>Participation essential</i></b>
Saturday 10 February 10am to 12.30pm Sydney time	Discussion session 1 live via Zoom - not recorded <b><i>Participation optional</i></b>
Saturday 17 February 10am to 12pm Sydney time	Discussion session 2 live via Zoom - not recorded <b><i>Participation optional</i></b>
Saturday 17 February to Sunday 3 March	Module 3 presentation available on demand for two weeks
Saturday 2 March 10am to 12.30pm Sydney time	Module 4 presentation live via Zoom - not recorded <b><i>Participation essential</i></b>
Saturday 9 March 10am to 12.30pm Sydney time	Discussion session 3 live via Zoom - not recorded <b><i>Participation optional</i></b>