



PRESENTERS and PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

Presenters

Overseas presenters

Audrey Collins - The National Archives UK — The National Archives UK Audrey is a Glaswegian whose background is Scots and Irish, but she has lived in England for 50 years, and been researching English genealogy for the last 25. She has a degree in history and politics from the University of Warwick, and was a freelance researcher, speaker, teacher and writer on family history before joining The National Archives in 2002. She has held the post of Records Specialist – Family History since February 2010.



She has spoken at many genealogy events and conferences in the UK, Ireland, the USA and Canada, as well as on a genealogy cruise in the Caribbean. Her writing credits include contributions to several family history magazines, and she is the co-author with Dave Annal of the forthcoming 'Birth, Marriage and Death Records: a guide for family historians'. She makes occasional radio and TV appearances, including a feature for the interactive element of the UK version of Who Do You Think You Are? She also has a keen interest in online resources and social media, with her blog 'The Family Recorder' and as a regular contributor to The National Archives new blog <http://blog.nationalarchives.gov.uk>

Dan Lynch - USA — Dan is a genealogist and technology marketing consultant based in Connecticut. After 15 years in the computer industry, Dan turned his focus to the emerging online market for genealogy joining Ancestry as vice president of business development. In 2003, he founded Mattatuck Consulting, a private firm specialising in Internet and search engine marketing solutions. His clients include The Statue of Liberty-Ellis Island Foundation, FindMyPast, FamilySearch, FamilyLink, and others. A popular international speaker and award-winning author, Dan covers a broad variety of topics, but is most passionate about the intersection of genealogy and technology. Dan is a Life Member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG) and the Connecticut Society of Genealogists (CSG), as well as a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild (GSG). His book, *Google Your Family Tree*, is widely regarded by genealogy experts as a 'must have' title in the hands of all family history enthusiasts worldwide.

In addition to his popular sessions about Google+, Google Web Search (basic and advanced), Google Images & Video, Google Books, and Google Maps & Earth, Dan will also host sessions on Italian family history, cemetery research and restoration, creation of your own family history website, and other exciting topics.

Australian presenters

Jill Ball, NSW — Jill, now an amateur genealogist, has been a librarian, teacher and, most recently, Head of Information Technology in a Sydney Independent School. In 2011 Jill was honoured with Life membership of School Library Association NSW for her work in education. This connected Granny uses Web 2.0 tools including Facebook, Google+, Twitter, Picasa, and Blogger to communicate with genealogists and family members around the globe. She shares her passion for integrating technology with genealogy through her blog, Geniaus, and with presentations in Australia and internationally at Rootstech. Jill was an Official Blogger for the 2011 and 2012 Rootstech Conferences in Salt Lake City and the 13th Australian Genealogy Congress in Adelaide. She has written several articles for Inside History Magazine and is a contributor to Unlock the Past's History and Genealogy 2012: Australia and New Zealand.

Neville Buch - Professional Historians Association, Qld — Dr Neville Buch is the e-Bulletin Editor and member of the Management Committee for the Professional Historians Association (Queensland). He has his own history consultancy business which specialise in community history and socio-intellectual history in Queensland.

Lee Butterworth - Research Associate, Find and Connect, Qld — Lee Butterworth is a Research Associate working as the Queensland based Historian on the Find and Connect web resource for Forgotten Australians and Former Child Migrants. Lee has recently completed her Doctoral Thesis, titled 'What good is a coroner? The transformation of the Queensland office of coroner 1859 - 1959', at Griffith University. She has previously written about 'Baby Farming' in Queensland in the early 20th century.

Stephen Dando-Collins - internationally acclaimed author, Tas — Stephen is the award-winning international author of 26 books about the history of Australia, Britain, France, America and ancient Rome. With a literary agent in New York, he is published in Australia, the US, UK, and numerous foreign languages. Stephen is a full-time author who uses his research know-how as the former national head of a market research company as he delves into the past lives of the many real people he writes about. Historical and genealogical research, he says, is, for him, half the fun of writing a book, and is often like a treasure hunt. Many is the time he has unearthed literary gold in his researches, which have taken him all around the world. Stephen will be talking about his Australian-based books, delivering research case studies in which you'll learn of the fascinating twists, turns and discoveries that his historical detective work produces.

Stephen is a member of numerous literary organisations, including the Historical Writers Association of the UK. A highly experienced, entertaining and fascinating speaker, he regularly gives talks and lectures about the subjects of his books, from the Academy of Science in Canberra to Melbourne's Shrine of Remembrance, from National Public Radio in the US to Provence in the South of France. He will be a featured presenter on 3rd Unlock the Past History & Genealogy Cruise in February 2013.

Niles Elvery - Queensland State Archives — Niles Elvery is the Manager Public Access at the Queensland State Archives. Queensland State Archives is custodian of the State's largest and most significant collection of government records and is an invaluable research facility for those researching their family tree or local history. Niles has been in his current role for over 9 years and has in excess of 25 years of experience working with Queensland's documentary heritage. Niles began his career at a cataloguer at the State Library of Queensland and has worked with various collections at the John Oxley Library including the oral history, photograph and manuscript collections. Now at the Queensland State Archives, Niles has focussed much attention to enhancing resource discovery for the public records held in the Archives through an improved indexing program and is involved in developing a program of on-line service enhancements to assist in the delivery of content to the researchers. Niles also enjoys telling people about the marvellous collections held at the Queensland State Archives.

Kerry Farmer - professional genealogist, NSW — Kerry worked for many years designing, writing and testing computer software. Teaching family history classes since 1997, Kerry is on the Education Committee of the Society of Australian Genealogists, and presents seminars and classes there as well as at adult education colleges and elsewhere. She currently teaches online courses in "Australian and New Zealand Genealogy" through the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. Kerry and Rosemary Kopitke recently wrote the book *Which Genealogy Program?* published by Unlock the Past. More recently Kerry wrote the book *DNA for Genealogists*, also published by Unlock the Past.

Jack Ford - Brisbane City Council's Heritage Unit, Qld — Dr Jonathan (Jack) Ford is a graduate of the Central Queensland University and the University of Queensland. He is a professional historian working for the Brisbane City Council's Heritage Unit plus he undertakes some private consultancy work. Apart from Brisbane history, Jack's other area of expertise is as a military historian, particularly World War II. He has authored two books, provided entries in military encyclopaedias and he has produced numerous journal articles and conference papers, all of which deal with various aspects of World War II. He is one of the authors of the important Queensland WWII Historic Places website. For the last 3 years, Jack has been one of the three co-presenters of the ABC TV coverage of the Brisbane Anzac Day March.

John Graham - Ryerson Index, Qld — John has been actively involved in genealogy since he started researching his own family in 1975. His interests subsequently expanded to embrace local history, in particular the area of the South Coast of NSW centred on the town of Gerringong. He has written five books on aspects of local history of the area, and co-authored a sixth. From 1998 until 2005 John was head of the Sydney Dead Persons Society, during which time the DPS founded the Ryerson Index. John is currently President of Ryerson Index Inc. Since retiring after a 40-year career in IT, John is now a full-time genealogist. John is a member of Shoalhaven FHS; Gerringong HS; Richmond-Tweed FHS and Toowoomba-Darling Downs FHS.

Shauna Hicks - leading Australian presenter, Vic. — Shauna Hicks has been tracing her own family history since 1977 and worked in government for over 35 years primarily in libraries and archives in Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne. She is currently Director of Shauna Hicks History Enterprises and a collaborative partner in Unlock the Past. Shauna has a number of tertiary qualifications from Queensland universities as well as the Diploma in Family Historical Studies from the Society of Australian Genealogists.

She is a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society; a recipient of the Australian Society of Archivists Distinguished Achievement Award and in 2009 received the AFFHO Award for Meritorious Services to Family History.

Graham Jaunay - professional genealogist, SA — Adelaide Proformat is the trading name used by professional genealogist, Graham Jaunay based in Adelaide. Graham is a history/politics graduate of the University of Adelaide, a registered teacher and life member of the Australian College of Educators. He is an adjunct lecturer in genealogy with Flinders University. He is a member of the Australasian Association of Genealogists & Record Agents. Graham's experience in family history goes back to 1968 when he started researching his own family. Graham Jaunay believes in giving back to the hobby and has held a number of leadership roles in Australian Family History Societies. He operates a number of free services and freely accessible databases holding South Australian material. Visit these via the Free Help and Name Lists buttons on his website.

Steinar Johansen - Scandinavian researcher, Qld — Steinar was born in Norway, and started to trace his own ancestors at age 8, and visited archives in Norway from age 10. He arrived in Australia in 1970, stayed 7 years in Sydney, 3 years in Mount Isa before settling in Brisbane in 1980, working in the IT industry (has been a full member of the Australian Computer Society for many years). He joined the Scandinavian Group of Genealogical Society of Queensland in 1981, and has been the convenor of that group since 1982 (30 years as convenor this year). There have been several research trips to archives and libraries in Denmark, Norway and Sweden where he has successfully found ancestors and living relations for hundreds of Australian and New Zealand families. Steinar has also helped to find relations in Australia and New Zealand for Scandinavian families.

Dan Kelly - Boolarong Press, Qld — Dan has been the General Manager of Boolarong Press for the last ten years. He has grown the business 500% over that time. Boolarong Press, established in 1976, is synonymous with book publishing in Queensland. Boolarong is a long time supporter of Queensland authors. Its main genre is non-fiction history and biographies as well as Australiana children's books.

Eric Kopittke - German expert, Qld — A teacher of Physics and Mathematics, Eric has been researching his families since 1985. He has published many indexes but his primary work has been the *Emigrants from Hamburg to Australasia 1850-1879* publication. He is a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society and AFFHO recognised his contributions to family history in 2006 with an Award for Meritorious Service to Family History. Locally, he is the convenor of the Central European Group of the Queensland FHS.

Rosemary Kopittke - online data expert, Qld — Rosemary has been tracing her family since 1985. A statistician by training, she has worked as an hydrologist, teacher and biometrician though now works as a consultant for Gould Genealogy & History. She has published numerous indexes but is best known for *Emigrants from Hamburg to Australasia 1850-1879*. A current member of the AFFHO Council and the Queensland Family History Society Management Committee, Rosemary is a Fellow of the Queensland FHS and in 2006 received the AFFHO Award for Meritorious Services to Family History.

Cassie Mercer - Inside History Magazine, NSW — Cassie is the editor and co-publisher of Inside History, a new family history magazine for Australian and New Zealand genealogists, and editor and co-founder of Irish Wattle, a publishing house for Irish convict transportation to NSW prior to 1806. Cassie has worked in publishing since 1999 after completing a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature at the University of Queensland. Companies she has worked for include UNSW Press, Pacific Magazines and ACP Magazines in Sydney, and Edward Elgar, IPC Media and the National Magazine Company in London. Her 5 x great grandfather was a highwayman in Dublin in the 1790s. She is currently writing a book about some of Irish Wattle's favourite convict rogues and heroes.

Dr Geoff Morgan - Queensland Family History Society — Geoff is an amateur family historian whose main interest at present is documenting the life of his g-grandfather. He also installs and manages Queensland FHS's vast CD collection. In previous lives he was a primary school administrator, and sessional university lecturer and tutor.

Paul Parton - FamilySearch, NSW — Paul is a presenter for FamilySearch in their Outreach program. He also gives technical support to 145 Family History Centres Australia-wide. He has had an interest in family history for more than 40 years. Paul was a professional trainer prior to his retirement as Pacific Area Director of Information Technology Services with FamilySearch's parent organisation. He was also involved in the early development of data acquisition systems for Australia's nuclear research facility.

Sue Reid - President, Queensland Family History Society — Sue Reid is the President of the Queensland Family History Society, a position she has held since 2010. She has been researching family history for more than thirty years, inspired to undertake research after being given a copy of a diary written by her newly married 3 x great grandfather while he was a missionary to the Tartary in Russia (1818-1825). This ancestor, Reverend Dr Robert Ross, accompanied by his wife, ministered in Orenburg and Astrakhan, and then spent some years back in England, before emigrating to New South Wales in 1840. The significance of family history for her arises from curiosity—not so much 'Who do you think you are?' as 'How did you get where you are?' What decisions did our ancestors make, what events occurred that changed the course of their life, and brought us to here and now? What skills, traits, and abilities did they have which we can identify in living descendants?

As well as serving on the Committee of QFHS, Sue also convenes the QFHS Family History Writing Group and the Computer Training Group of QFHS. She tries to find time to learn the piano, and takes care of her granddaughter one day a week.

Carole Riley - professional genealogist, NSW — Carole is a professional genealogist based in Sydney, Australia with a background in computer programming and an interest in using the web to further genealogical education and networking. Carole serves on the Council of the Society of Australian Genealogists and is the Convenor of their IT Committee. She is also the founder of the Sydney User Group of The Master Genealogist (TMG) and is currently serving as a Director of the Association of Professional Genealogists. She has a Master of Applied Science (Psychology of Coaching) and a Bachelor of Science from the University of Sydney, and a Diploma of Professional Counselling. Carole writes two blogs - Genealogy in New South Wales about genealogy research in NSW and elsewhere; and Carole's Canvas, which is her personal blog about her own family history and other topics.

Beryl Roberts - Coopers Plains Local History Group — author of numerous books.

Stephanie Ryan - State Library of Queensland — Stephanie has been the Senior Librarian in Family History at the State Library of Queensland for 16 years. Previously she was a high school teacher and has an Arts degree, majoring in anthropology, sociology and history as well as graduate diplomas in teaching and teacher-librarianship. She has participated in radio programs and been interviewed for newspaper and magazine articles in this capacity. The family history staff run regular presentations for societies, libraries and the general public, produce several dozen information guides available on the web as well as a collection of Useful websites for family historians, host an electronic noticeboard for family historians to which anyone can contribute, produce specialist indexes available on the family history home page www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh and provide a free enquiry service of up to 2 hours per enquiry for Queenslanders backed up by the extensive collections of the State's main library.

Helen Smith - Qld — Helen has been researching her family in Australia, England and Ireland since 1986. She has spoken to a wide variety of audiences including Genealogical Society of Queensland Day Conferences, Library Technician Conference and numerous family history society meetings. Professionally, she is a Molecular Epidemiologist specialising in Public Health Microbiology and has a strong interest in infectious diseases and Public Health through the ages. She has a Graduate Diploma in Public Health, Bachelor Applied Science: Medical Laboratory Science and Associate Diploma in Clinical Laboratory Techniques.

Ann Swain - Qld — Ann started researching her family's history in 1975 and is a founding member of the Queensland Family History Society. She is also a very early member of several Scottish and English family history societies and was once rung from England to see if she was in a nursing home because of her very low membership number! Ann taught senior biology for 38 years, after graduating from UQ. She was President, QFHS, 1986-89 and 2007-10; chaired the organising committee for the 7th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Family History, Brisbane 1994; was Secretary of Australasian Federation of Family History Organisation 2004-09; and is a Fellow of QFHS. She has published articles in QFHS, Aberdeen FHS, Central Scotland FHS and East Surrey FHS journals; is a regular and popular guest speaker; and an expert guest on radio 4BC's weekly Family History 101 segment.

Saadie Thomson-Dwyer - Queensland State Archives — Saadie Thomson-Dwyer is a Senior Archivist at the Queensland State Archives with over 12 years experience providing access to the extensive collection of public records. Queensland State Archives is custodian of the State's largest and most significant collection of government records and is an invaluable research facility for those researching their family tree or local history. Saadie's other role is that of Volunteer Co-ordinator for the Queensland State Archives Volunteer Program. Through this program, the volunteers create invaluable indexes to the collection which improve access to the records. Saadie has 25 years experience in the information, records and archives sector working in the Library networks at the University of New England and University of Queensland. Her academic background includes two history degrees and qualifications in archives and records management.

Judy Webster - Qld — Judy began investigating her family history in the 1970s. Since 1986 she has worked as a professional genealogist specialising in research at Queensland State Archives, tracing living descendants and working with unusual sources that overcome dead ends. She has a Graduate Diploma in Local and Applied History, and she was accredited by the Australasian Association of Genealogists and Record Agents. In 2001 Judy received the Queensland Family History Society's Award for Services to Family History. Her large Web site has free advice on sources and techniques for family history research, and 51,000 names from her indexes to Archives sources. Her publications include *Tips for Queensland Research and Specialist Indexes in Australia: a Genealogist's Guide*. Judy was an invited speaker at the 2009 Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, and she has spoken to audiences throughout Queensland, NSW and Western Australia.

Pauline Williams - Genealogical Society of Queensland — Pauline Williams has been researching her family history for over 25 years and joined Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) in 1987. Her research includes England, America, and Norway. Since 2007, Pauline has taught GSQs Introduction to Genealogy classes, as well as introductory courses at a Brisbane TAFE college, and for the Brisbane City Council library service. She has also taught courses on a wide range of other topics. She currently convenes two interest groups for the Society: English/Irish interest group, and Writing your Family Story group. Pauline has edited the Society's quarterly journal *Generation* since 2009; was joint editor of *Queenslanders: Pioneer families 1859-1901*, published as part of GSQs Q150 project to celebrate Queensland's 150th anniversary in 2009; and wrote a brief guide to researching your family history published as a *Blake's Go Guide in 2011*.

Presentation Summaries

Summaries of presentations are included here to help you decide what to attend.

If you wish to attend more than 7-12 main talks you can save by purchasing a Gold Ticket for \$65.

Listed alphabetically by presenter. Some are FREE (as marked). Those by *Audrey Collins* are \$10. All others are \$5

Blogs and genealogy FREE - *Jill Ball*. Blogs provide a pipeline into the heart of the genealogical community. In this tour of genealogy blogs the questions answered include: What is a blog? How do blogs benefit genealogists? What are the top genealogy blogs?

Flip-Pal demonstration and Picasa introduction FREE - *Jill Ball*. Lots of old photos to scan and organise? Learn how to use the light and portable Flip-Pal mobile scanner to capture images of photos, documents and artefacts from tiny black and white images to large maps at home, in libraries or in cousin's homes. In a quick demonstration of Picasa, a free tool from Google, you will see how to organise and label the images you have captured and integrate them with your collection of digital photographs.

Google+ FREE - *Jill Ball*. Google+, the newest tool on the social media scene, is an alternative to Facebook and Twitter that has been embraced by genealogists around the world. Learn how this simple to use and free tool can be used to communicate and collaborate with distant genealogy contacts.

Webinars for Australians FREE - *Jill Ball & Alan Phillips*. A webinar is a new means of delivering a genealogy lecture or demonstrations from distant presenters to audience members in the comfort of their homes. All one needs is a computer with an internet connection. Learn about webinar opportunities presently available and exciting plans to deliver webinars from a range of Australian and International presenters specifically designed for an Australian audience.

Insights from how professionals write history FREE - *Neville Buch*. Although it is not a fact well understood among the general public, there are a group of historians in the community who make a living as professional historians. They have postgraduate qualifications in history, usually a research higher degree (e.g. M.A., Ph.D.), and they are accredited for their history work by the state body within the Australian Council of Professional Historians Associations. How does the writing of a professional historian differ from the writing of history elsewhere? This short session will examine just a few significant pieces of history written by members of the Professional Historians Association (Queensland).

Introducing Find and Connect FREE - *Lee Butterworth*

England and Wales: The census - *Audrey Collins*

Online newspapers and periodicals for family history - *Audrey Collins*

Scandals in the family: A study featuring fraud, deception, adultery, gambling debts - *Audrey Collins*

The London Gazette: Not just the brave and the bankrupt - *Audrey Collins*

The making of the GRO indexes for England and Wales - *Audrey Collins*

The will forgeries: Organised crime, identity theft and wrongful conviction in the 1840s - *Audrey Collins*

Captain Bligh's other mutiny - *Stephen Dando-Collins*

The true story of the military coup that turned Australia into a two-year rebel republic. Macarthur's coup led to a two-year reign of terror in New South Wales, as he and his New South Wales Corps cronies plundered the colony while ruling it as their own little republic. Bligh, in the meantime, spent a year as a prisoner of the rebels, before escaping to sit off the entrance to Tasmania's River Derwent for close to a year, acting like a pirate. All the while, he plotted his revenge.

Crack Hardy: From Gallipoli to Flanders to the Somme - *Stephen Dando-Collins*. 'Crack hardy' was a saying among Australian and New Zealand troops in the First World War. It meant 'put on a brave face,' 'grin and bear it.' The Searle brothers had to crack hardy. Among the first to join the Australian Imperial Force in 1914, they would fight in some of the toughest battles of the war. From the April 25, 1915 landing at Gallipoli to Lone Pine. In Flanders' muddy trenches, and at desperate Somme battles at places that would become household names.

What will you find at the Queensland State Archives FREE - *Niles Elvery* (Queensland State Archives) An introduction to the collection and services of the Queensland State Archives. The presentation will provide an overview of the extensive collection of public records that you will find at the Archives and include some examples of the records which may be found in the collection.

Convicts: From trial to freedom - *Kerry Farmer*. Convicts are amongst the best documented of our Australian ancestors. Learn how you can follow the passage of convict ancestors from the initial reports of their crimes, through trial and transportation and the documentation of their period as a convict in an Australian colony.

DNA for genealogists - *Kerry Farmer*. Learn how the genetic markers in DNA can help you find your ancestors, when genealogy is combined with genetics. How do you decide which DNA tests and which DNA testing companies best suit what you want to know? **Brisbane in World War II** - *Jack Ford*. The presentation focuses on the important role that Brisbane played during the Second World War, particularly when it hosted the

Headquarters of US General Douglas MacArthur's South West Pacific Area (SWPA) Command during 1942-44. There will be an overview of the important wartime events that occurred in Brisbane (e.g. 'The Battle of Brisbane' of November 1942) from 1939 to 1945. Research sources for people seeking information for their family's wartime histories will be explored.

Ryerson Index FREE - *John Graham*. The Ryerson Index is an index to death notices appearing in current Australian newspapers. It also includes some funeral notices, probate notices and obituaries. Because the index was originally created by the Sydney Dead Persons Society, its strength lies in notices from NSW papers - including in excess of one million notices from the Sydney Morning Herald alone. However, the representation from papers from other states continues to grow, with additional papers being regularly added, so that the index can now truly be considered an Australian index.

Ancestors in church: Using church publications - *Shauna Hicks*. This presentation explores an underutilised resource that can provide information on our ancestors not likely to be found elsewhere.

Family history on the cheap: Tips and tricks - *Shauna Hicks*. This talk highlights a wide variety of tips and tricks that researchers can use to save themselves time and money when researching their family history. Areas covered include family sources, archives and libraries, online resources, technology, travel tips and so on.

It's not all online: Where else can I look? - *Shauna Hicks*. This talk is a reminder that not everything is online and that researchers still need to use archives, libraries, historical societies and museums, genealogy and family history societies and so on.

Mining ancestors: Knowing where to look - *Shauna Hicks*. This presentation explores how to trace your often elusive mining ancestors and their families and looks at a wide variety of resources.

TROVE and other NLA treasures - *Shauna Hicks*. This talk highlights the National Library of Australia's resources including TROVE, E-Resources, Picture Australia, and the web archive Pandora.

Warning Warning: Tips and tricks to avoid common family history mistakes - *Shauna Hicks*. This talk draws on the speaker's own experiences and provides some tips on avoiding common mistakes when starting out family history research. It also provides some tips and tricks to save time and money when researching.

How to read old handwriting - *Graham Jaunay*. You must expect a little difficulty in deciphering the hand writing of old documents. Graham will explain why this is so using a number of examples. He will demonstrate some simple techniques to help resolve these issues.

Identifying and dating 19th century photographs - *Graham Jaunay*. When it comes to dating photographs of the nineteenth century, it is the mount rather than the image that gives us the most assistance. Graham Jaunay will work through 5 simple steps to aid family historians date their photographs and hopefully that will provide evidence about who may be portrayed. Graham will also be available to date your old photos.

Introduction to family history research - *Graham Jaunay*. Graham Jaunay will introduce the basic principles of family history research and their significance in ensuring results. Find out about the three essential research tools, the importance of using the recognised conventions, the need to look after your records, the two research streams and much more.

Tracing your Irish ancestors from afar - *Graham Jaunay*. Unfortunately, researching in Ireland is probably the most difficult exercise most Australian family historians will encounter. Graham Jaunay will demonstrate why this is so and provide some ways to work around the problems.

Scandinavian and Ancient Genealogy FREE - *Steinar Johansen*. 1. Ways of doing research in Scandinavia. You can go there and visit the archives, get a researcher in Scandinavia, get a researcher here, or do it yourself. 2. Census, Church and other records, what is available in Denmark, Norway and Sweden. 3. Ancient genealogy, the advantage of using Icelandic family trees. Examples of ancient family trees will be shown.

Book typesetting and printing FREE - *Dan Kelly*. This seminar will save you time and money when preparing your manuscript. Some of the basic steps in typing and printing your book will be presented. If this is done correctly at the beginning it will save considerable time and money.

How to publish your book FREE - *Dan Kelly*. This short seminar will provide the basics of publishing your family manuscript. The sharing of information has been critically important for families to find and understand their ancestry. Publishing your results will greatly assist future families.

Internet resources for German research - *Eric Kopittke*. An increasing amount of material is available about people and places on the internet. This talk explores a range of resources available for places in the former German Empire.

Locating your ancestor's place of origin in Germany - *Eric Kopittke*. How to use records from Australia and elsewhere to determine your German ancestor's place of origin.

Australian government, police & education gazettes - *Rosemary Kopittke*. Examines the hidden material in Australian Government, Police and Education gazettes - mostly we consider them to be irrelevant and uninteresting but that is definitely not the case. The gazettes contain information about people we would never find in other records.

Family Photo Book FREE - *Rosemary Kopittke*. Why just leave your photographs on your computer. The Family Photo Book software is easy, fun and free to use (versions for Windows and Mac). An album is the perfect gift for anyone and any occasion - for recording family history, family reunions, weddings, birthdays, Christmas, anniversaries, memorials or any special occasions. Share your travels with pictures, write a journal, create a stunning business portfolio or presentation - the possibilities are endless.

Findmypast Australia / New Zealand - *Rosemary Kopittke*. Learn what a great range of unique records are available for researching family and local history on this new site and the best way to do it. Currently 55 million records but soon to more than double!

Findmypast World Collection - *Rosemary Kopittke*. An overview of the growing suite of findmypast sites - UK, Ireland, Australasia and USA - with a look at the key records, what is new and what is coming.

MyHeritage FREE - *Rosemary Kopittke*. Founded in 2003, MyHeritage has grown to be one of the world's largest social networks and genealogy sites. It focuses mainly on connecting families offering SmartMatches to link families together. It also offers tagging of photos, free genealogy software, web research and more - in 38 languages.

ScotlandsPeople: The place to launch your Scottish research - *Rosemary Kopittke*. ScotlandsPeople - what it is, what records are available, how to search effectively and what are the charges.

Google your family tree: The essentials - *Dan Lynch*. Google has firmly established itself as an indispensable tool for billions of people worldwide. During the past decade, genealogy and family history research have experienced unprecedented growth due to in large part to the electronic availability of family records via the Internet. International guest speaker Dan Lynch will explain how to use the many powerful capabilities contained within Google to jumpstart a family history search - and does so in simple, easy-to-understand language.

Google your family tree: A smorgasboard or taster of what else Google can do - *Dan Lynch*

From Ireland to Longreach: Who was the real Captain Starlight? - *Cassie Mercer*. Harry Readford, aka Captain Starlight, was a notorious cattle duffer in Australia in the mid-1800s. He became part of outback folk law when in 1870 he stole 1000 head of cattle and one white bull from Bowen Downs in Queensland, and drove them successfully through largely unexplored country into South Australia. When he was captured and tried in Roma some two years later, the jury were so impressed with Readford's driving skills they refused to convict him. Readford descendant Cassie Mercer will talk about the man and the myths, and new family research tracing Readford's family back to an infamous highwayman in 1790s Dublin.

Writing local and family history: Books, magazines & newspaper articles - *Cassie Mercer & Beryl Roberts*. Where do you find local history ideas to research and write about? Is there an audience for what you have written? After the major effort put into researching, writing or compiling a book the really hard part is selling it!

Finding Frank and Horace FREE - *Geoff Morgan*. The talk will trace the path taken to discover unexpected details of the lives of two great-grand-uncles – using Online Resources, Certificates, and data CDs available in the QFHS Library.

FamilySearch: A million new records every day - *Paul Parton*. FamilySearch, a free website, adds an average of a million records online per day. Discover where these records come from and how to search them for best results. Learn of other FamilySearch tools now available.

FamilySearch: 2012 and beyond - *Paul Parton*. See a demonstration of Family Tree, our next major feature not yet released to the public. Learn about "my-tree-it's". See how you can make corrections to this great new feature.

Google Earth for the family historian FREE - *Paul Parton*. See what Google Earth can do to enhance your research and presentation of family history. Make your impression on "the earth".

History & genealogy cruise 2013 FREE - *Alan Phillips, Terri Bettany and Tony Soden*. A cruise on the *Voyager of the Seas* from Sydney to Noumea, New Caledonia and Lautoka in Fiji hosted by four international presenters and seven from Australia and New Zealand. It will offer 120 topics over 8 days. Come and learn more from Alan (Unlock the Past), Tony (Royal Caribbean International) and Terri (Clean Cruising).

History & genealogy cruises 2014 and 2015 - *Alan Phillips and Judy Webber* (Classic International Cruises). Cruises for 2014 and 2015 under consideration are a southern Australian ports cruise in 2014 taking in Tasmania and Adelaide at least - and a cruise somewhere around mid 2015 - out of the UK to the Baltic and touching on northern Europe and Scandinavia. Come and learn more. Judy Webber from one of the candidate cruise lines will be present to tell us what they have to offer.

My ancestor died in Queensland: How can I find more about him at the Queensland FHS FREE - *Sue Reid*. Queensland Family History Society, Inc. holds a wealth of information on individuals who lived and died in Queensland (or elsewhere). This talk will demonstrate how to use that information to discover more about our Queensland ancestors.

Australian land records - *Carole Riley*. Lands Departments hold many documents of interest to family historians, and many of them are available online. This talk will demonstrate the search for land titles, deeds, maps, plans and other documents by using the Lands Department websites where possible and by visiting the office in person when necessary.

Social media for family historians - *Carole Riley*. Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, blogs, what does it all mean? Is it a waste of time? Is it safe? This talk will provide some answers. This talk gives a broad overview of social networking sites: definition and description of social networking, the advantages, the dangers and how to overcome them, communication sites and sharing sites, a look at a few of the most popular sites, such as Facebook, Twitter and a few blogs.

Family history at the State Library FREE - *Stephanie Ryan*. The State Library is providing more online from images and documents to extensive databases and guides. It also holds onsite a large and special collection of microform, print and electronic resources. There is also a free research service of 2 hours per enquiry for those outside Brisbane. Learn more in this talk.

Military records for World War I and II: A select list - *Stephanie Ryan*. An increasing amount of digitised material is available on the servicemen of World War 1 and 2. It is usually easy to use. This presentation will look at records at the State Library of Queensland, National Archives of Australia and the Australian War Memorial and consider some ways to explore their resources and the developing trends in website presentation. It will also include some case studies linking these sites to other relevant material and indicate the many resources available.

Shipping and immigration to Queensland - *Stephanie Ryan*. It can be a challenge finding immigrants arriving in 19th and 20th Century Queensland. This session will explore the places to look in addition to the official Queensland lists and the problems to resolve in searching the indexes and lists. It will also be an opportunity to look at more recent availability of information.

Guild of One Name Studies FREE - *Helen Smith*, One Name Studies are a neglected resource for family historians. In a One Name study information about a specific surname is collected and collated from a wide variety of sources. From these family linkages are established where possible. This presentation shows the wide range of material that is available in most One Name studies and explains how the author does her One Name Study of the name Quested. It also explains ways of finding if a One Name Study exists for your surname of interest.

Help! I'm stuck: Breaking down brick walls - *Helen Smith*. At times it seems that our ancestors are unable to be found, almost as if they are deliberately hiding from you. This presentation looks at reasons why this occurs and ways of demolishing the brick walls so your research will be back on track.

Just what did cause their death? - *Helen Smith*. Death certificates, while fantastic documents providing essential information, were never designed for family historians. Establishing the cause of death is important for completion of our research but also for establishing a medical health history of a family. However unfamiliar terms are common. Exactly what does marasmus, apoplexy, scrofula inanition mean as the cause of death? This presentation explains the evolution of the death certificate, the advances in medical knowledge and shows how some of the pitfalls of death certificate research can be avoided.

Online learning FREE - *Helen Smith*. There comes a time in your research where you want to enhance your research skills. This presentation shows the range of options available online both free and fee based that allow you to customise your education.

Researching Scottish Ancestors - *Ann Swain*. Scotland's greatest export industry was its people and many Australians will find Scottish connections. There are several factors in Scottish family history research which differentiate it from elsewhere in the UK; for example in Scotland the women maintained their individuality legally and Scotland generally maintained its own administrative systems. This talk will cover the homework needed before you tackle Scotland, techniques which will help with Scottish research and resources such as gazetteers, Scotland's People, LDS Genealogical Locality Catalogue, old parish records and useful websites.

Immigration records at the Queensland State Archives FREE - *Saadie Thomson-Dwyer (Qld State Archives)*. An introduction to the collection of records relating to immigration held at the Queensland State Archives. This presentation will explore the numerous series of public records which will assist in the research of immigrants into Queensland. Included will be the indexes available on the website, guides to the collection and how to locate items.

Black sheep and vanishing relatives - *Judy Webster*. Sources and strategies for researching the 'black sheep' of the family and people who disappeared (either temporarily or permanently). Problems and sources to be discussed include unregistered deaths; aliases; family stories that hide the truth; identifying the father of an illegitimate child; mental asylum records; electoral rolls; inquests; and various police, prison and Court records. This talk uses mainly Queensland examples, but many of the research strategies work equally well in other States.

Researching your family history at the Genealogical Society of Queensland FREE - *Pauline Williams*. Learn about the resources and assistance available at GSQ to research your family history.

Writing your family story at the Genealogical Society of Queensland FREE - *Pauline Williams*. You've done your research, now it's time to write your family's story. This presentation focusses on the resources, support, and guidance available at GSQ to help with this process.