

Conference Program 21- 23 March 2025

*Featured Speaker | Speaker Schedule is 45-minute per sessions



Friday 21 st Atrium - Registration Opens 7:30 am			Saturday 22 nd			Sunday 23 rd		
West Room	Central Room	East Room	West Room	Central Room	East Room	West Room	Central Room	East Room
9:00 am Welcome to Country / Opening Ceremony			Masterclass 8:00 am	Masterclass 8:00 am	Masterclass 8:00 am	Masterclass 8:00 am	Masterclass 8:00 am	Masterclass 8:00 am
			Judy Russell	Helen Smith	Nick Barratt	Hamish Maxwell-Stewart	Nick Barratt	Judy Russell
Judy Russell* 9:30 am			Hamish Maxwell-Stewart* 9:30 am			Janis Hanley 9:30 am	Jason Reeve & Jody Taylor Ancestry 9:30 am	Anna Shnukal 9:30 am
Morning Tea 10:00 - 11:00 am			Morning Tea 10:00 - 11:00 am			Morning Tea 10:00 - 11:00 am		
Belinda Daly 11:00 am	Charlotte Sale & Alex Daw QFHS 11:00 am	Cathie Sherwood 11:00 am	Megan Crook 11:00 am	Simon Bligh Worthington Clark 11:00 am	Jan Richardson 11:00 am	Stephanie Ryan 11:00 am	Max Petts Imaging ANZ 11:00 am	Kerry Farmer 11:00 am
Elizabeth Walsh 12:00 pm	Nick Barratt* 12:00 pm	Liesl Harrold 12:00 pm	Linda Coonan 12:00 pm	Carol McCulloch 12:00 pm	Judy Russell* 12:00 pm	Charlotte Sale 12:00 pm	Hamish Maxwell-Stewart* 12:00 pm	Maggie Gaffney 12:00 pm
Lunch Break 1:00 – 1:45 pm			Lunch Break 1:00 – 1:45 pm			Lunch Break 1:00 – 1:45 pm		
Jennifer Harrison 2:00 pm	Cara Downes NAA 2:00 pm	Neil Renaud 2:00 pm	Shauna Hicks 2:00 pm	Simon Davies 2:00 pm	Eve Terry 2:00 pm	Helen Smith 2:00 pm	Sally Romano 2:00 pm	Darryl Low Choy 2:00 pm
Perry McIntyre 3:00 pm	Jacqueline Stockdale QSA 3:00 pm	Pauline Cass 3:00 pm	Jane Harding 3:00 pm	Greg Carlill 3:00 pm	Kay Ryan 3:00 pm	Jill Ball 3:00 pm	Andrew Redfern 3:00 pm	David Ryan 3:00 pm
Afternoon Tea 4:00 – 4:30 pm			Afternoon Tea 4:00 – 4:30 pm			Afternoon Tea 4:00 – 4:30 pm		
Sharyn Merkley 4:30 pm	Rosemary Kopittke Gould 4:30 pm	John Boeren 4:30 pm	Dorothy Wickham & Anne Stewart 4:30 pm	Family Search Ian James 4:30 pm	Dianne Snowden 4:30 pm	Nick Barratt 4:30 pm		
Atrium - Welcome Event - 5:30 pm			Conference Dinner - 7:30 pm			Closing Ceremony - 5:30 pm		

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9:00 am Welcome to Country & Opening Ceremony

9:30 am - Sentence of Transportation with Judy Russell*

Morning Tea 10:00 to 11:00 am

<p>11:00 am Connecting Social History, local history and family history on St Helena Island BELINDA DALY</p>	<p>11:00 am Unlocking Family Mysteries: A Case Study using the Search Party Method ALEX DAW & CHARLOTTE SALE [QFHS]</p>	<p>11:00 am Scattered Leaves, Indelible Bonds: The Diaspora of Six Irish Sisters CATHIE SHERWOOD</p>
<p>12:00 noon Revisiting Local History: Using digital mapping to write a new local history ELIZABETH WALSH</p>	<p>12:00 noon When Harry Met Dotty* NICK BARRATT*</p>	<p>12:00 noon Proclaimed as a rebel to the government: Researching Irish Rebels in Australia LIESL HARROLD</p>

Lunch Break 1:00 to 1:45 pm

<p>2:00 pm Unravelling the travelling: far-flung forebears JENNIFER HARRISON</p>	<p>2:00 pm National Archives of Australia Topic: Uncovering family history through the national archival collection CARA DOWNES [NAA]</p>	<p>2:00 pm Revealing the Huguenots: Their Diaspora, Their Descendants, and My Own Personal Discoveries NEIL RENAUD</p>
<p>3:00 pm 'All they wanted was good treatment': understanding the Irish Workhouse orphan girls PERRY MCINTYRE</p>	<p>3:00 pm The New Settlers League: helping immigrants "live happily ever after" JACQUELINE STOCKDALE [QSA]</p>	<p>3:00 pm Leaving home, Finding home: Bavaria to New South Wales and Queensland PAULEEN CASS</p>

Afternoon Tea 4:00 to 4:30 pm

<p>4:30 pm Uncovering Forgotten Women SHARYN MERKLEY</p>	<p>4:30 pm Police Gazettes: The victims, the perpetrators and more ROSEMARY KOPITKE [GOULDS]</p>	<p>4:30 pm From the Netherlands to unknown places JOHN BOEREN</p>
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Welcome Event: 5:30 pm Meet & Greet in the Atrium

Saturday Time Table *Featured Speakers

West Room	Central Room	East Room
8:00 am Masterclass You be the judge – Ethics in Action JUDY RUSSELL	8:00 am Masterclass Genealogical evidence from DNA research HELEN SMITH	8:00 am Masterclass Researching and writing your family history NICK BARRATT
9:30 am - How is Technology Changing Family History? with Hamish Maxwell-Stewart*		
Morning Tea 10:00 to 11:00 am		
11:00 am The Holland Park Camp: A Community History MEGAN CROOK	11:00 am Data and Analytics in Genealogy SIMON BLIGH [WORTHINGTON CLARK GENEALOGY RESEARCH]	11:00 am Amoy or Canton? Shepherd or goldminer? Researching Chinese ancestors in Queensland JAN RICHARDSON
12:00 noon Revealing a Chinese Enigma – Who, What, Where, When, Why, How & Serendipity LINDA COONAN	12:00 noon Beyond the Pen: AI-Assisted Ancestral Storytelling CAROLE McCULLOCH	12:00 noon *The Robot Genealogist: Separating Fact from Fiction in AI-Assisted Research JUDY RUSSELL*
Lunch Break 1:00 to 1:45 pm		
2:00 pm Mining the archives for local history SHAUNA HICKS OAM	2:00 pm Breathing Life into the ANZAC Fallen: Primary Research Innovation, Sources and Case Study (George Henry Jones Davies (1888-1917) SIMON DAVIES	2:00 pm Documents of control: The long arm of the White Australia Policy EVE TERRY
3:00 pm Soldier Settlement: success or failure? And how to discover your ancestor's experience JANE HARDING	3:00 pm AI Insights - A Case Study of Sam Hope and the 4th Pioneers on the Somme GREG CARLILL	3:00 pm A Journey of Necessity - Why did they come? KAY RYAN
Afternoon Tea 4:00 to 4:30 pm		
4:30 pm Revisiting Local History: Using digital mapping to write a new local history DOROTHY WICKHAM	4:30 pm “Come and learn how FamilySearch is using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to make more records findable than ever before and learn what changes to expect as genealogy moves into the AI-augmented future” IAN JAMES[FAMILYSEARCH]	4:30 pm Children on Board DR DIANNE SNOWDEN AM

Conference Dinner: 7:30 pm in the Central Room

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<p>8:00 am Masterclass A Guide to Digitising the Past HAMISH MAXWELL-STEWART</p>	<p>8:00 am Masterclass Researching English ancestors prior to 1700 NICK BARRATT</p>	<p>8:00 am Masterclass Digging Deeper – Extracting every clue JUDY RUSSELL</p>
<p>9:30 am The Faces of Croydon: Chinese-Aboriginal genealogy on a sign JANIS HANLEY</p>	<p>9:30 am Identifying, Acquiring & Digitising Historical Records at Ancestry.com JASON REEVE & JODY TAYLOR [ANCESTRY]</p>	<p>9:30 am Bloodlines: genealogy, legal categories, DNA testing and contemporary Torres Strait Islander identity ANNA SHNUKAL</p>
<p>Morning Tea 10:00 to 11:00 am</p>		
<p>11:00 am Theodore, Queensland: “the design to lift land settlement to a higher plane” and to build “the first model garden city of Australia” STEPHANIE RYAN</p>	<p>11:00 am Preserving History: holistic solutions for modernising businesses and organisations with a focus on innovative digitisation services. MAX PETTS [IMAGING ANZ]</p>	<p>11:00 am The Tapestry of Migration Records KERRY FARMER</p>
<p>12:00 noon It wasn't what you knew, it's who you knew CHARLOTTE SALE</p>	<p>12:00 noon Non-European Convicts* HAMISH MAXWELL-STEWART*</p>	<p>12:00 noon 'Far away to a strange land' - the 1863 voyage of the Mermaid to New Zealand MAGGIE GAFFNEY</p>
<p>Lunch Break 1:00 to 1:45 pm</p>		
<p>2:00 pm Delving into place: Local History enhances genealogy HELEN SMITH</p>	<p>2:00 pm Paper to Pixels: Digitising Your Genealogical Records SALLY ROMANO</p>	<p>2:00 pm They were There: Situating your family history within its broader historical context DARRYL LOW CHOY</p>
<p>3:00 pm The Thoughtful Ancestor: leaving a large footprint for future generations JILL BALL</p>	<p>3:00 pm Artificial Intelligence in Family History: Friend or Foe? ANDREW REDFERN</p>	<p>3:00 pm Land for the people': Researching Irish Agrarian Ancestors in 19th Century Ireland DAVID RYAN</p>
<p>Afternoon Tea 4:00 to 4:30 pm</p>		

4:30 pm - The Future of Family History with Nick Barratt*

Closing Ceremony: 5:30 pm in the Central Room