

## Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations

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## Newsflash special for NFHM

*Opening event for NFHM*

**Monday 1 August 2022 at 2:15 pm NPT**

**Norfolk Island at AFFHO Congress the Trade Show area**

**To be broadcast via Zoom later that evening.**

**Check the website for details.**

Speaker: Professor Larissa Behrendt

*Fictionalising the Family History*

History is full of silences and there are often gaps in the family history. This is particularly so for First Nations families given the impact of the removal policy. So how can those blank spaces be filled, what can be 'imagined' and what can be reclaimed? How can the process of creative writing help find the forgotten stories and missing links? Author of *After Story*, *Home* and *Legacy* talks about using the family history as inspiration.



*Closing event for NFHM*

**via Zoom: Wednesday, 31st August 2022 at 5.00 AEST**

Speakers: Catherine Warr (YouTube Yorkshire's Hidden History) and Daniel Horowitz (MyHeritage)

*How to Bring your Ancestors to Life!*

Catherine will share how to make history interesting, engaging and accessible for everyone.



Daniel will talk about MyHeritage's latest tool *DeepStory* and how it can enhance your storytelling.

*Alex Daw, NFHM Coordinator*

## *Newsflash Special - win, win, win!*

August is National Family History Month (NFHM) in Australia and New Zealand. It is the month where many organisations associated with family history hold events to celebrate and advertise their resources.

Are you or your organisation holding an event? We encourage you to list your event on our NFHM website – and the bonus is that you may win one of our sponsors products. There are subscriptions, gift vouchers and other items which are desired by family historians.

Visit our website <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au>

If you are an organiser – list your event

If you are interested in family history – check out the programmes in your area or being delivered by audio visual link (mostly zoom)

AFFHO are sponsoring the opening and closing talks which are free – just register and attend on the day. See elsewhere for details.

The following sponsors have donated Prizes:

Products, Subscriptions or Vouchers

The competition for individuals opens on 1 August 2022 and closes on 30 August 2022.

Prizes for the opening and closing events are available to those who register and attend the events.

Prizes available for societies who enter their events

Visit <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/competitions-in-august>

*(For all prizes please read the Terms and Conditions on the NFHM website.)*

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all our Sponsors*

# STEP UP YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

*in August*



## 1. EXPLORE

Visit that library you've been meaning to for years, or those archives, or that cemetery. If not now, when?

## 2. ASK

Interview your oldest relative. Call your local Family History Society or local History Group. Ask your Librarian or professional genealogist for help.



## 3. ORGANIZE

The filing is calling you! Your family photos and documents need to be scanned and organised.



## 4. LEARN

Attend a family history month event online or in person. Sign up for that course you've always wanted to do.



## 5. SHARE

Tell us what you got up to this Family History Month on Twitter, Facebook or Instagram



*For more info visit*

[FamilyHistoryMonth.org.au](http://FamilyHistoryMonth.org.au)

## *Prizes*

### **Ancestry**

2 DNA kits & UK Subs  
1hr session with Deb Carter, the AU ProGenealogist.

### **Family History ACT (HAGSOC)**

a copy of  
*Family History for Beginners and Beyond*

### **Genealogical Society of Victoria**

free 2-hour block of research

### **Gould Genealogy & History**

\$100 [UTP publications](#) discount coupon  
\$100 [Genealogy ebooks](#) discount coupon  
\$100 [FHDU 2022](#) discount coupon  
(applies to in-person or virtual bookings - new bookings only, but transferable to someone not yet booked)

### **Momento**

\$150 gift voucher

### **My Heritage**

2 x one-year MyHeritage Complete Account (valued at US\$309)

### **National Archives of Australia**

5 NAA memberships

### **Society of Australian Genealogists**

1 x annual SAG membership  
1 x Beginners Practical Introduction to Family History course  
1 ticket to a virtual conference

*Want to enter the competition?*

Go to [Competitions in August](#)

## *Bunbury's First Family History Expo*

This August sees many of the heritage organisations of the Greater Bunbury area coming together to help promote family history and show what they can do to help dig into family roots. The area around Bunbury is Wardandi country and we honour the traditional owners and first families of this land. It was settled by the Europeans in the mid-1800s after the American Whalers used the port as a safe harbour. Families arrived first from Britain, then Greece and Italy. We have particularly strong connections with Scottish and Irish settlers, and of course with Convicts. Now a thriving multicultural city with folk from all over the world, there is a rich tapestry to explore. Come along to find where you fit in.

Date: Saturday 6 August

Time: 10am – 4pm

Venue: Bunbury Museum & Heritage Centre, Arthur Street, Bunbury WA 6230

Booking: not necessary but helpful!

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/bunbury-family-history-expo-tickets-375925853347>

Website: <http://www.bunburymuseum.com.au/>



Our flagship event will be followed by a number of events by individual organisations around the area throughout Family History Month.

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## *Blogging Challenge for National Family History Month*

<https://familytreefrog.blogspot.com/2022/06/nationalfamilyhistorymonth-blogging.html>

Who wants to do a blogging challenge? It's National Family History Month in August in Australia and New Zealand. We usually post every Sunday in August. Here are some suggestions for weekly topics:

**Week 1** - August can also mean respected or impressive. Who do you think is the most respected or impressive member of your family tree and why?

**Week 2 - Travel** - who hasn't got the travel bug at the moment? Perhaps you could showcase all the photos of family cars, boats, horses or bicycles over the years.

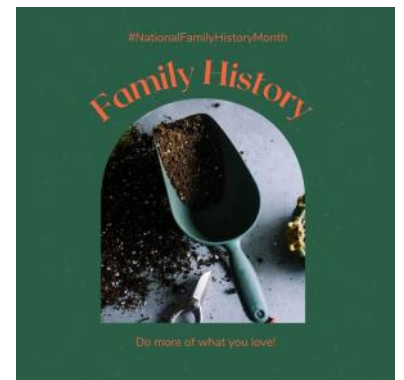
Better still plan your family history "bucket-list" travel plan. Or tell us about a recent family history jaunt.

**Week 3 - Share** - tips for smashing brick walls, or your opinion on what needs to be fixed/changed in family history - "If I ruled the world!". Tell us what you can't live without - maybe it's a piece of tech gear, your society or group, or your library.

**Week 4 - Celebrate** - tell us what you've achieved this month. What talk did you attend during #NationalFamilyHistoryMonth that you thought was brilliant or tell us about the discoveries you made.

Please feel free to use the Dig image at the head of this post that I whipped up on Canva. Dig Family History! I'm such an old hippie. Forgive me.

C'mon! Join the fun. We'd love to see your blog and you don't have to be an Australian blogger - the more, the merrier ;).



# NFHM Events Calendar

<https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/index.php/nfhm-events-calendar/monthcalendar/2022/8/>

## Using DNA to find Biological Parents

**DATE AND TIME** Tue, 2 Aug 2022  
10:00am - 11:00am

**ONLINE** Yes

**ORGANISER** Wyndham City Libraries

Join us to hear how Diane Cuff, a skilled expert in DNA matching, uses DNA results to find biological parents and other relatives for adoptees.

To discover more events during Family history month please visit: [www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/family-local-history](http://www.wyndham.vic.gov.au/family-local-history)

Bookings required.

## How to Start Your Family History

**DATE AND TIME** Thu, 18 Aug 2022  
11:00am - 12:00pm

**ONLINE** No

**LOCATION** [Hoppers Crossing \(Plaza\) Library](#)  
Pacific Werribee Shopping Centre  
Shop MM11, Level 1, Derrimut Road  
Hoppers Crossing

If you have always wanted to start your Family History, start now! Our Family and Local History Librarian will show you how it is done and outline the resources that are free at our Library to get you started.

Bookings required.



### RECORDS OF DAILY LIFE IN IRELAND

**August 23**  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEST  
Live via ZOOM

*This will be recorded & available for one month for registered participants.*

**About Chris Paton**  
Originally from Northern Ireland, Chris Paton is a Scottish based professional genealogist. Chris is the author of many books and guides, he also writes the daily Scottish GENES blog.

**About the presentation**  
Going beyond the basic resources that we can use to establish the genealogy of our Irish families, additional record sets exist that document their role and status in society, and often their fate.

In this session Irish genealogist Chris Paton will look at the resources that can place our families in context, including, for example, freeholders lists and absent voters lists, the administration of the poor law and the role of the poorhouse in Ireland, and education records.

He will also look at surviving judicial records and the records of law enforcement, and explore a case study of a 19th century murder which unblocked a genealogical brick wall and pushed a family narrative back a hundred years to the mid 18th century.



**Genealogical Society of Queensland**  
Email: [education@gsq.org.au](mailto:education@gsq.org.au)  
Web: [www.gsq.org.au/events](http://www.gsq.org.au/events)

## QFHS Family Tree Maker User Group

Friday 05 August 2022, 10:00am - 11:30am

by [alex daw](#) Contact [familytree@qfhs.org.au](mailto:familytree@qfhs.org.au)

At each meeting, we demonstrate the Family Tree Maker program. For more information email [familytree@qfhs.org.au](mailto:familytree@qfhs.org.au). Note: This meeting will be conducted online.

## QFHS Open Day

Saturday 06 August 2022, 10:00am - 03:00pm

by [alex daw](#) Contact [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au)

QFHS provides assistance to anyone tracing their family history. Visitors will have the opportunity to ask volunteers where to begin and take a tour of our library and resource centre. Come along and bring a friend.

Location 58 Bellevue Avenue (off Lade Street) Gaythorne

## Learn @ QFHS - Organise your family history using Excel - getting started

Friday 12 August 2022, 01:30am - 03:00pm

by [alex daw](#) Contact [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au)

Microsoft Excel is a powerful spreadsheet application that can be used in many ways to help organise your family history.

## QFHS Irish Interest Group

Saturday 13 August 2022, 10:30am - 12:30pm

by [alex daw](#) Contact [irish@qfhs.org.au](mailto:irish@qfhs.org.au)

If you are researching family who migrated from Ireland, you are welcome to attend. Our meetings include talks and presentations on Irish resources, research techniques, and Ireland's history and culture. We share our knowledge and take time to discuss our research.

Location Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

## QFHS Colonial India and the Far East Special Interest Group

Sunday 14 August 2022, 10:30am - 02:00pm

by [alex daw](#) Contact [indiafe@qfhs.org.au](mailto:indiafe@qfhs.org.au)

The Colonial India and the Far East Special Interest Group is a friendly, collaborative group that explores the ever-increasing resources available to research Colonial India and the Far East. Our meetings share information, ideas, and short presentations about this fascinating time and place. Note: This meeting will be conducted online.

Location Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

## QFHS The Master Genealogist User Group

Saturday 20 August 2022, 08:00am - 05:00pm

by [alex daw](#) Contact [tmg@qfhs.org.au](mailto:tmg@qfhs.org.au)

The TMG User Group caters to the needs of all users, from novice to advanced. Note: This meeting will be conducted online.

Location Brisbane, Queensland, Australia

## QFHS New Members Orientation

Saturday 20 August 2022, 09:30am - 12:30pm

by [alex daw](#) Contact [welcome@qfhs.org.au](mailto:welcome@qfhs.org.au)

Enjoy an overview of research material and facilities available in the QFHS Library and Resource Centre. Bookings essential via [welcome@qfhs.org.au](mailto:welcome@qfhs.org.au). Please note: This session will be conducted at the QFHS Library.

Location Brisbane, Queensland, Australia



Aug 17

**Members' Meeting - August - 130 years of the Qld Ambulance - Dr Mick Davis**

by [Queensland Family History Society Inc](#)  
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This presentation takes us from the manual carrying of patients to the modern ambulance service we know today.

### About this event

This presentation takes us from the manual carrying of patients to the modern ambulance service we know today. It has snippets of the evolution of ambulance patient care. Evolving ambulance road and other ambulance vehicles, a look at the evolution of ambulance education and ambulance pharmacology. There may also be some family names that sound familiar.

Guest Speaker: Dr Mick Davis AM ASM FPA

Manager QAS Heritage and History, Queensland Ambulance Service

**Date and time**  
Wed., 17 August 2022  
7:30 pm - 9:30 pm AEST

**Location**  
Online event