



# Newsflash

## Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations

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Full membership is open to any organisation based in Australasia, which satisfies the Council it is primarily concerned with family history, genealogy, heraldry or allied subjects.

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## From the President

Our AGM was held on 10 May 2022 and I am delighted to advise that we had 15 Societies represented and this was more than enough to achieve a quorum. I am even more delighted to welcome back the representatives from South Australia and Western Australia to Council. A special welcome to the new representatives on Council: Greta Gordon, New Zealand; David Ballinger, South Australia and Peter Forrestal, Western Australia. Their biographies are elsewhere in this newsletter.



August is National Family History Month! AFFHO has a new co-ordinator for this event and Alex Daw has commenced working on making August 2022 better than ever! Alex has fully engaged with social media and appears on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. See her article to discover all the interesting events which she has embraced.

We have recently had some inappropriate activity on our website and it has had to be taken down for a short period – the second time this year. Our apologies if you have tried to access it during this period. However, our webmaster is now working hard to restore the various links to resources. This will take some time to achieve as we will also try to review previously available material.

It was unfortunate that owing to another outbreak of Covid-19 and the accompanying lockdowns the Congress planned for last August had to be postponed. The Norfolk Island Museum are hosting the event from 1st to 4th August 2022 on Norfolk Island. Most of the speakers and talks which had been planned for 2021 will still go ahead, but there will be some changes to the programme and you can access them via <https://affhocongress2022.com/> I am looking forward to meeting up with attendees and enjoying the various events planned.

*Robyn Williams, President AFFHO*

## National Family History month in August

We have our speakers confirmed for the Opening and Closing events. Professor Larissa Behrendt has agreed to speak at our opening event on Monday 1st August when we'll be presenting the Nick Vine Hall awards and award for Meritorious Service to Family History. Catherine Warr of You Tube fame (<https://www.youtube.com/c/YorkshiresHiddenHistory/featured>) and Daniel Horowitz from MyHeritage will both address the topic Bringing History to Life for our Closing event on Wednesday 31st August. We will be presenting our prizes for participation in family history month at the event as well. Stay tuned for more details.

All of August is National Family History month. If your society or library or museum is hosting an event in honour of National Family History Month please enter it in our calendar now. Our website is <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/>.

We've created some new social media channels too so follow us on Twitter @AustNFHM and Instagram @nationalfamilyhistorymonth to hear the latest news. And of course Facebook too.



Larissa Behrendt is the Distinguished Professor at the University of Technology Sydney and at the Director of Research and Academic Programs Jumbunna Institute of Indigenous Education and Research. She is the host of Speaking Out on ABC Radio

She has published numerous textbooks on Indigenous legal issues. She is a member of the Academy of Arts and Sciences and a founding member of the Australian Academy of Law. Her most recent novel is After Story.

Larissa won the 2002 David Uniapon Award and a 2005 Commonwealth Writer's Prize for her novel Home. Her second novel, Legacy, won a Victorian Premiers Literary Award.

Larissa is an award-winning filmmaker, having written and directed several feature documentary films including Araatika! Rise Up, Maralinga Tjarutka, After the Apology and Innocence Betrayed. She has written and directed for television. She won the AACTA for Best Direction in Television Factual in 2020 for Maralinga Tjarutja and the 2018 Australian Directors Guild Award for Best Direction in a Feature Documentary for After the Apology. For more on Larissa's film work: [www.lavarchproductions.com](http://www.lavarchproductions.com). Larissa was awarded the 2009 NAIDOC Person of the Year award and 2011 NSW Australian of the Year.



Catherine Warr has become one of the most prominent young local historians, reaching thousands of people all over the world through her YouTube channel Yorkshire's Hidden History. With a passion for making history interesting, engaging, and accessible for all, she has been featured in a national YouTube campaign recognising regional creators. Her first book - A Yorkshire Year: 366 Days of Folklore, Customs, and Traditions - is due to be released in Summer 2022.

Daniel Horowitz is Genealogy Expert at *MyHeritage*, providing key contributions liaising with genealogy societies, bloggers and media, as well as lecturing, and attending conferences around the world. Dedicated to Genealogy since 1986, he was the teacher and the study guide editor of the family history project "Searching for My Roots" in Venezuela for 15 years. Daniel is involved in several crowdsource digitization and transcription projects and holds a board level position at the Israel Genealogy Research Association (IGRA).



## Introducing New Councillors for AFFHO

### David Ballinger — South Australia

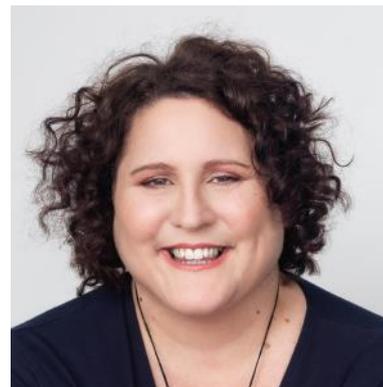
David Ballinger is married, with 2 children and 5 grandchildren. He has been researching his family history throughout Australia and overseas for over 20 years. David is currently retired after spending the last 25 years of his working life working in high IT support.

David has been a member of the SAGHS governing council for 10 years, and is currently Vice-president of SAGHS, a position he has held for the past 3 years. He is also a member of the SAGHS Management Committee (4 years) and IT Committee (10 years). In addition, David is also Chair of the SAGHS Research and Development committee. The committee is responsible for the society Research Services, Projects and Databases (8 years). He is also a Fellow of SAGHS.



### Gretta Gordon — New Zealand

Dr Greta Gordon has been a family history and New Zealand researcher for over twenty years. Her interests are in early European settlement of New Zealand and her antecedents located in England, Scotland, Ireland, Italy and Germany. She is also a fulltime public servant, providing advice and support throughout the public sector on leadership, accountability and participation.



### Peter Forrestal — Western Australia

Peter Forrestal had a 20 year career in education including 15 years as an English teacher and head of department and then as a consultant in English, literacy and collaborative learning. Peter is the author or co-author of 17 educational books, which have been published in Australia and overseas. His reference book, *Look it Up!* is in its seventh edition, 35 years after publication. He has worked from home since 1987 as a freelance wine writer for local, national and international publications. He was founding editor of *Gourmet Traveller Wine* magazine and is author, co-author or editor of 18 books on wine.

He has been married for 41 years to children's author Elaine Forrestal and they have travelled extensively, developing particular affection for Northern Ireland and France.

## What's on at *Family History ACT*

<https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au/educationandeventsprogram>

7th June 2022 7pm FFACT Monthly Meeting: Join **Craig Cormick**, who will address the thorny question, "*Why doesn't your family want to read their family history.*" [more](#)

20th June 2022 **Advancing DNA**: Advancing DNA with **Michelle Leonard**. Three talks to improve your DNA research. [more](#)

- Week 1 Mon 20 Jun 7pm A guide to 3rd Party Tools
- Week 2 Mon 27 Jun 7pm How to use my Heritage DNA results to enhance your family tree
- Week 3 Sat 2 Jul 9am A Guide to inferred chromosome mapping, plus live Q & A

25th June 2022 7pm **Shaping research into shareable stories** Join **Lynn Palmerno**, the *Armchair Genealogist* will present techniques on shaping research into shareable stories. [more](#)

25th June 2022 2pm **Writers Course**: A **four week course** to help transform research into stories. [more](#)

- Week 1 Sat 25 Jun 2pm-4pm Types of writing- genres, structures & component
- Week 2 Sat 2 Jul 2pm-4pm Writing skills- bringing in social history and context, dialogue & description
- Week 3 Sun 10 Jul 2pm-4pm Small serves- short stories, articles, poetry, photo essay, & publishing
- Week 4 Sat 16 Jul 10am-12pm Writer's Special Interest Group Meeting

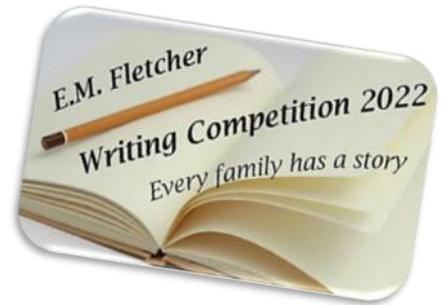


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HISTORY  
ACT**

## E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition

There is still time to write and submit your entry for the Family History ACT 2022 E.M. Fletcher short story writing competition.

The competition is judged to select the best short story of 1,500 – 2,000 words on a family history or genealogy theme. We would also like each entrant to include a short (25 words or less) inspiration statement at the end of their story. What was important to you in telling your story and how you chose to write it? Knowing what inspired you will give our judges an understanding of the context from which your story was written.



If you are looking for inspiration, check out the story extracts from our previous winners –

- 2021 Winner: Denise Newton - *The Bitterness of their Woe*
- 2020 Winner: David Wintrip - *A Lamb's Tale*
- 2019 Winner: Kathryn Coughran - *All at Sea*

Or purchase a copy of *Every Family has a Story – Stories from the 2020 E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition*, a compendium of 54 stories which will no doubt inspire you to start writing.

The easiest way to enter the competition is online via the [FHACTIONLINE.COM](http://FHACTIONLINE.COM) website. It's your one stop shop for all the information about the competition including the terms and conditions and a handy checklist about commonly overlooked requirements.

The competition **closes on 15 July 2022**. Start writing now and be in with a chance to win a \$1,000 1st prize sponsored by *Family History ACT*, a \$500 runner up prize sponsored by the *University of Tasmania* and a special FHACTIONLINE member only prize of a \$100 society voucher.

Every family has a story - write yours now!

All enquiries to [writingcompetition@familyhistoryact.org.au](mailto:writingcompetition@familyhistoryact.org.au)

## WW1 "Call to Arms" Recruiting Forms

In 1915 the Commonwealth Government began a vigorous recruitment campaign to raise more troops for the Expeditionary Forces.

As part of this campaign in December 1915 the War Census Bureau sent out a form to every male of military age in Australia asking them about their willingness to enlist.

The form was titled 'The Defence of Australia and the Empire'.

The Call to Arms' and recorded name, address, marital status, age, number of dependants, condition of health and occupation.

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**The Defence of Australia and the Empire.**

**THE CALL TO ARMS.**

Write in your answers LEGIBLY, place in small envelope, address, and deliver or post the envelope to NEAREST LOCAL RECRUITING CENTRE. Do this at once.

REPLIES TO THESE QUESTIONS WILL BE TREATED AS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL.

Post Answers to reach the Local Recruiting Committee within seven days.

Reference Number. *LP 18/2/16*

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*b.s.*

Name in full *Stephen Vincent Spargo*  
 (Correct this if not properly shown) *23, Byron St*  
 Give your usual postal address *Robert Park*

State—  
 Age last birthday *19 Last month*  
 If unmarried, married, divorced, widowed *unmarried*  
 Number fully dependent on you *Widowed Mother*  
 Number partly dependent on you.....  
 Present condition of your health, whether good, indifferent, bad *fairly good*  
 If deaf, blind, or if you have lost arm or leg.....  
 Your occupation *Assistant*

Are you willing to ENLIST NOW? Reply "Yes" or "No." *No*  
 If you reply "Yes" you will be given a fortnight's notice before being called up.  
 If not willing to enlist now, are you willing to ENLIST AT A LATER DATE? Reply "Yes" or "No," and if willing, state when. *No*  
 If NOT WILLING TO ENLIST, state the reason why, AS EXPLICITLY AS POSSIBLE

*Having Delicate Widowed Mother dependent on me. She having no other support*

SIGNATURE (in full) *Stephen Vincent Spargo*  
 Date *10-1-16* Write your names distinctly.

PLEASE TURN OVER.

For List of Centres where there are Local Recruiting Committees, see back of page.

## Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Cards

This resource is available at the University of Melbourne. They also have the WW1 Archive records of the Australian Red Cross in WW1.

Digital Resource: <https://gallery.its.unimelb.edu.au/imu/imu.php?request=multimedia&irn=87295>

Here is the link to collection:

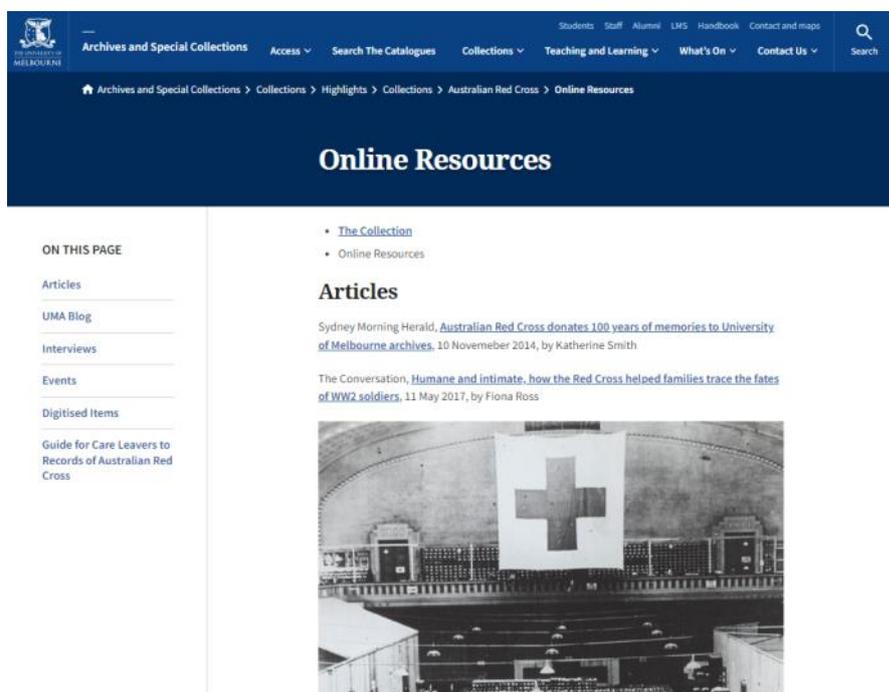
<https://digitised-collections.unimelb.edu.au/handle/11343/190446>

There are also a number of very useful blogs by Fiona Ross:

<https://library.unimelb.edu.au/asc/collections/highlights/collections/Australian-Red-Cross/Online-Resources>

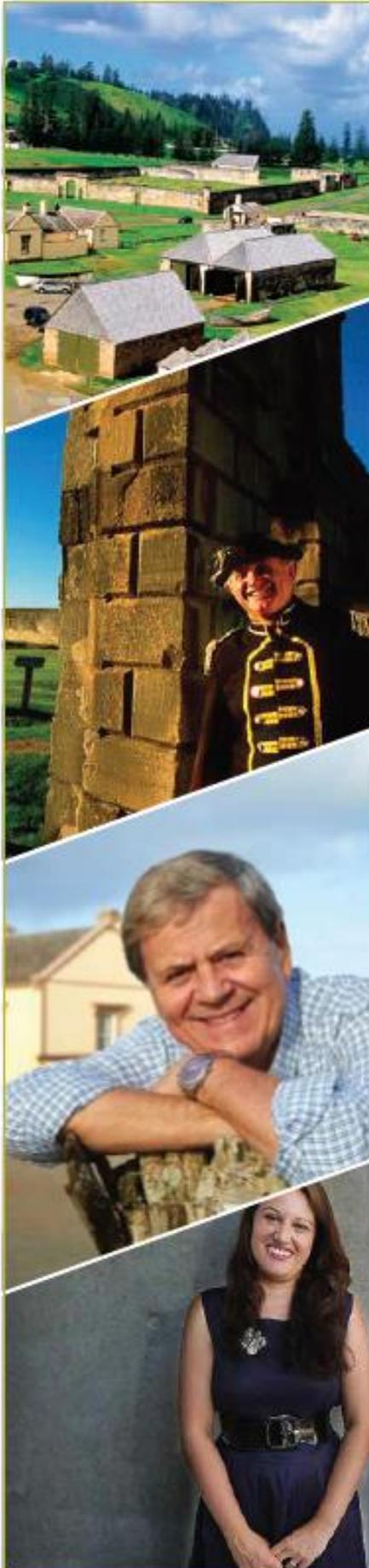
Abbreviations commonly used in 2016.0049: *Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Cards*, Australian Red Cross Society, National Office.

- a/n Above named (ie the subject of the enquiry card)
- Ackn. acknowledged
- adv Advice, Advised
- Bel. believed
- Bur. Bureau (refers to a state Red Cross information bureau)
- cas. list Casualty list
- Div. Enq. State Red Cross division enquiry was received from
- enq. Enquiry
- Inf. information
- IRCS International committee of the Red Cross
- NOK, N/K Next of kin
- POW Prisoner of War
- Prev. rep. Previously reported
- recov. recovered
- rep Report(ed)
- Req Request(ed)
- Sgl. signal
- WIA Wounded in Action



2016.0049.08451	Carroll, J P, VX22998	Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Card Index Number: 32793
2016.0049.08452	Carroll, B V, VX23253	Surname: CARROLL Given Name(s) or Initials: B V Military Service Number or Last Known Location: VX23253 Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Card Index Number: 32793
2016.0049.08453	Carroll, A, VX23641	Surname: CARROLL Given Name(s) or Initials: A Military Service Number or Last Known Location: VX23641 Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Card Index Number: 14090
2016.0049.08454	Carroll, John Joseph, VX51353	Surname: CARROLL Given Name(s) or Initials: JOHN JOSEPH Military Service Number or Last Known Location: VX51353 Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Card Index Number: 26950
2016.0049.08455	Carroll, G P, VX59998	Surname: CARROLL Given Name(s) or Initials: G P Military Service Number or Last Known Location: VX59998 Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Card Index Number: 36995

*An example of some of the information available.*



02 - 04 August 2022

16<sup>th</sup> AFFHO Congress

*Held on beautiful & historic  
Norfolk Island – a unique event  
for genealogists & historians.  
We hope you can join us.*

## History in Paradise

*Hosted by Norfolk  
Island Museum*

A range of interesting speakers, covering topics such as stories from Norfolk Island's Second British Settlement, Female Immigration to Australia in the 1830s, and the use of DNA in genealogical research have been organised for concurrent sessions.

The program for the week includes special museum and cemetery tours within World Heritage listed Kingston and a great Island-style Congress dinner Fish Fry.

### **Keynote Speaker: Ray Martin**

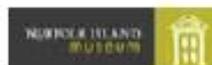
One of Australia's most respected television journalists and entertainment personalities, and also among the most awarded stars of Australian television, having won the coveted Gold Logie five times. Norfolk Island is honoured to have Ray Martin as official Brand Ambassador. Ray returned to the Island in 2016 with an open brief to experience its quirkiness and charm and maintains a particular fascination with the historical connection with Australia.

"Discovering Who I Am" – a lifetime spent in journalism has seen Ray Martin witness some of the defining moments of his time. Looking into his own history he finds his forbears too were on the frontline of nation shaping events – discovering an ancestor at the scene of Australia's greatest armed rebellion. On his maternal side he walks in the footprints of his indigenous ancestors to solve a long-standing family mystery. And he follows his convict trail back to Ireland to find a notorious bandit with a rebel heart.

### **Keynote Speaker: Prof. Larissa Behrend**

A Distinguished Professor at the University of Technology Sydney and Director of Research and Academic Programs at the Jumbunna Institute of Indigenous Education and Research as well as the host of *Speaking Out* on ABC Radio.

Her most recent novels are *After Story* and *Finding Eliza – Power and Colonial Storytelling*. Larissa won the 2002 David Uniapon Award and a 2005 Commonwealth Writer's Prize for her novel *Home*. Her second novel, *Legacy*, won a Victorian Premiers Literary Award. Larissa is an award winning filmmaker, having written and directed several feature documentaries and written and directed for television. Larissa was awarded the 2009 NAIDOC Person of the Year award and 2011 NSW Australian of the Year.



Congress Registrations can be made online at: [affhocongress2022.com](http://affhocongress2022.com)

## About Norfolk Island

Norfolk Island's story is really quite incredible with Polynesian migration 'book-ending' four distinct settlements of people. As the most westerly point of Polynesian migration, human habitation began 750 years ago with Polynesian contact.

Following two British penal settlements (1788-1814 and 1825-1855), the descendants of the Polynesian women and Mutiny on the Bounty men arrived in 1856 from Pitcairn Island, and their rich cultural legacy shapes the Island today.

The Island's history, heritage and culture are equally matched with a stunning pristine environment and unique bio-diversity. These can be seen within the rainforests in the National Parks; an unspoilt marine reserve of reef that fringes the World Heritage Site in Kingston; and at the Island's beaches.

## Travel Packages

Contact Christan Davies at Norfolk Island Travel Centre for travel packages at [christan@travelcentre.nf](mailto:christan@travelcentre.nf) or on freecall: 1800 1400 66

## Registration: Full Congress Package – AUD\$600pp

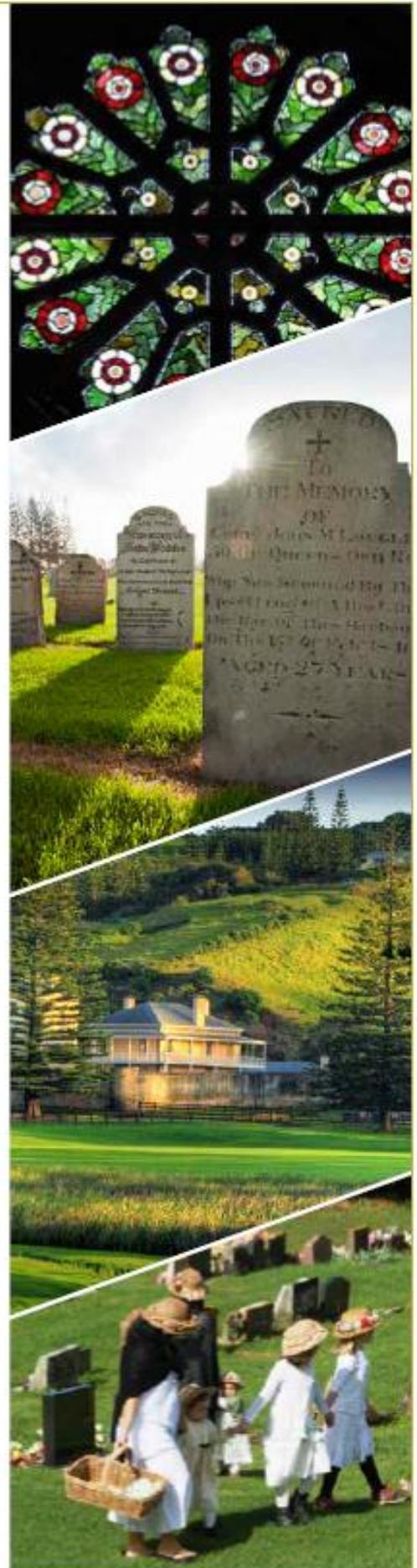
### Congress Registration includes:

Entry to Trade Show | Entry to Congress | Lunch and morning tea for duration of Congress | Congress Dinner | Welcome Bag | Electronic copy of Congress Papers

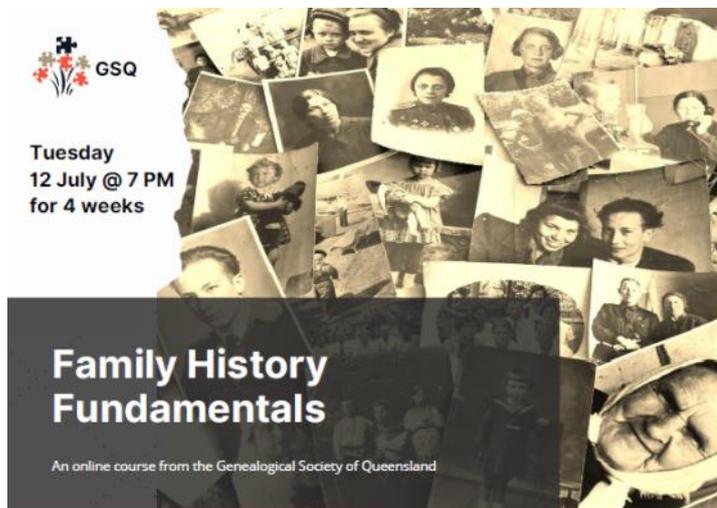
Social Registration is available to travelling partners not attending the Congress who would like to attend the Dinner and Trade Show, at the rate of \$120.

## AFFHO Congress Program

<b>Fri 29 July</b>	Sydney arrivals
<b>Sat 30 July</b>	Brisbane arrivals Half Day Island Tours available (Sydney/Auckland) Trade Show – Bump-in
<b>Sun 31 July</b>	Trade Show – Rawson Hall
<b>Mon 01 Aug</b>	Half Day Island Tours available (Brisbane)
<b>Tues 02 Aug</b>	Congress Day 1 Welcome from hosts and opening AFFHO keynote speaker – Ray Martin
<b>Wed 03 Aug</b>	Congress Day 2 Welcome and second AFFHO keynote speaker – Professor Larissa Behrendt
<b>Thurs 04 Aug</b>	Congress Day 3 Closing of Congress Congress Dinner A (Sydney/Auckland travellers)
<b>Fri 05 Aug</b>	Sydney departures Congress Dinner B (Brisbane travellers)
<b>Sat 06 Aug</b>	Brisbane departures



Details: [www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com/event/history-in-paradise-2022-affho-congress/](http://www.norfolkislandtravelcentre.com/event/history-in-paradise-2022-affho-congress/)



**GSQ**

Tuesday  
12 July @ 7 PM  
for 4 weeks

## Family History Fundamentals

An online course from the Genealogical Society of Queensland

### About the course

Start your family history research on a solid foundation. Presenters are experienced GSQ researchers. All sessions to be recorded and available until 2 weeks after the Q&A session.

### What does it cost?

All 4 sessions:  
GSQ/QFHS members: \$70  
Non-members: \$90

### Course program

Virtual event via Zoom

- 12 July – Where do I start? The basics of family history research.
- 19 July – Finding records. Primary and secondary records, indexes, online search strategies, archives, newspapers, sharing research.
- 26 July – What we might find and where. Civil registration, census, parish records. This session has an Australian focus.
- 9 August – Q&A session. Presenters to respond to questions submitted by registrants.

### Payment

GSQ/QFHS Members \$70  
Non-members \$90  
Book & pay online:  
[www.gsq.org.au/events/](http://www.gsq.org.au/events/)

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## GSQ Upcoming Courses

<https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/>

Shauna Hicks 16 July 2022

### Researching the tail end of England: Cornwall, Devon, Somerset & Dorset

Chris Paton 23 August 2022

### Records of Daily Life in Ireland

### Family History Fundamentals

**\* Dates have changed \***

- 6 September Session 1 **Where do I start?**
- 13 Sep Session 2 **Finding Records**
- 20 Sep Session 3 **Registration of BDM**
- 27 Sep **Q&A**

## SHAUNA HICKS

**VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM**



### Researching the tail end of England: Cornwall, Devon, Somerset & Dorset

**WHEN**  
16 July 2022  
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM AEST  
Virtual via Zoom

**PAYMENT**  
GSQ/QFHS members \$20  
Non-members \$30  
Book & pay online:  
[www.gsq.org.au/events](http://www.gsq.org.au/events)

#### About Shauna Hicks

Shauna Hicks has been tracing her own family history since 1977 and worked in government for over 35 years in Australian libraries and archives in Brisbane, Canberra, and Melbourne.

She has tertiary qualifications from Queensland universities including a Master of Arts in Australian Studies, a Graduate Diploma in Library Science, and a Diploma in Family Historical Studies from the Society of Australian Genealogists.

She is a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society, Patron of History Queensland, and a recipient of the Australian Society of Archivists Distinguished Achievement Award and the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations' Services to Family History Award.

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## CHRIS PATON

**VIRTUAL VIA ZOOM**



### RECORDS OF DAILY LIFE IN IRELAND

**WHEN**  
Tuesday 23 August 2022  
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM AEST  
Virtual via Zoom

**PAYMENT**  
GSQ/QFHS members \$20  
Non-members \$30  
Book & pay online:  
[www.gsq.org.au/events](http://www.gsq.org.au/events)

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.

#### 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.

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