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Newsflash special for NFHM

This year we are trying something new owing to the situation we find ourselves in with the worldwide Covid-19 pandemic. AFFHO have invested in the new technology of Audio Visual Link (AVL) and will deliver our Opening and Closing lectures for National Family History Month by this method rather than in person. This means we can accommodate more attendees but this is also limited, so register for the events now.

Robyn Williams, President AFFHO

Opening event for NFHM

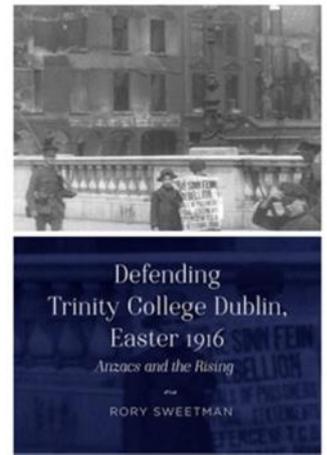
Saturday, 1 August 2020 at 5.30 pm AEST by AVL

Speaker: Dr Rory Sweetman
Defending Trinity College.

"Little has been written on Trinity College's role in Easter Week 1916 as a 'loyal nucleus' dividing the insurgents and providing an effective counterweight to rebel headquarters in the GPO."

Rory will discuss the events and the role which ANZACs played in this historic episode.

<https://www.fourcourtspress.ie/books/2019/defending-trinity-college-dublin-easter-1916>



Closing event for NFHM

Monday 31 August 2020 at 5.30 pm AEST by AVL

Speaker: Kerry Farmer
The Search for Samuel

How using a wide range of records helped solve the mystery of an ancestor who appears to have tried to cover his tracks.

<http://www.kerryfarmer.info>



We welcome Amelia Bennett

Amelia Bennett has followed in her ancestors' footsteps as an engineer for her 'paid' job but loves using her analysis skills to investigate the fascinating world of her relatives.

She has been researching her family history for 25 years and has been a trustee of the Society of Genealogists for over four years. She has run brickwall workshops, provided advice and worked in the SoG Library. Amelia carries out family history research and DNA analysis for clients. She gives talks on traditional genealogy and DNA including at Family Tree Live and on an Unlock the Past cruise.



She is an alumni of the Salt Lake Institute of Genealogy and has travelled internationally to meet others who share her passion. Science is at the fore with her new found interest in using DNA to solve older genealogical mysteries.

More information about Amelia (or Mia as she is often known) can be found at her website Mia Genealogy.



Breaking Down Brick Walls with DNA

DNA provides a useful tool to help chip away at brick walls. Combined with traditional genealogy research it can be a powerful tool.

This talk takes you through a journey of breaking down a long-standing brick wall to using more DNA to understand the family hiding behind the wall.

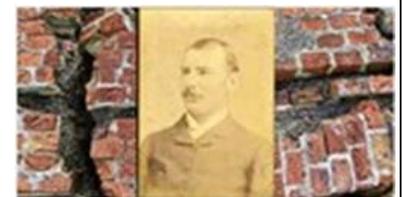
Practical methodology and techniques will be tied into the story of discovery to help you learn the skills to help chip away at your brick walls.

When: Tuesday, 11 August 2020 - 7:00 pm

Where: Online Event

Cost: \$11.00 members (QFHS and GSQ) and \$15.00 non-members

Register online at: <https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/breaking-down-brick-walls-with-dna>



Win, win, win!

We have some prizes to give away to individuals including Ancestry.com worldwide subscriptions 2 x for Australia and 1 x for New Zealand as well as other prizes.

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

If you haven't entered an event before you will need to register. Click here to post an event <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/add-new-events>

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