

# Conference Program 21- 23 March 2025



\*Keynote Speaker | Speaker Schedule is 45-minute per session

Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>			Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup>			Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>		
Atrium - Registration Opens at 7:30 am								
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	Michelle Patient Ancestry 9:30 am	Fiona Brooker 9:30 am
Morning Tea 10:30 - 11:00 am			Morning Tea 10:30 - 11:00 am			Morning Tea 10:30 - 11:00 am		
Belinda Daly 11:00 am	Alex & Charlotte 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 – 2:00 pm			Lunch Break 1:00 – 2:00 pm			Lunch Break 1:00 – 2:00 pm		
Jennifer Harrison 2:00 pm	Cara Downes NAA 2:00 pm	Neil Renaud 2:00 pm	Shauna Hicks 2:00 pm	Jenny Joyce 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 & Book Launch - 5:30 pm			Conference Dinner- 7:30 pm			Closing Ceremony- 5:30 pm		

# Friday Program

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Registration in Atrium from 7:30 am

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**9:00 am** Welcome to Country & Opening Ceremony

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**9:30 am - Keynote Speaker - Sentence of Transportation - JUDY RUSSELL**

Morning Tea 10:30 to 11:00 am		
<b>11:00 am</b> Connecting Social History, local history and family history on St Helena Island BELINDA DALY	<b>11:00 am</b> Unlocking Family Mysteries: A Case Study using the Search Party Method ALEX DAW & CHARLOTTE SALE [QFHS]	<b>11:00 am</b> Scattered Leaves, Indelible Bonds: The Diaspora of Six Irish Sisters CATHIE SHERWOOD
<b>12:00 noon</b> Revisiting Local History: Using digital mapping to write a new local history ELIZABETH WALSH	<b>12:00 noon</b> When Harry Met Dotty NICK BARRATT	<b>12:00 noon</b> Proclaimed as a rebel to the government: Researching Irish Rebels in Australia LIESL HARROLD
Lunch Break 1:00 to 2:00 pm		
<b>2:00 pm</b> Unravelling the travelling: far- flung forebears JENNIFER HARRISON	<b>2:00 pm</b> National Archives of Australia Topic: Uncovering family history through the national archival collection CARA DOWNES [NAA]	<b>2:00 pm</b> Revealing the Huguenots: Their Diaspora, Their Descendants, and My Own Personal Discoveries NEIL RENAUD
<b>3:00 pm</b> "All they wanted was good treatment": understanding the Irish Workhouse orphan girls PERRY MCINTYRE	<b>3:00 pm</b> The New Settlers League: helping immigrants "live happily ever after" JACQUELINE STOCKDALE [QSA]	<b>3:00 pm</b> Leaving home, Finding home: Bavaria to New South Wales and Queensland PAULEEN CASS
Afternoon Tea 4:00 to 4:30 pm		
<b>4:30 pm</b> Uncovering Forgotten Women SHARYN MERKLEY	<b>4:30 pm</b> Police Gazettes: The victims, the perpetrators and more ROSEMARY KOPITKE [GOULDS]	<b>4:30 pm</b> From the Netherlands to unknown places JOHN BOEREN

**Welcome Event: 5:30 pm in the Atrium**

Meet & Greet and Book Launch Social Event

Refreshments & Canapes (Cash Bar)

Book Launch, *One Free Woman – The True Story of Convict Hannah Rigby* by Jane Smith

## Saturday Program

West Room	Central Room	East Room
<b>8:00 am Masterclass</b> You be the judge – Ethics in Action JUDY RUSSELL	<b>8:00 am Masterclass</b> Genealogical evidence from DNA research HELEN SMITH	<b>8:00 am Masterclass</b> Researching and writing your family history NICK BARRATT
<b>9:30 am - Keynote Speaker - How is Technology Changing Family History? - HAMISH MAXWELL-STEWART</b>		
<b>Morning Tea 10:30 to 11:00 am</b>		
<b>11:00 am</b> The Holland Park Camp: A Community History MEGAN CROOK	<b>11:00 am</b> Data and Analytics in Genealogy SIMON BLIGH [WORTHINGTON CLARK GENEALOGY RESEARCH]	<b>11:00 am</b> Amoy or Canton? Shepherd or goldminer? Researching Chinese ancestors in Queensland JAN RICHARDSON
<b>12:00 noon</b> Revealing a Chinese Enigma – Who, What, Where, When, Why, How & Serendipity LINDA COONAN	<b>12:00 noon</b> Beyond the Pen: AI-Assisted Ancestral Storytelling CAROLE MCCULLOCH	<b>12:00 noon</b> The Robot Genealogist: Separating Fact from Fiction in AI-Assisted Research JUDY RUSSELL
<b>Lunch Break 1:00 to 2:00 pm</b>		
<b>2:00 pm</b> Mining the archives for local history SHAUNA HICKS OAM	<b>2:00 pm</b> Why Did They Leave? Motivations for leaving Britain JENNY JOYCE	<b>2:00 pm</b> Documents of control: The long arm of the White Australia Policy EVE TERRY
<b>3:00 pm</b> Soldier Settlement: success or failure? And how to discover your ancestor's experience JANE HARDING	<b>3:00 pm</b> AI Insights - A Case Study of Sam Hope and the 4th Pioneers on the Somme GREG CARLILL	<b>3:00 pm</b> A Journey of Necessity - Why did they come? KAY RYAN
<b>Afternoon Tea 4:00 to 4:30 pm</b>		
<b>4:30 pm</b> Women of the <i>Artemesia</i> : The First Government Assisted Free Settlers to Moreton Bay 1848 DOROTHY WICKHAM & ANNE STEWART	<b>4:30 pm</b> 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]	<b>4:30 pm</b> Children on Board DIANNE SNOWDEN AM

**Conference Dinner: 7:30 pm in the Central Room**

# Sunday Program

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

**4:30 pm - Keynote Speaker - The Future of Family History - NICK BARRATT**

**Closing Ceremony: 5:30 pm in the Central Room**