



## SAGe - the monthly newsletter of the Society of Australian Genealogists

*Image of the [Anzac Memorial](#) in Sydney from the Harold Cazneaux collection*

# SAGe - April 2025

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## In the News

### REMINDER - General Meeting

On behalf of the Society's Directors, our thanks to all of those who have provided feedback on the proposed constitution in the past months. **A general meeting to vote on the new constitution has been scheduled for Wednesday 2 April 2025 at 6.00pm AEDT. Click [here](#) to register for**

the session.

### Welcome Nicole!

We have recently welcomed Nicole Brown to the staff of the Society as our Administration Officer. Nicole is currently working Tuesdays to Fridays and is mainly based in the Library. Nicole is a SAG member and has a background in the insurance and aged care sectors.

### Annual Croker writing competition now open

The theme for our annual Croker Prize for Biography has been announced - **MY RELATIVE'S JOURNEY**. Full T&Cs and the entry form are available [here](#) with entries due by 31 May. The winning entry will be announced and published in the September *Descent*. The \$1,000 cash prize is made possible following the generous financial donation from Colin and Loas Croker.

For Society members, you can still access the recording from last year's Let's Talk About...The Croker Prize for Biography in the [member area](#) of our website - you'll need to log in first.

### Our next online beginners course starts 3 April

Are you new to family history, returning to research after a break, or maybe just want a refresher course? Our online Beginners Practical Introduction to Family History may be just the thing. Leads Vanessa and Gemma will take you through seven (7) sessions, outlining the many aspects involved in family history research. More information and registration details available [here](#).

### Huguenot Society Public Lecture

Our friends at the Huguenot Society of Australia are holding a public lunch at La Bouitte restaurant, 197 High Street, North Willoughby on Friday 11 April at 12.30pm. All are welcome. For more information available here, or contact Judith Staveley: [judithsta@bigpond.com](mailto:judithsta@bigpond.com) and RSVP by Friday 4 April.

**THE HUGUENOT SOCIETY  
OF AUSTRALIA**



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EVERYBODY WELCOME...members and non members...the more, the merrier!

RSVP  
Judith Staveley by Friday 4th April  
0419 421 795 or judithsta@bigpond.com

## Let's Talk About...

We hope to see members at our next two FREE Let's Talk About events. On Monday 31 March we will be talking about [Specialty Libraries](#) and on Monday 28 April, [War Brides](#). You can register for either or both sessions using the individual links and you can catch up on our previous Let's Talk About... sessions via the webinar library [here](#) (Members will need to log in the access the Member's Area)

**The theme for this newsletter is: Military stories**

## Check out these Web Tips

[The Department of Veteran Affairs](#) is generally the first port of call for locating our Australian military ancestors and they have compiled a series of questions to help you find out more about them - Their Story is Your Story - with links to a number of other repositories.

## in the Library

The SAG Library at 2/379 Kent Street holds a vast array of material relating to military history. A select list can be found below.

### Books

Davies, Will (2020) *The forgotten: the Chinese Labour Corps and the Chinese Anzacs in the Great War* **A3/70/110.**

Lauder-Frost, Gregory (2019) *Campaigning with the Scots 1054-1654* **P3/70/2.**

Montague, R.H. (1995) *Tracing military ancestors in Australia and New Zealand.* **Thesis/A2/1/CD.27**

Murray, P.L. (1911) *Official records of the Australian military contingents to the war in South Africa* **A3/70/CD.1.**

Ramsland, John (2021) *Rendezvous with death: Anzac stories of the Great War 1914-1918* **A3/71/91.**

## Microform

*Military Forces of the Commonwealth, second military district, index to district orders for 1913.* **AUS-DIR-MIL:15-21**

*South Australia military records deserters' register 1852-1876; 1877-1882 & 1883-1890.* **SA-SHP-DES:3**

## Electronic Resources

*The Indian List 1877 / Civil & Military - March 1877.* (2005). **M8/21/CD.1877.**

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## in the Archives

A reminder that our archives remain closed as we continue to deal with external contractors to remediate the moisture problems in the basement at Richmond Villa.

Please continue to search our MIDAS catalogue and note which files you would like to see - limited retrievals can be undertaken if the material has been digitised. Rest assured all files housed in the compactus are undamaged.

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## Don't miss these upcoming events

All of our events continue to be delivered online, through Zoom. **For up-to-date information about our events, always check the [Events page of the SAG website](#).**

With the exception of some DNA events where there may be privacy issues, **all of our webinars are recorded**, so even if you cannot attend at the scheduled time you can still book and receive the recording. Most of our events are open to **non-members** as well as members. However, members pay a discount price and can purchase season tickets.

**You must book for all events except for the Friday Hang Out sessions.**

Unless an event is fully booked, if you are paying online via PayPal, you can usually register for a session up until the time the event is due to start. As soon as your payment is processed you will receive an email containing the Zoom joining link. The event listing will state if registrations are closing earlier for any reason.

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## Upcoming Events

### ONLINE SESSIONS

- Saturday 5 April, 10.00am-12.00pm - [GROUP: Scottish Research](#)
- Saturday 5 April, 12.30pm-2.30pm - [GROUP: Aotearoa New Zealand Research](#)
- Saturday 5 April, 3.00pm-5.00pm - [GROUP: Colonial Australia Research](#)
- Wednesday 9 April, 11.00am-1.00pm - [WEBINAR: Wikitree Workshop](#)

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### FACE-TO-FACE SESSIONS

- Friday 4 April, 10.00am-1.00pm - [HANDS-ON at 2/379 Kent Street: Historical Lands Records Viewer \(HLRV\)](#)
- Tuesday 8 April, 10.00am-1.00pm - [TOUR: Rookwood Cemetery - Convicts](#)
- Wednesday 30 April, 10.00am-1.00pm - [TOUR: Rookwood Cemetery - Military \(including ANZAC\)](#)

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### FREE FOR MEMBERS

- Every Friday at 4pm - [Friday Hang Out with the SAG](#)
- Tuesday 8 April, 2.30pm-3.30pm - [ONLINE: Virtual Library Session](#)