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10.30am – 11.20am	Spark Place Ground	Kathleen Stringer: <i>Preserving your Family Treasures.</i> This presentation covers ways to handle, store and preserve treasures that may be associated with your research. This includes textiles, photographs, paper, medals etc Participants are invited to bring photographs or items they want help with.
	Activity Room Level 1	International - Mia Bennett: <i>Hidden in Plain Site</i> . This talk looks at free online sources that are often overlooked in preference for the main commercial sites. Mia gives ideas on where else you can go to expand your hunt for your ancestor's life story. The focus is on English resources, but many of the sources can be applied internationally.
	Computer Lab Level 4	MyHeritage: <i>Tips and Tricks for Beginners</i> . A hands-on session of tips with Fiona Lees.
	Teaching Room Level 2	Fiona Brooker: <i>Family History Detective.</i> Especially for the budding junior genealogist and their family, this session will help young people to start tracing their family history. Join Fiona Brooker to cover charts, oral history, and civil registration and introduce some internet sources. Suitable for ages 8+
11.30am – 12.20pm	Spark Place Ground	Margaret Copland: Four Generations of a Polish Immigrant Family. Nearly 150 years ago, fifteen families from Prussian-occupied Poland arrived in Lyttelton, on the Friedeburg. They came with a range of education, skills & occupations and most became market gardeners in Marshland. This is their story.
	Activity Room Level 1	Emerson Vandy: <i>Getting the most out of Papers Past.</i> This talk will focus on the tools and features the website provides to support different research subjects and approaches. What's the best way to find what you need in this collection, and what's coming up for Papers Past?
	Teaching Room Level 2	Library: Tuakiri Identity: <i>Putting your People in their Place.</i> Exploring your ancestor's backyards using local history resources.
12.30pm – 1.20pm	Spark Place Ground	Dr John Richardson: <i>The Beginnings of Freemasonry in NZ.</i> Even before the First Four Ships docked at Lyttelton dedicated freemasons were living in Canterbury. Learn about the earliest lodges and the men who founded them.
	Activity Room Level 1	Rae Wilson: Early Canterbury Schools. Members of the NZSG have transcribed details from old school admission registers, some dating back to the 1860s. These school records can trace the movements of families and sometimes information of a child's achievements.
	Computer Lab Level 4	Jenny Lowe: <i>Practical Tips for Sharing your Family Stories.</i> This session will provide users with a basic level of Microsoft Word with some ideas about using the tools in Word to help get your research off the shelf and ready to share with family. [Session kindly sponsored by the Ted Gilberd Literary Trust.]

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Auaha Hīhī / Spark Place, He Hononga Connection, Ground Level
Wāhi Whakaako / Teaching Space Tuakiri Identity, Level 2

	Lunch Break – Time to check out the Expo Hall		
2.00pm – 2.50pm	Spark Place Ground	Maggie Gaffney: Finding your Family's Footsteps in Ireland. Not sure whereabouts your Irish ancestor hailed from? This talk focuses on Griffith's Valuation and the subsequent Revision (or cancelled) books — what they are, what they can tell us, and where you can access them - and the sources you can use to help identify your family in these records.	
	Activity Room Level 1	Sarah Hewitt: <i>Updates from the New Zealand Society of Genealogists</i> . The New Zealand Society of Genealogists have been helping the genealogists of New Zealand and beyond since 1967. Find out more about the benefits of membership and our plans for the future.	
	Teaching Room Level 2	Library: Tuakiri Identity: <i>Digging up the Dead.</i> Investigate Library resources such as Church Register Indexes, Cemeteries Database, Tombstone transcripts and cemeteries maps to locate burials.	
	Spark Place Ground	Shauna Hicks: <i>Trans Tasman Mining</i> . This session will look at tracing mining ancestors who travelled between Australia and New Zealand during the gold rushes. Resources for both countries will be included.	
3.00pm – 3.50pm	Activity Room Level 1	Family Tree Maker – TreeVault Cloud Services & More. (Webinar) With TreeVault, Family Tree Maker is no longer an isolated desktop application, but rather the hub of a growing ecosystem of mobile apps and cloud services. This is a pre-recorded session with Norm Jager of Mentis as the onsite MC and Family Tree Maker support on hand to answer questions.	
	Computer Lab Level 4	Michelle Patient/Fiona Brooker: <i>Ancestry Tips.</i> Hands on help using the Ancestry website, including tips for searching their record sets and some helpful tree building techniques.	
4.00pm – 4.50pm	Spark Place Ground	Fiona Lees: Where to Now. Now you are starting along your journey following your Family History, you may need some help and ideas along the way. Some tips on what to do, where to look and who to ask for help.	
	Activity Room Level 1	MyHeritage: Integrating DNA and Family Research. (Webinar) The MyHeritage DNA test can contribute immeasurably to your family history research. Learn to leverage MyHeritage's advanced technologies and tools, and discover how the platform integrates your family tree with your DNA information to help you gain a deeper understanding of your origins.	