

Christchurch Family History Expo Programme – 2023

Friday 18 August 2023: Workshops and Introductory Sessions FREE - BOOKINGS REQUIRED		
Time	Session	Venue
9.30-10.20am	Finding Your Family: first steps on your Family History journey (<i>Fiona Lees</i>)	Activity Room Hapori Community, Level 1
10.30-11.20am	DNA Explorer (<i>Fiona Brooker</i>)	Activity Room Hapori Community, Level 1
11.30-12.20pm	Trove: An Australian and Beyond Genealogical Resource (<i>Helen Smith</i>)	Activity Room Hapori Community, Level 1
LUNCH BREAK		
1.00 – 1.50pm	New Initiatives from the NZ Society of Genealogists (<i>Natasha Wells</i>)	Activity Room Hapori Community, Level 1
2.00 – 2.50pm	Picture This? Ideas and Advice on what to do with old slides and photos (<i>Bill Parks</i>)	Computer Lab Auahatanga Creativity, Level 4
TEA BREAK		
3.15 – 4.15pm	Introduction to caring for your family records. A beginner's workshop looking at caring for family photographs and documents at home (<i>Tuakiri Archivists</i>)	Facilitation Space Auahatanga Creativity, Level 4
4.15– 4.50pm	How FamilySearch.org can help with your genealogical research (<i>Valerie Anderson</i>)	Activity Room Hapori Community, Level 1
ALL DAY	Drop-in session for researchers with Tuakiri Family History Librarians	Tuakiri Identity, Level 2

IN THE EXHIBITION HALL

Ancestry
Canterbury Genealogy
Christchurch City Libraries
CCC Archives

FamilySearch
Family Search Centre
Family History Society of New Zealand

Family Tree Maker
Kippenberger Research Library
Memories In Time
NZ Society of Genealogists

Saturday 19 August 2023: <i>Speaker Sessions</i> FREE - BOOKINGS REQUIRED		
Time	Session	Venue
10.15 -11.30am	Adventures and Adversities: The Cotter Family Story. Liz Grant talks to Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter	Spark Place He Hononga Connection, Ground Floor
11.30 – 12.20pm	Using Ancestry.com and an Introduction to AncestryDNA (<i>Jason Reeve</i>)	Spark Place He Hononga Connection, Ground Floor
LUNCH BREAK		
1.00 – 2.00pm	Family Tree Maker Overview (<i>Duff Wilson</i>) How to get started, What's New and What's Coming with Family Tree Maker	Spark Place He Hononga Connection, Ground Floor
2.00-2.50pm	Nobblers, Cracksmen, Coiners and More: Researching Criminals in England (<i>Helen Smith</i>)	Spark Place He Hononga Connection, Ground Floor
TEA BREAK		
3.00-3.50pm	How to start your Family History Research or "Is Richard Nixon really my 9 th Cousin?" (<i>Katherine Moody</i>)	Spark Place He Hononga Connection, Ground Floor
4.00-4.50pm	Researching your Scottish family (<i>Fiona Brooker</i>)	Spark Place He Hononga Connection, Ground Floor
ALL DAY	Drop-in session for researchers with Tuakiri Family History Librarians	Tuakiri Identity, Level 2

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The Expo is supported by Christchurch City Libraries, Ancestry, Family Tree Maker and The New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

Thank you to those who have donated raffle prizes: New Zealand Society of Genealogists, Memories in Time, Gould Genealogy and Canterbury Genealogists Society.



Sunday Family Fun Day

Bring along the whole family for a day exploring the Tuakiri | Identity Floor Level Two and taking those first steps in uncovering your Family History.

Sunday 20 August 2023: Family Fun Day - FREE NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED		
Time	Session	Venue
10.00am – 12noon	Drop-in session for kids to get started on family history research	Tuakiri Identity, Level 2
10.30 – 11.30am	Badge-making using maps and photos	Tuakiri Identity, Level 2
2.00-3.00pm	Badge-making using maps and photos	Tuakiri Identity, Level 2
2.00-4.00pm	Drop-in session for kids to get started on family history research	Tuakiri Identity, Level 2
ALL DAY	<p>Take a Look!</p> <p>Displays showing period costumes and activities.</p> <p>Have your photo taken with the “boys” and “girls” on the photo boards.</p> <p>Try your luck!</p> <p>Pick up a scavenger hunt and have a go!</p>	Tuakiri Identity, Level 2
ALL DAY	Surviving Colonial Christchurch – Tuna & Ladders boardgame	Tuakiri Identity, Level 2
ALL DAY	What could our Ancestors take on board ship? – see our display	Tuakiri Identity, Level 2
ALL DAY	Dress up as one of your ancestors (win a spot prize)	Tuakiri Identity, Level 2

TOPIC SUMMARIES

Friday 18 August – Introductory Sessions

Finding Your Family: *Fiona Lees*

First steps or refresher on using computer tools for your Family History journey

DNA Explorer: *Fiona Brooker*

You've got your DNA results; now it's time to explore and find out how to make the most of your test results.

Trove: An Australian and Beyond Genealogical Resource: *Helen Smith*

The Trove site is not just newspapers. Learn how to search and explore Trove to direct and organise your research.

New Initiatives from the NZ Society of Genealogists: *Natasha Wells*

Get the latest update on what's happening with the New Zealand Society of Genealogists.

Picture This? Ideas and Advice on what to do with old slides, negatives and photos: *Bill Parks*

Find better ways to manage your family slides and photos.

Introduction to caring for your family records: *Tuakiri Archivists*

A beginner's workshop looking at caring for family records and documents at home

How FamilySearch.org can help with your genealogical research: *Valerie Anderson*

Like to start researching your family tree? Have you started, but now are stuck? Try FamilySearch.org

Saturday 19 August – Speaker Sessions

Adventures and Adversities: the Cotter Family Story: *Facilitator Liz Grant*

A conversation with special guest, Deputy Mayor Pauline Cotter looking at the early adventures of the Cotter Family in New Zealand

Using Ancestry.com and an Introduction to AncestryDNA: *Jason Reeve*

Join Jason Reeve (Ancestry.com's Content Acquisition Manager for Australia and New Zealand), as he explains Ancestry and AncestryDNA tests.

Family Tree Maker Overview: *Duff Wilson*

This comprehensive presentation will go over 1) How to get started with Family Tree Maker, 2) What's New, especially TreeVault cloud services and 3) What's coming, including some new innovative multimedia capabilities.

Nobblers, Cracksmen, Coiners and More: Researching Criminals in England: *Helen Smith*

Learn more about the crimes, the courts and the convicts, and how your ancestor may have been punished for their criminal activities.

How to start your Family History Research or "Is Richard Nixon really my 9th Cousin?": *Katherine Moody.*

Finding your way around family trees and exposing their roots

Researching your Scottish Family: *Fiona Brooker.*

Have you traced your family back to Scotland? Explore the use of the ScotlandsPeople website to help us trace those Scottish ancestors.