

## Joint Seminar

### Royal Australian Historical Society and the Society of Australian Genealogists

#### *Introduction to Building your research skills*

#### Speakers' program

Time	Speaker	Topic
10.30	Christine Yeats	Introduction
10.45	Martyn Killion	<p><i>Searching State Archives' website and online indexes</i></p> <p>In this session, we will look at the rich resources on State Archives' website – how to locate material and how to make the most of the technology featured on the website. Everything from KeyName to wildcards.</p> <p>The session will be presented by Martyn Killion who is currently the Manager, Public Access at State Archives, and who is a foundation staff member of the Reading Room at the Western Sydney Records Centre.</p>
11.45	Terry Kass	<p><i>Getting to know the LPI "Kiosks" in State Archives Reading Room</i></p> <p>Property research starts with a map but for family history, it starts with an index. Land title records not only record property details. People, families and businesses can be traced through them. Many of those records are now accessible online. Terry Kass will demonstrate the range of records available for family historians and how to use them, both at home and at State Archives.</p> <p>Dr Terry Kass has been using land title records for 40 years. His publications include <i>Sails to Satellites: The Surveyors General of NSW (1786-2007)</i>, 2008 and <i>Jewels in the Crown: A History of the Bridge Street Plan Room and Crown Plans</i>, 2008 plus histories of Parramatta and Grafton.</p>
Lunch break		
1.30	Naomi Parry	<p><i>Research ethics and the online environment</i></p> <p>Research ethics and the online environment</p> <p>Personal records such as court cases, hospital records and welfare case files are incredibly important sources of community and family history but they must be handled with sensitivity. Dr Naomi Parry will discuss some of the barriers to accessing personal material and the ethics of finding a way through those barriers. She will also outline important considerations about privacy that researchers in this area need to be aware of in the age of Facebook and <a href="http://Ancestry.com">Ancestry.com</a>.</p> <p>Dr Naomi Parry is a social and digital historian who has</p>

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		worked with sensitive personal records and human stories for two decades. She wrote her PhD on children welfare history, was the NSW historian for the national Find and Connect web resource ( <a href="http://www.findandconnect.gov.au">www.findandconnect.gov.au</a> ), and has worked with the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sex Abuse.
2.30	Christine Yeats	<i>"It's there somewhere"</i> – <i>Tips on organising your research</i> Research projects into people, place or event can take many hours of searching. By keeping track of your search history your research will be more thorough and systematic. You will avoid going over old ground and save time and energy. Christine Yeats is an archivist and professional historian. Currently the Senior Vice president of the Royal Australian Historical Society, National President of the Independent Scholars Association of Australia (ISAA) and chair of ISAA's NSW Chapter.
3.15	Wind up	

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