



# Auckland Family History Expo Tāmaki Huinga Tātai Kōrero

**Friday 8 August – Sunday 10 August**

**Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Rd, Three Kings**

**Friday 8 August 1pm-3pm** – AI workshop: book a ticket @ \$40  
**5pm-8.30pm** – Opening event: book a ticket @ \$40

**Book now on Eventfinda:**

<https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2025/2025-auckland-family-history-expo/auckland/three-kings>

**\$5 entry fee per person on Saturday and Sunday**

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The New Zealand Society of Genealogists (NZSG) and the Genealogical Computing Group proudly present a weekend-long event covering a wide range of topics on researching genealogy and family history.

Friday 8 August to Sunday 10 August  
Fickling Convention Centre, 546 Mt Albert Rd, Three Kings

*Take advantage of our free seminars:* From beginner to advanced, computer-based tutorials, ask an expert sessions and research assistance on Saturday 9 August and Sunday 10 August.

Bring your laptops and passwords to take full advantage of the workshops and tutorials.

Pay your door charge and buy your raffle tickets at the Information Desk.

**Exhibitors:** · Ancestry AU & NZ · Auckland Philatelic Society · Cherished Memories · FamNet · Families in British India Society · FamilySearch · FamilyTreeDNA · Family Tree Maker by Mackiev · Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS) · Memories in Time · Mentis · MyHeritage / Legacy FamilyTree Webinars · Chinese Poll Tax Trust · New Zealand Fencibles Society · New Zealand Maritime Museum · New Zealand Society of Genealogists: English Interest Group, Genealogical Computing Group, Irish Interest Group, Māori Interest Group, Pacific Island Interest Group, Scottish Interest Group · One Ancestor at a Time · Wales New Zealand Family History Society

**See [genealogy.org.nz/AFHExpo](http://genealogy.org.nz/AFHExpo) for more information**

# 2025 Auckland Family History Expo

## Pre-Expo hands-on workshop - Friday 8 August

Discover how artificial intelligence can support your family history research with Fiona Brooker.



This is a hands-on session, so bring your laptop and learn how to use AI tools to analyse documents, organise your research, and turn your findings into compelling family stories.



## Ancestor Intelligence

Hands-on workshop  
**Using AI for Family History**

### Auckland Family History Expo

1-4pm, Friday, 8 August 2025

Fickling Convention Centre

**Spaces limited: secure your spot today**

Cost - \$40 (plus a small booking fee) per person

Registration and tickets are available at

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# 2025 Auckland Family History Expo

Opening event, Friday 8 August

**5pm:** Refreshments and canapés, mix and mingle

**6pm:** *Opening Keynote and welcome from your host: "The 'Getting It Right' photos"* with Sarah Hewitt, Chairperson New Zealand Society of Genealogists (*Platinum sponsor*)



**7pm:** *Keynote: Genealogy without borders* with Chris Paton, Scotland's Greatest Story



As family historians, we can be tempted to try to tell the stories of our ancestors solely from the resources in the areas where they once lived, but in this talk, genealogist Chris Paton examines why consideration of the extended family around the world can be particularly fruitful for your family history research also.

As part of a worldwide diaspora, Chris will show how emigrant family members provided him with clues to their stories overseas, often with records that plugged the missing gaps in research for family members back home and giving him a much broader understanding of his family both home and abroad.

Cost - \$40 (plus a small booking fee) per person

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# SATURDAY 9 August 2025 – Doors open 8.30am

(Entry fee of \$5 per person, excluding children under 16)

**Hillsborough Room:** Exhibition Hall open 8.30am-5.30pm. **Buy your raffle tickets at the Information Desk.** We do not have speakers' permission to put their talks online. Individual speakers may or may not supply notes. Please check with them. **Do not photograph speakers' slides without their permission.** Seminar rooms to be cleared after each talk.

Time	Waikowhai Room	Lynfield Room	Snr Citizens Room
9am-9.50am	<b>Chris Paton,</b> <b>Scotland's Greatest Story:</b> <i>Scottish Kirk session records</i>	<b>Sylvia Valentine,</b> <b>Family &amp; Social Historian:</b> <i>An introduction to the 1939 Register</i> <a href="#">ZOOM LIVE</a>	<b>Duff Wilson,</b> <b>Family Tree Maker:</b> <i>New tools for collaborative family history</i> <a href="#">ZOOM LIVE</a>
10.00am-10.30am	<b>Tea Break</b> Buy your raffle tickets at the Information Desk Visit our exhibitors in the Exhibition Hall, Hillsborough Room Visit the research assistance table to ask an expert Collect your raffle prizes from the Information Desk Have a coffee from the coffee cart.		
10.30am-11.20am	<b>Jason Reeve,</b> <b>Ancestry:</b> <i>Using Ancestry.com and introduction to AncestryDNA</i>	<b>Allegra Marshall,</b> <b>Independent researcher:</b> <i>Leprosy in the Pacific</i>	<b>Tom Nelson,</b> <b>FamilySearch:</b> <i>FamilySearch tools – New products for you to test!</i> <a href="#">ZOOM LIVE</a>
11.30am-12.20pm	<b>Luke Howison,</b> <b>Ancestry Search Helper:</b> <i>ASH website demonstration</i>	<b>Garth Houltham,</b> <b>NZ Fencibles Society:</b> <i>Intro to NZ Fencibles website and pre-1902 Empire veterans' database</i>	<b>Leah Larkin,</b> <b>The DNA Geek:</b> <i>Madness to Method (DNA)</i> <a href="#">RECORDING</a>
12.30pm-1.30pm	<b>Lunch</b> Buy your raffle tickets at the Information Desk Visit our exhibitors in the Exhibition Hall, Hillsborough Room Visit the research assistance table to ask an expert Collect your raffle prizes from the Information Desk Have a coffee from the coffee cart.		

<b>1.30pm-2.20pm</b>	<b>Michelle Patient, Ancestry AU Ambassador:</b> <i>AncestryDNA</i>	<b>Andrew Henry, Auckland Libraries:</b> <i>Know your ancestors – Beyond desktop research</i>	<b>Chris Paton, Scotland's Greatest Story:</b> <i>Instantly buckled for life – Scottish marriage records</i>
<b>2.30pm-3pm</b>  <b><u>Tea Break</u></b>	<b>Buy your raffle tickets at the Information Desk</b> Visit our exhibitors in the Exhibition Hall, Hillsborough Room Visit the research assistance table to ask an expert Collect your raffle prizes from the Information Desk Have a coffee from the coffee cart.		
<b>3pm-3.50pm</b>	<b>Fiona Brooker, Memories in Time:</b> <i>Family history on tour – Luggage, legacy, and local archives</i>	<b>Sean Brosnahan, Toitu Otago Settlers Museum:</b> <i>Journey to New Edinburgh – following in the footsteps of the Otago Pioneers</i>	<b>Shauna Hicks, Shauna Hicks History Enterprises:</b> <i>Mining the Archives</i> <a href="#">ZOOM LIVE</a>
<b>4pm-4.50pm</b>	<b>Elena Fowler, Independent researcher:</b> <i>I've found my priority DNA matches, now what?</i>	<b>Maggie Gaffney, MG Historical Research:</b> <i>The Man on the Memorial</i>	<b>Karen Rogers, Guild of One Name Studies (GOONS):</b> <i>The fascinating world of One Name Studies</i>
<b>5pm-5.50pm</b>	<b>Allegra Marshall, Independent researcher:</b> <i>Blackbirders in the Pacific</i>	<b>Simon Young, NZSG board member:</b> <i>How to tell emotionally engaging family stories</i>	<b>Helen Smith, Dragon Genealogy:</b> <i>On the English railways</i> <a href="#">ZOOM LIVE</a>

***Thanks to this year's Auckland Family History Expo sponsors***



# SUNDAY 10 August 2025 – Doors open 8.30am

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9am-9.50am	<b>Dr Sophie Kay, Khronicle:</b> <i>Six hats for genealogy</i> <a href="#">ZOOM LIVE</a>	<b>Mark Bayly, The Genealogist:</b> <i>Breaking down brick walls in British family history</i> <a href="#">ZOOM LIVE</a>	<b>Sylvia Valentine, Family and social historian:</b> <i>Scottish research – getting started</i> <a href="#">ZOOM LIVE</a>
10am-10.30am  <b><u>Tea Break</u></b>	<b>Buy your raffle tickets at the Information Desk</b> Visit our exhibitors in the Exhibition Hall, Hillsborough Room Visit the research assistance table to ask an expert Collect your raffle prizes from the Information Desk Have a coffee from the coffee cart.		
10.30am-11.20am	<b>Chris Paton, Scotland's Greatest Story:</b> <i>What is Ireland? Understanding the lay of the land</i>	<b>Victoria Passau, Auckland Museum:</b> <i>Beyond the roll of honour – research military service with Online Cenotaph</i>	<b>Helen Smith, Dragon Genealogy:</b> <i>Lost in London</i> <a href="#">ZOOM LIVE</a>
11.30am-12.20pm	<b>Sarah Hewitt, NZSG Chair:</b> <i>Vignettes on the NZ Society of Genealogists website</i>	<b>Luke Howison, Ancestor Search Helper:</b> <i>NZ Intentions to Marry Project</i>	<b>Sean Brosnahan, Toitu Otago Settlers Museum:</b> <i>Following the Gold – Irish Migration and Settlement in Otago</i>
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1.30pm-2.20pm	<b>Fiona Brooker, Memories in Time:</b> <i>Discharged and deserted – They came as crew</i>	<b>Daniel Horowitz, MyHeritage:</b> <i>MyHeritage - new features overview</i> <a href="#">RECORDING</a>	<b>Andrew Redfern, Society of Australian Genealogists (SAG):</b> <i>AI in family history – friend or foe?</i> <a href="#">ZOOM LIVE</a>
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3pm-3.50pm	<b>Daniel Horowitz, MyHeritage:</b> <i>When Old News becomes Good News</i> <a href="#">RECORDING</a>	<b>Maggie Gaffney, MG Historical Research:</b> <i>Criminal intent – from Kent to the Colonies</i>	<b>Bradley Greer, Family Tree Maker:</b> <i>Family Tree Maker Overview</i>
4pm-4.50pm	<b>Chris Paton, Scotland's Greatest Story:</b> <i>A decade of centenaries – Researching Ireland 1912-1923</i>	<b>Dave Munn, Cherished Memories:</b> <i>Capture the essence of everyday people and their stories</i>	<b>Leah Larkin, The DNA Geek:</b> <i>WATO – The DNA Tool</i> <a href="#">RECORDING</a>
5.00pm-5.30pm	2025 Auckland Family History Expo closes Don't forget to collect your raffle prizes from the Information Desk <b>Thank you to all for your support!</b>		

**See you next year at the**  
**2026 Auckland Family History Expo**  
**Friday 7 to Sunday 9 August 2026**

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