

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	Chris Paton, Scotland's Greatest Story: <i>Scottish Kirk session records</i>	Sylvia Valentine, Family & Social Historian: <i>An introduction to the 1939 Register</i> ZOOM LIVE	Duff Wilson, Family Tree Maker: <i>New tools for collaborative family history</i> ZOOM LIVE
10.00am-10.30am	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.		
Tea Break			
10.30am-11.20am	Jason Reeve, Ancestry: <i>Using Ancestry.com and introduction to AncestryDNA</i>	Allegra Marshall, Independent researcher: <i>Leprosy in the Pacific</i>	Tom Nelson, FamilySearch: <i>FamilySearch tools – New products for you to test!</i> ZOOM LIVE
11.30am-12.20pm	Luke Howison, Ancestry Search Helper: <i>ASH website demonstration</i>	Garth Houltham, NZ Fencibles Society: <i>Introduction to NZ Fencibles website and pre-1902 Empire veterans' database</i>	Leah Larkin, The DNA Geek: <i>Madness to Method (DNA)</i> RECORDING
12.30pm-1.30pm	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.		
Lunch			

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

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11.30am-12.20pm	Sarah Hewitt, NZSG Chair: <i>Vignettes on the NZ Society of Genealogists website</i>	Luke Howison, Ancestry Search Helper: <i>NZ Intentions to Marry Project</i>	Sean Brosnahan, Toitu Otago Settlers Museum: <i>Following the Gold – Irish Migration and Settlement in Otago</i>
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3pm-3.50pm	Daniel Horowitz, MyHeritage: <i>When Old News becomes Good News</i> RECORDING	Maggie Gaffney, MG Historical Research: <i>Criminal intent – from Kent to the Colonies</i>	Bradley Greer, Family Tree Maker: <i>Family Tree Maker Overview</i>
4pm-4.50pm	Chris Paton, Scotland's Greatest Story: <i>A decade of centenaries – Researching Ireland 1912-1923</i>	Dave Munn, Cherished Memories: <i>Capture the essence of everyday people and their stories</i>	Leah Larkin, The DNA Geek: <i>WATO – The DNA Tool</i> RECORDING
5.00pm-5.30pm	2025 Auckland Family History Expo closes Don't forget to collect your raffle prizes from the Information Desk Thank you to all for your support!		

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