# **GENEAGALA DAY 2023**

## Are you interested in researching your family history?

As part of National Family History Month, Hornsby Shire Family History Group and Hornsby Shire Library invite you to our annual Geneagala Day of presentations and research assistance.

#### Presentations

Morning session 10:30am - 11:30am

Dr Lisa Murray - Bring out your dead: interpreting cemetery landscapes and records

Cemeteries are often a dead end for family historians. You trace your ancestors to their grave and that – seemingly – is the end of the story. But there is much to learn from the records of the dead and cemetery landscapes. Historian Lisa Murray will guide you through some of the key records for researching cemeteries and graves in Australia and encourage you to take a closer look at headstone designs and cemetery landscapes. With a smattering of history and a keen eye for landscape and design, you too can unravel some mysteries of the dead.



#### Afternoon session 1pm - 2pm

Veronica Williams - The Wonders of Wikitree

Join Veronica Williams for an introduction to Wikitree.com, a free site you can use to publish your family history. Wikitree is a community and brings together genealogists from around the world to collaborate and grow the one world family tree. Veronica will provide an overview of the site and explain some of its key features including DNA, tech tools, projects and more.



### Research Assistance

Your free 30-minute session with a volunteer may be used for:

- Making a start on researching your family history
- Learning about online resources and other family history resources at Hornsby Library
- Seeking advice for brickwalls and research problems
- Helping with DNA questions

Reservations for a Research Assistance session can only be made at the event between 9.45-10.15am.

When: Saturday 26 August, Doors open 9:45am

Where: Hornsby Library, 28-44 George Street, Hornsby. Entry via Hunter Lane.

Cost: \$10

Bookings: Bookings essential, ticketed event. Book online at hornsby.nsw.gov.au/library

or at any Hornsby Shire Library branch on 9847 6613



