

## Courses March 2022

Seminar Sunday was held in February and members participated in person and via Zoom. Pat spoke on how to find records regarding your convict relatives. Laraine spoke on Australian records for convicts. Mark Dunn spoke on early convicts in the Newcastle area. The morning was offered on zoom and in person, with eighteen participants. It was a very interesting day and all went away having learnt something new.

Beginning Genealogy was held over two Sundays in January. Eight people attended both days and two became members. It was suggested that the course be presented twice a year and the presenters are open to the suggestion that the course be offered in January before the Society opens for the year and in July. We will trial this this year.

Members have asked that Getting Your Genealogy Stuff Organised be presented again this year. I will discuss this with Laraine Cross and we will find some dates for this year.

Seminar Sunday will be held on 15 May this year. The theme is DNA and the presenters are Kirstie Carrick, Janelle Collins and Sandra Jones. The other Seminar Sunday dates will be in August and November. Themes or topics as well as volunteers to present a talk can contact me and we will or out times.

Some of the courses are free for members and others have a small charge. This has meant that we have been able to raise about \$2,500 for the Society in the past year. Some of that money has been used to purchase a new laptop to be used for Courses.

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