

President's Report – March 2022

The year ahead is already shaping up to be a very busy one and we now know that whether we are able to meet in person at the Mechanics' Institute or whether we need to meet via Zoom, we are more than able to do so. A very reassuring thought!

We got off to a good start even before our doors opened officially for the new year. We held a Beginners Group 1 & 2 in January to assist our members. More Seminar Sundays are in the pipeline and we hope to get our Orientation Sessions up and running again shortly after a few delays last year.

Our Special Interest Groups attract a lot of interest from our members and it is wonderful to note that this year we find ourselves with even more SIGs than in 2021. This year we add a RootsMagic SIG and a Family Tree Maker SIG to our extensive list of well attended groups for members. Towards the end of last year we also added in a Legacy Users SIG. Check your Newsletter for the meeting times and who to contact if you'd like to attend the group.

We have so many good things to look forward to this year. Some great excursions are being planned, some interesting guest speakers have been invited, we look forward to the installation of reverse cycle air conditioning in all our rooms & we are working towards presenting a great 2022 State Family History Conference in September. We have more publications in the pipeline and, of course, our wonderful quarterly Journal and monthly Newsletter keeping everyone up to date and giving excellent opportunities for members to submit their interesting family history articles.

I look forward to seeing our members in the near future at one of our Society gatherings.

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