



FHWA Irish SIG Forum

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Meetings & Events

Our 40th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday 17th October 2021, face to face, at Unit 4, May St

□ **The Irish Group turns 40 this October!!!**

To celebrate this milestone Irish Group Members are invited to celebrate together over a Cuppa with some Irish Fare from 2pm on Sunday the 17th October. This will be the first in person gathering for the group at May St since January 2020, what better reason to come together than this occasion. Please bring a plate of your favourite Irish nibblies.□

Please book via Trybooking via the Events Page or click the link, <https://www.trybooking.com/BLPZM>

For further information contact the Convenor - irish.sig@fhwa.org.au

2021 meetings: Sundays 16 January 2pm, 18 April 2pm, 18 July 2pm and 17 October 2pm

The group usually meet every three months at the WA Genealogical Society, 48 May Street Bayswater, in January, April, July and October.

Book you seat at <https://www.trybooking.com/BLPZM>

However due to the ongoing unpredictability of the COVID restrictions we will schedule our meetings ON-LINE, via Google Meets, until further notice. No special application required on your PC, just access via the Google browser. It is essential to book your place via Trybooking through the Events tab above (or use the link below) to get access to the electronically generated link to our on-line meeting.

Please don't be daunted by the move to on-line meetings, the SIG committee have experience with these meetings and encourage you to come onboard. For further information on the steps involved, contact the Convenor. irish.sig@fhwa.org.au

We discuss how to do Irish family history research from many angles. Meetings also feature speakers and workshops.

Because October meeting will be our Anniversary get-together the usual October Workshop 'BrickWall' Forum will be held at our January 2022 meeting ONLINE, to help members and visitors re-ignite their research with the ideas coming out of this discussion group.

To aid the discussion we have a [Questionnaire](#) which can be downloaded here. Forward the completed form to the Convener at irish.sig@fhwa.org.au

with as much as is known of your 'Brick Wall' to get the most out of the day. The PDF of the 2020 Breaking Down Brickwalls Presentation is available [here](#)

Next Meeting - have a look at WAGS events calendar by clicking on the Events tab above. [FH WA Event Listing](#)
and look for the Trybooking Irish Group Icon.



Since late 2016 we stopped producing formal meeting minutes, but do issue meeting notes which record decisions and agreements only. They are circulated to group members, provided you have given us a clear record of your email (or postal) address. If you have not attended a meeting or event, nor sent apologies for 12 months, your name is removed from the mailing list. Come to a meeting to get your name added again.



Speaker Notes

Robyn O'Brien, presented informative talk about the Irish [Civil Records](https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/) website, <https://www.irishgenealogy.ie/en/>
a free indexed database of historic births, marriages & deaths, April 2021

Christine Timoney, introduced [Ireland Reaching Out](#) , interactive website connecting Irish Diaspora with ancestral Parishes, July 2020

Emily Chambers, guest speaker from ECU, [Immigration of Domestic Servants to Western Australia in the 1850s and 1890s](#) , 16 July 2017

Jenni Ibrahim [What's New in Irish Family History Research](#) Mandurah Family History Society 12 August 2017

Jenni Ibrahim [Researching Your Irish Ancestors](#) at State Library 9 August 2017 in Grow Your Family Tree Seminar as part of National Family History Month

Jenni Ibrahim on [Introduction to Major Irish Census Substitutes: Griffiths Valuation and Tithes Applotment](#) 23 April 2017

Maureen Mulligan on [Finding My Ancestors in Griffiths Valuation](#); 23 April 2017

Cheryl Hebbs on [Finding My Ancestors in Tithes Applotment](#) 23 April 2017

[Jenni Ibrahim on County Research Guides Project 15 Jan 2017](#) updated with names of volunteers developing guides for next 10 counties

[Sabrina Armstrong Using Facebook for Irish Genealogy 16 Oct 2016](#)

[Whats New in Irish Family History Research 1 Oct 2016](#) presentation by Jenni Ibrahim to Rockingham Family History Society 1 October 2016

Mike Kiely speaker on 19 April 2015 [DNA Science or Marketing Ploy](#)

Mike O'Brien speaker on 19 April 2015 [Cork Evictions](#)

Lynne Roberts speaker on 19 April 2015 [Searching for those Elusive McConvilles](#)

Graham Mahony speaker on 18 Jan 2015 [Hiring a professional genealogist handout G Mahony 18 Jan 2015 - Check List](#)

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