

Family Research – Beginners 2023

Title of course	Family Research - Beginners
Introduction	<p>The Family Research – Beginners course aims to support budding family researchers to develop a workable family tree to form a base for future research. Mentoring and small group workshops are provided for members who aren't familiar or confident with online genealogy programs such as ancestry.com.</p> <p>Beginners (See 1 and 2 below) will meet 'one to one' with a mentor with the goal of setting up or recommencing work on an online family tree.</p> <p>Members who have already worked on their family tree will meet in small group sessions in the small classroom opposite the U3A meeting room.</p> <p>A small team of mentors from the Family Research class led by Bev Lee will provide tuition and support to new learners.</p>
Co Convenors and Mentors Others	<p>Bev Lee 0478 607 838 bevlee47@gmail.com</p> <p>Mentors:</p> <p>Judy Barry (Small Group) 0414 319 935</p> <p>Barry O'Connor (One to One) 0407 266 688</p>
Webpage details	'Family Research – Beginners' class home page - https://u3abenalla.weebly.com/family-research—beginners
Times and Dates	1st and 2nd Thursdays of the month 1pm to 4pm in the small classroom – Room 2.
Prior knowledge	<p>This course is aimed for people who have not started, or would like to resume working on, their family tree. You will need at least basic computer skills. There are three 'classifications' according to skills –</p> <p>1 - Members with basic computer skills who have never worked on their family tree – One to One with possibility of joining a Small Group class.</p> <p>2 - Members with good/advanced computer skills who have never worked on their family tree – One to One with the option of transitioning to the '4th Thursday' Family Research group who have advanced computer skills.</p> <p>3 - Members who have done a lot of work on their family tree, but have not put it on line or have little confidence in their computer skills and using the online program - Small Group Class</p>
Cost	<p>To help new members get started online, 'starter' family trees are set on U3A's ancestry account prior to members deciding to take up a subscription.</p> <p>Most class members move on to maintain, or regularly renew for 'working periods', a subscription with at least one online genealogy site such as ancestry.com.au or myheritage.com. Subscriptions are available monthly, six monthly, or yearly, and it is usually possible to 'pay as you go' to access overseas records not in your subscription.</p>
Nature of Course	<p>Family Research – Beginners is offered as a two consecutive weeks course at the beginning of the month on the 1st and 2nd Thursday afternoons. In Semester 1 there may be some individually scheduled one-to-one sessions depending on the numbers in the class.</p> <p>The plan is for members to use weeks 3 and 4 to go over what they have learned, apply it in practice and report back on 'pains and gains' in the week 1 of the next month!</p> <p>We aim to provide time in your busy life to begin to work on your family history.</p>