

## KERRY FARMER

### About Kerry



Kerry is the Director of Australian Studies at the National Institute for Genealogical Studies ([www.genealogicalstudies.com](http://www.genealogicalstudies.com)) developing their 'Certificate in Genealogical Studies – Australian Records'. She is a skilled and knowledgeable presenter who has given many lectures at the Society of Australian Genealogists, at Congress 2012, at NSW State Conference 2012, at Unlock the Past Expos in NSW, Queensland, Victoria and South Australia, at the State Library of NSW and as a guest speaker at various libraries and genealogical societies around Australia.

Kerry has been teaching family history classes since 1997 and online genealogy courses since 2008 and is a member of the Education Committee of the Society of Australian Genealogists and coordinator of the Sydney TMG Users Group (The Master Genealogist).

Kerry authored *DNA for Genealogists* (2<sup>nd</sup> edn, 2012) and together with Rosemary Kopittke *Which Genealogy Program?* (3<sup>rd</sup> edn, 2012), both of which are published by Unlock the Past.

She has a Bachelor of Science and a Bachelor of Arts.

### Her topics

'DNA for Genealogists' : Introducing the DNA tests that can be used as tools in family history research.

Beginner

DNA testing allows us to find others who share our ancestors and also to test the accuracy of our constructed family trees. This presentation introduces the concepts of DNA, the tests available to genealogists, and how they can be used to answer questions about relationships and as additional tools for family history research.

'Learn more from autosomal and X-chromosome DNA': Understand which DNA came from whom and just how good are ethnic ancestry predictions?

Intermediate

Autosomal DNA tests can be taken by males and females to find genetic cousins as well as genetic ethnicity. By comparing the DNA of more than one relative (supplemented with information from the X-chromosome) and using available online tools, we can begin chromosome mapping to identify which DNA has been inherited from which ancestor, aiding the search for ancestors shared with predicted relatives.

'Migration schemes to Australia'. Understanding more about the people who were encouraged to come  
Intermediate

Australian migration policy was often more about who to keep out than who to let in. However at various times governments, organisations and individuals encouraged immigration by subsidising the passage of those deemed to be desirable immigrants. This presentation examines some of the schemes that operated in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, considering the selection criteria and years of operation.