

# GSV Writers' 2020 Program



We alternate our meetings between topics of interest and reviewing members' submitted work. Just come along. There is no need to book or apologise for not being able to come.

Month	Activity	Facilitator
5 February	Review submissions from two members. Guest speaker: The Assistant Editor of <i>Provenance: The journal of Public Record Office Victoria</i> .	Tina Hocking Guest speaker: Dr Sebastian Gurciullo
4 March	Discussion topic: <b>Creating a sense of tension, integrating conflict or struggle in a story.</b>	Jean Dart and Louise Wilson
1 April	Review submissions from two members. Guest speaker: A winner of the 2019 Victorian Premier's History Award will talk about his writing experience.	Penny Mercer Guest speaker: Phil Roberts
6 May	Discussion topic: <b>What form might a family history take and how might it be structured?</b> Transforming a mountain of research material into an actual family history can pose problems. What influences one's choice of how to present it?	Anne Semple
3 June	Review submissions from two members Tech tricks: <b>Bibliography and references</b> Choosing what to cite and how to do it, what we need to provide evidence for and how best to do that.	Louise Wilson
1 July	Discussion topic: <b>Organising our research notes to make writing easy.</b>	Penny Mercer
5 August	Review submissions from two members. Tech tricks: <b>It's got to be there somewhere! Tips on indexing family histories.</b> What constitutes a good index, how is it compiled and what should it contain? If you find an index difficult to prepare, what might be the benefit of employing an indexer? Mary Russell is Convenor of Melbourne Indexers and International Coordinator of the International Committee of Representatives of Indexing Societies.	Jenny Scammell Guest speaker: Mary Russell
2 September	Discussion topic: <b>Précising the important points from your research to include in an article, and choosing a relevant title.</b>	Martin Playne and Barbara Beaumont

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7 October	<p>Writing exercise: Write about an incident or event from your own family history in four different ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Past tense third person</li><li>2. Past tense first person</li><li>3. Present tense third person</li><li>4. Present tense first person</li></ol> <p>Word length approximately 250 words per piece. What can we learn from this? Can this help us in writing our family history?</p>	Barbara Beaumont
4 November	<p>Review submissions from two members. Tech tricks: <b>Where to put the family tree and best way to draw it.</b></p>	Bill Barlow
2 December	<p>Planning session at which we will select topics for our program for 2021.</p>	Penny Mercer