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## 11th Unlock the Past cruise (Barrier Reef) program 6-13 March 2016

		Conference room A-B (deck 3)	Conference room C-D (deck 3)
<b>DAY 1 Sunday 6 March 2016 - depart Brisbane 4.30pm</b>			
boarding from late morning to mid afternoon			
c.3.30pm		all on board	
4pm?		assembly drill - actual time to advised on the ship	
6pm		dinner	
<b>8.15pm</b>	9pm	<b>MEET and GREET - speaker introductions etc - in conference rooms</b>	
<b>DAY 2 Monday 7 March 2016 - at sea</b>			
<b>9am</b>	9.50am	How to become a skilled historical detective - C. Baxter	Electoral rolls: tips and traps - R. Kopittke
<b>9.55am</b>	10.45am	How to become a skilled historical detective - C. Baxter (repeat)	Electoral rolls: tips and traps - R. Kopittke (repeat)
10.45am	11.15am	break	
<b>11.15am</b>	12.05pm	Google the genealogist's friend - H. Smith (repeated at 8pm)	Understanding the system: a brief overview of the history of the German region - E. Kopittke (repeated at 8pm)
<b>12.10pm</b>	1pm	Government, police & education gazettes - R. Kopittke	
1pm	2.20pm	lunch break	
<b>2.20pm</b>	3.10pm	Black sheep and vanishing relatives - J. Webster	Where there is a will there should be a genealogist: researching probate in England - H. Smith (repeated on Friday)
3.10pm	3.40pm	break	
<b>3.40pm</b>	4.30pm	Help! which information is correct? strategies for determining historical truth - C. Baxter	Evernote basics for family history - C. Wright
<b>4.40pm</b>	5.30pm	Help! which information is correct? strategies for determining historical truth - C. Baxter (repeat)	Evernote basics for family history - C. Wright (repeat)
6pm	8pm	dinner	
<b>8pm</b>	8.50pm	Google the genealogist's friend - H. Smith (repeat)	Understanding the system: a brief overview of the history of the German region - E. Kopittke (repeated)
<b>DAY 3 Tuesday 8 March 2016 - Airlie Beach (Whitsundays) 6am - 4pm</b>			
<b>4.30pm</b>	5.30pm	Bookshop - Research Help Zone - Carol Baxter writing class	
6pm	8pm	dinner	
<b>8pm</b>	8.50pm	Solving the 'unsolvable' - C. Baxter (repeated on Thursday)	Beyond just indexes - R. Kopittke (repeated on Thursday)
<b>DAY 4 Wednesday 9 March 2016 - Cairns 9am - overnight</b>			
6pm		dinner	
<b>8pm</b>	8.50pm	Nobblers, cracksmen, coiners ...: criminals in England - H. Smith	Reading and interpreting records from Germany - E. Kopittke
<b>DAY 5 Thursday 10 March 2016 - Cairns from overnight - 6.00pm</b>			
<b>4.40pm</b>	5.30pm	Solving the 'unsolvable' - C. Baxter (repeat)	Beyond just indexes - R. Kopittke (repeat)
6pm		dinner	
<b>8pm</b>	8.50pm	Researching your English apprentice - H. Smith	Early Germans in Queensland - E. Kopittke
<b>DAY 6 Friday 11 March 2016 - Willis Island 8am - 9am</b>			
<b>9am</b>	9.50am	Structuring a family history or other work of non-fiction - C. Baxter	
<b>10am</b>	10.40am	Unlock the Past Cruises - A. Phillips	
10.40am	11.10am	break	
<b>11.10am</b>	11.50am	Look beyond the border! Archival records with data for interstate & overseas folk - J. Webster	Family Historian - R. Kopittke
<b>12noon</b>	12.40pm	Look beyond the border! Archival records with data for interstate & overseas folk - J. Webster (repeat)	Family Historian - R. Kopittke (repeat)
12.40pm	2pm	lunch break	
<b>2pm</b>	2.50pm	Crafting a good book - C. Baxter	Where there is a will there should be a genealogist: researching probate in England - H. Smith (repeat)
2.50pm	3.30pm	break	
<b>3.30pm</b>	4.20pm	Gripping writing - C. Baxter	Australian church records: who, when, and where - R. Kopittke
<b>4.20pm</b>	5.30pm	Bookshop - Research Help Zone - Carol Baxter writing class	
6pm	8pm	dinner	
<b>8pm</b>	8.50pm	Directories, gazetteers and more - H. Smith	Locating your ancestor's place of origin in Germany - E. Kopittke
<b>DAY 7 Saturday 12 March 2016 - at sea</b>			
<b>9am</b>	9.40am	The big 3 Ancestry, FMP, MyHeritage - R. Kopittke	Mapping Your Ancestors - H. Smith (repeated at 12 noon)
<b>9.50am</b>	10.40am	TheGenealogist.co.uk: what's the difference? - R. Kopittke	Sensory writing - C. Baxter
10.40am	11.10am	break	
<b>11.10am</b>	11.50am	Researching illegitimate children - J. Webster	
<b>12noon</b>	12.40pm	The big 3 Ancestry, FMP, MyHeritage - R. Kopittke (repeat)	Mapping Your Ancestors - H. Smith (repeat)
12.40pm	2pm	lunch break	
<b>2pm</b>	2.50pm	In the steps of my ancestor: planning a genealogical trip - E. Kopittke	
2.50pm	3.30pm	break	
<b>3.30pm</b>	4.20pm	Picasa basics for family history - C. Wright	
<b>4.30pm</b>	5.20pm	The new poor law and the workhouse - H. Smith	Publishing options - C. Baxter
6pm	8pm	dinner	
<b>8pm</b>	8.50pm	Windup - PLUS PRIZE DRAW - to be confirmed	
<b>DAY 8 Sunday 13 March 2016 - arrive Brisbane 6am</b>			

questions must be within the time allowed for each talk

no audio or video recording of any session is allowed without permission of the presenter

**Research Help Zone**—this for some people is the most valuable part of our program. This provides an opportunity for you to meet one-on-one or in small groups with an expert to answer questions and help you with your research. Should any expert have more than two people interested in seeing them in a single session they may limit the time for each inquirer to 10–15 minutes. An expert is free to schedule a follow-up session if they wish at a convenient time. These will generally be one-on-one with an expert, but if more than one person is interested in the same thing (e.g. a genealogy program or online database) they can be with a small group. Here is a list of experts available in the areas they can advise on. This list may be incomplete for some speakers at this stage.

**Carol Baxter**

- writing
- convicts
- NSW research

**Eric Kopittke**

- German research
- Danish research
- Queensland research
- Sussex research

**Rosemary Kopittke**

- Ancestry

- Australian research
- Queensland research
- Derbyshire research
- Family Historian
- Findmypast
- MyHeritage
- TheGenealogist

**Helen Smith**

- Queensland
- Australia
- Kent research
- Oxfordshire research

- brickwalls research
- DNA
- archaic medical terms
- causes of death
- online research
- blogging
- one name studies
- The Master Genealogist

**Judy Webster**

- Queensland State Archives research
- Tracing living descendants in Qld

- Wills and probate records in Qld
- Hospital and Asylum records in Qld
- Criminal records in Qld
- Queensland's 4 series of electoral rolls
- Unusual ways to contact distant relatives
- Problem-solving research strategies
- North Yorkshire research

**Chris Wright**

- Evernote
- Picasa

11th Unlock the Past cruise (Barrier Reef)—presenters

**Carol Baxter** (NSW) [carolbaxter.com](http://carolbaxter.com)—Carol is an experienced and informed historian and genealogist, an internationally-acclaimed, award-winning author and a dynamic, inspirational presenter.

She has been a genealogist for over three decades, having first become interested in family history research while still at school. Her career as a professional genealogist began when she was appointed Project Officer of the Australian Biographical and Genealogical Record (ABGR). She edited other record series when she became General Editor of the ABGR's new incarnation, the Biographical Database of Australia. She is a Fellow of the Society of Australian Genealogists and an adjunct lecturer at the University of New England, and is now a full-time writer and speaker. The Baltic cruise is her third genealogy cruise.

Carol began writing 'popular history' in 2004 and is the author of four 'true-crime thrillers'. Two, *Breaking the bank* and *Captain Thunderbolt* received first prize in writing competitions. In 2013, Britain's Oneworld published *The peculiar case of the electric constable: a true tale of passion, poison and pursuit*. It has received international acclaim – Britain, America, Canada and Australia – with *The Times* (London) writing that it is 'as lively and readable as a crime novel' and Britain's Independent praising it as 'totally irresistible'.

'How to' genealogy books are among Carol's other works. *Writing interesting family histories* was published in 2009 and updated in 2010. Other books include *Help! historical and genealogical truth: how do I separate fact from fantasy* along with books on convict research, New South Wales research, British surnames and British given names. She has two guidebooks being published by Unlock the Past in 2015.

Carol is also the author of the History Detective newsletter, You can subscribe to the newsletter and find out more about Carol and her books and talks via her website.

**Eric Kopittke** (QLD)—Eric has been researching his family history in Australia, Germany, England and Wales since 1985. In the same year he joined the Queensland Family History Society where he has been convener of the Central European Group for over 20 years. He is also President of the Baptist Heritage Queensland.

Academically, he studied at the University of Queensland where he was awarded a Bachelor of Science (Physics and Mathematics), a Bachelor of Arts (Geography and Computer Science) and a Diploma of Education. He recently retired after teaching Physics and Mathematics at St Peters Lutheran College, Indooroopilly.

He regularly speaks at family history societies and at other events. In June 2012 he spoke on German research at the New Zealand Society of Genealogists Conference.

Eric has received the Queensland FHS Award for Services to Family History (1990); was made a Fellow of the Queensland FHS (2000); and in 2006 was awarded the AFFHO Award for Meritorious Services to Family History.

**Rosemary Kopittke** (QLD)—Rosemary has been tracing her family history since 1985. A statistician by training, she has worked in that field as an hydrologist, teacher and biometrician. Her tertiary qualifications include a BSc (Mathematics) and BA (Computer Science) both from the University of Queensland. More recently she has completed the Certificate in Genealogical Studies (English Records) with the National Institute for Genealogical Studies. She currently works as a consultant for Gould Genealogy & History, is regularly invited to speak at events in Australia and New Zealand and has presented on all the Unlock the Past cruises.

She has published numerous indexes to cemeteries and government records though is probably best known for her work with husband Eric on the *Emigrants from Hamburg to Australasia 1850-1879* publication. She is editor of Unlock the Past publications and author and contributor to several.

A member of the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations

(AFFHO) Council from 2009 to 2013 and a current member of the Queensland FHS Management Committee, Rosemary is a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society and in 2006 received the AFFHO Award for Meritorious Services to Family History.

**Helen Smith** (QLD)—[helensmithresearch.blogspot.com.au](http://helensmithresearch.blogspot.com.au). Helen has been researching her family since 1986 when her mother lamented the fact she had never known her grandfather, George Howard Busby. Helen found some information and a newspaper photo of him, was hooked and has been addicted ever since with research in Australia, England and Ireland. She is researching the surname Quedest anywhere, anytime and has registered the name with the Guild of One-Name Studies.

She is the author of *Death certificates and archaic medical terms* and has written for Inside History, Australian Family Tree Connections and other family history journals as well as scientific publications. She is the author of a number of blogs which can be accessed via <http://helensmithresearch.blogspot.com.au>. She has spoken to a wide variety of audiences including, all the Unlock the Past cruises, Unlock the Past Expos and Roadshow.

Professionally, she is a Molecular Epidemiologist specialising in Public Health Microbiology and has a strong interest in infectious diseases and Public Health through the ages. She has a Graduate Diploma in Public Health, Bachelor Applied Science: Medical Laboratory Science and Associate Diploma in Clinical Laboratory Techniques. She is currently studying with the National Institute for Genealogical Studies towards the Certificate in Genealogical Studies: English Records.

**Judy Webster** (QLD)—Judy Webster grew up on a grazing property near Cunnamulla in south-west Queensland, and she became interested in family history when she heard her father and uncle talking about their eccentric aunt.

Judy has a Bachelor of Applied Science (Medical Technology) and a Graduate Diploma in Local and Applied History. In 2001 she received the Queensland Family History Society's Award for Services to Family History. For 30 years she has had her own part-time business as a professional genealogy researcher and indexer.

She particularly enjoys tracing living descendants and working with unusual and neglected Queensland State Archives records that are superb for overcoming 'brick walls' in genealogy. Many of the research strategies that she uses in Queensland will also work in other regions.

Judy's website has more than 120 pages with free advice on sources and techniques for family history, and the names of 53,000 local, interstate and overseas residents mentioned in Queensland's historical records. She also uses her social media pages to share tips for genealogy.

Her publications include various indexes, mini-guides and magazine articles, and the books *Tips for Queensland research* and *Specialist indexes in Australia: a genealogist's guide*.

Judy has given family history presentations at many city and country locations in Queensland, NSW and Western Australia. She was an invited speaker at the 2009 Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry (in New Zealand) and the 2011 NSW and ACT State Conference.

Judy is the founder and coordinator of the award-winning 'Genealogists for Families' project, in which family historians worldwide are helping less fortunate families through micro-lending with Kiva.

**Chris Wright** (QLD)—Chris has spent the last 23 years as a teacher and accredited trainer in information technology. She has been passionately researching her family history for more than 30 years since discovering, as an adult, that her father was adopted. An active member of multiple genealogical associations, she has edited publications, created and maintained the websites, and delivered regular technology education sessions on family history, workshops, and co-presented family history courses.