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What's on: Workshops
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Free family history workshops during Good Will Week 2008 Find out if your Uncle Pete really was a pirate

Do you know if your Uncle Pete was a pirate or Aunty Nellie an innkeeper? Across Australia, popular television shows are driving an interest* in uncovering family histories and plotting family trees, with some remarkable stories being discovered. If you've ever wondered how to get started, during this year's **Good Will Week (19-25 October 2008)**, organisers Public Trustee NSW are holding a FREE lunchtime workshop in Sydney, Wollongong and Ballina in association with Society of Australian Genealogists.

In Wollongong on Tuesday, 21 October leading genealogist **Ray Thorburn** will provide people with all the information they need to start researching their family history.

In Sydney on Wednesday, 22 October leading genealogist **Martyn Killion** will be joined by the multi-award winning performer and experienced genealogist, **Helen Reddy**, to provide people with all the information they need to start researching their family history.

In Ballina on Friday, 24 October leading genealogist **Martyn Killion** will provide people with all the information they need to start researching their family history.

Good Will Week is a community education campaign to encourage everyone over the age of 18 to make or update their Will and to make sure that they have a professionally drafted and legally valid Will.

According to genealogists, a Will can be a rich source of information about family histories and one of the keys to keeping family connections. However in Australia, around half the population is without a Will, so imagine the difficulties future generations will have when it comes to uncovering their backgrounds and ancestry.

Making a Will is not just about retaining family history, it's about making sure the people we care about inherit the things we want them to have. This may be big ticket items like houses and cars, or gifts of sentimental value that have been passed down from one generation to another.



The workshop is free but tickets must be booked by calling 1300 14 24 34. For more information about Good Will Week visit www.goodwillweek.com.au.

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¹ Research conducted in July 2008 of 1,000 Australians over the age of 18 showed around 53 per cent have something (in mind) that they would like to inherit. [Source: Pure Profile].

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