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# GSQ e-News

## Diary Dates April:

- 6th – English/Irish Group 10am-2.30pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 9am-11.30am Telstra Seniors Connected Workshop
- 9<sup>th</sup> – North Brisbane Branch monthly meeting 7pm
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 9am-11.30am Telstra Seniors Connected workshop
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 7.30pm Bayside Branch meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 9am-12 noon Management Committee meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 10am-2.30pm Convict Connections
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 9-10am National Archives seminar
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 3pm – Launch of new equipment
- 19<sup>th</sup> 9-11.30am Telstra Seniors Connected Workshop
- 19<sup>th</sup> 9-10am National Archives seminar
- 21<sup>st</sup> – Southern Suburbs monthly meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – North Brisbane Branch meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Beaudesert Branch meeting
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10-11am – Qld State Archives seminar
- 25<sup>th</sup> – e-News deadline for May edition
- 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC DAY – Library closed
- 27th – 1.30-5pm – Southern Suburbs Library Opening
- May 4<sup>th</sup> – Scottish Group

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## From the Editors

Hello and welcome to the April issue of GSQ's e-newsletter. The March edition of *Generation* contained several photos of the new layout. We've had favourable comments and some that have not been so favourable! The Management Committee will review the layout at its April 12 meeting. There's time for you to have your say – please send any comments, suggestions to GSQ at [gsq1@optusnet](mailto:gsq1@optusnet) and let your voice be heard. We want to make the Library as welcoming and as user-friendly as possible so we look forward to hearing from you. As always, contributions to this e-newsletter are welcome and can be sent to the Editorial Team c/- Pauline at [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com) or [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au). Deadline is 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## Sub-Committee updates

### Projects and Publications Sub-Committee

The Projects and Publications Sub-Committee had its first meeting on 15 March. Membership comprises Russell Fraser, Marg Doherty, Josephine Nolan, Mavis Dimick, Elaine Lucas and Christine Smith. Its first task was to select a project to celebrate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Queensland in 2009 and, after considering several ideas, it has been decided that GSQ will apply for a grant for the Queensland Muster Roll. This was originally developed in 1988 as an Australian Bicentennial project. Twenty years have passed since this project, which is unique to GSQ, was undertaken. Many people who contributed in 1988 have continued to research and update their family history. New members can also contribute significantly to an updated Roll. It is proposed to invite GSQ members to contribute data to an updated biographical index and repackage existing data, as well as the new data, in a modern format suitable for publication. There will be more information made available over the coming months, and opportunities for members to get involved in the project. Stay tuned.

### Grants sub-committee

As well as the Queensland 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary grant submission, GSQ has submitted an application to the Brisbane City Council Community Grants Program for a grant to develop a marketing strategy. The Management Committee decided that lack of a marketing plan has hampered our ability to respond to challenges from the internet and other organisations with greater marketing power. We need to be able to market our expertise and services to prospective members and promote our role more broadly within the family history/genealogy arena. We will learn in June whether we have been successful in getting the grant.

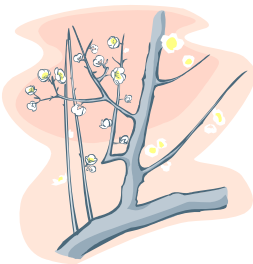
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*Thank you**Gambling Community  
Benefit Fund!**Only a Genealogist  
regards a step  
backwards as  
progress.**Branch News*

## Computer Grant Update

The installation of the new network continues slowly. As each CD is processed it is marked with an "N" or a "C" on the call number sticker. This is to indicate whether the resource is on the network "N" or if the CD is required "C". Look for the shortcuts in the resources folders on the desktops of the new PCs. Whilst the network printer is being setup we have reinstalled the inkjet printers that had been removed so now all but computer "2" have access to a printer.

Launch event for the new equipment – this will be held on Wednesday 16 April at 3pm for 3.30pm; due to space constraints this is an invitation-only event with invitations limited to those who have contributed to the project in some way. If you haven't received your invitation and would like to attend please contact Pauline on [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com) or Paul on [ciscoshell@hotmail.com](mailto:ciscoshell@hotmail.com) or at GSQ.

## Forthcoming Events

The Education and Events Sub-Committee/Annual Seminar Subcommittee has been working on organising the Annual Seminar, Open Day for Heritage Week, Telstra Seniors Connected workshops, launch for the new equipment. We would really like someone with skills in writing to help us to prepare news releases and help us get publicity for our events. Please contact Pauline on [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com) if you can help.

## Bayside Branch

Guest Speaker at the Bayside Branch of GSQ on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April is Paul Mann. Paul will give an update on the current activities of the GSQ Management Committee and the new computer resources recently installed in the Library. The Branch meets in the Staff Room of the Wynnum Central State School at Florence Street Wynnum Qld 4178. Further details are available from Elma O'Toole on [ashelm@bigpond.com](mailto:ashelm@bigpond.com).

## Southern Suburbs

The next meeting of the Southern Suburbs Branch of GSQ Inc is on 21<sup>st</sup> April. The meeting is held at 7.30pm and their guest speaker at 8pm is Greg Hallam speaking on 'The Railway Family'. Venue is at Upper Mt Gravatt Scout Den, 1873 Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt (down Carson Lane between Upper Mt Gravatt State School and the Progress Hall).

## North Brisbane

Guest Speaker at North Brisbane Branch on 14 April is Garth Elvery. Garth will be speaking on the Family History Program "Family Tree Maker". The Branch meets at Fallon Cottage, Fallon Street, Everton Park 4053 (*behind the Everton Park Library*). More details from Margaret Holding at [holding@powerup.com.au](mailto:holding@powerup.com.au).

## Net Nibbles

Net Nibbles this month comes courtesy of Paul Mann, Convenor of the Computer Interest Group which had its biggest attendance for a long time at the March CIG meeting. As promised on the day here is **Paul's list of the URLs visited:**

[www.ancestry.co.uk](http://www.ancestry.co.uk) where we learnt that you can enter two surnames in the one search to find females under their married and maiden names at the same time. We also explored the use of the wildcard character "\*" to find name variants. (\$ Commercial Site)

<http://www.chapelhill.homeip.net/FamilyHistory/Photos/index.htm> where we saw the extensive list of South East Queensland cemeteries (including MIs) that have been photographed and published to the web by *Kerry Raymond and David Horton*. (Free Site)

<http://cemindex.arkangles.com/> continuing the cemetery theme, another huge collection of cemetery and gravestone photos at the Australian Cemeteries Index website. (Free Site)

<http://www.irish-roots.ie/> an interesting site for viewing Irish records online (\$ Commercial Site)

[http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset\\_search.asp](http://www.familysearch.org/Eng/Search/frameset_search.asp) search the records of the LDS Church (Free Site)

<http://www.genfair.co.uk/> Genealogy resources you can buy online (Free Site).

**The computer programs looked at were:**

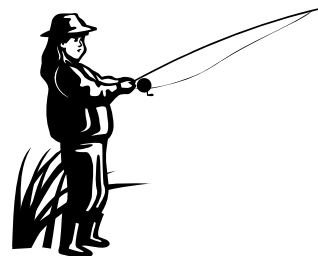
<http://www.family-historian.co.uk/tour/index.htm> Family Historian Version 3 - A different style of family tree program. The interactive diagrams and smart trees were very interesting.

<http://www.legacycharting.com/> Legacy Charting - A free (until July) program you can download to create new charts and reports from any family tree program.

<http://www.familytreemaker.com/> We had a look at attaching photos and sources in the 2005 version of The Family Tree program.

<http://www.legacyfamilytree.com/Index.asp> We compared attaching photos and sources with another program Legacy Family Tree. Later we saw how to click on a location to see it on an internet map.

Paul would like to thank all the members who stayed back after the meeting to help with copying files to the new network - you made some great inroads to this big task.




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*Fishing for ancestors?  
Maybe these net nibbles  
will help*

## Telstra Seniors Connected Computer Training

Over 30 members accepted the offer for free introductory training to be held at GSQ. We had intended to run these classes in March but have now arranged for them to be held in the April School Holidays on Tuesday 8 April, Thursday 10 April and Saturday 19 April. The Tuesday and Thursday morning classes will be held from 9:00 to 11:30am so will run into our normal opening hours. There may only be limited access to some resources during this time so we apologise in advance for an inconvenience this may cause to researchers.



## Interest Group Dates – April

The Interest Groups are now in full swing for the year. Groups meeting in April are as follows. Times are from 10am to 2.30pm unless otherwise stated.

6<sup>th</sup> – English/Irish Group

13<sup>th</sup> – Convict Connections

Meetings scheduled for May start with 4<sup>th</sup>

– Scottish Group

### Scottish Group Report - March

At our March meeting we had the privilege of having Hilda Maclean as Guest Speaker. Hilda in her inimitable way took members on a tour of Scottish Burial Grounds. This interesting and informative presentation was well received by all.

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*Mark these dates in  
your diary so you don't  
miss out*

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GSQ's opening hours are:

Monday - closed

Tuesday - 10am - 3pm

Wednesday - 10am - 3pm

Thursday - 10am - 3pm

Friday - 10am - 3pm

Saturday - 12 noon - 4pm

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the  
month - 6pm-9pm.

We're on the Web!

See us at:  
[www.gsq.org.au](http://www.gsq.org.au)

## Volunteer Corner

Our sincere thanks to all those who have volunteered their help! We are currently updating our list and will be in touch with information on how we can use your valuable time for the good of the Society. The first organized working bee will be on Sunday, April 20, and a separate email providing all the details has been sent.

## Donation of resources

GSQ has received a substantial set of parish resources for Oxford and Oxfordshire on microfiche from Mrs Jean Forrester. This is only one example of the generous donations that GSQ receives from members or former members and we would like to express our appreciation of this gift.

## Genealogy Classes

Our five-week introductory genealogy course and the weekend Intermediate Class have now finished. It's amazing the coincidences that emerge. In one of our courses last year, we had two cousins who didn't know each other previously; this time two class members discovered that their respective ancestors had left the UK for Auckland on the same voyage of the ship *Rotorua*. This is getting rather freaky. So, if you want to refresh your knowledge, learn something new, maybe even discover a lost cousin – come along to our classes. We still have a 3-week intermediate course on Tuesday evenings starting in May; a one-day course on Internet Searching and Family History programs on 15 June and a Weekend Introductory class on 23/24 June. Bookings are still open so please email Pauline at [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com) or GSQ on [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au).

## Reduced Price for English Certificates

The Management Committee has decided to reduce the price of English Certificates from \$33.00 to \$25.50 in light of the strong exchange rate for the Aussie Dollar. So, if you've been putting off buying that certificate, now's the time to take advantage of this saving.

## Heritage Week Open Day

Open Day for Heritage Week will be held on Saturday, 17 May from 9-12 noon. If you would like to assist on the day, please contact Josephine or Trish at GSQ.

## Easter Raffle

Our Easter Raffle of an Easter Hamper was won by Lynne Ford (gold ticket J64) who picked up the hamper just in time for Easter. Thanks to all those who contributed items for the hamper. We hope you enjoyed everything Lynne.

## Library Etiquette

In response to comments received, the Management Committee would like to remind everyone that the Resource Centre is a Library for members to undertake their research. We are a non-political organisation. Members wishing to engage in lengthy discussions which could disturb other members should go outside. We appreciate your cooperation. Remember

***"We are here to discuss the past and not the present"***

## Deadline for copy

Copy for inclusion in the GSQ e-news should be sent by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to either:

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[gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au)