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Diary Dates April:

- 4th: 9am Management Committee
- 4th: 12noon-4pm – GSQ open
- 5th: 10am-2.30pm English-Irish Group
- 8th: 6pm-9pm Wednesday night opening
- 13th: 7pm Shauna Hicks guest speaker at North Brisbane Branch
- 19th: 10am Convict Interest Group
- 20th: 7pm Southern Suburbs Monthly meeting
- 26th: 10am – 2pm Writing your Family History
- 27th: 6.30pm Monthly meeting Northern Suburbs Branch GSQ

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From the Editors

There is a new team at the helm this month - our stalwart Josephine Nolan and Geoff and Marg Doherty. We hope you enjoy this edition of eNews. As always, contributions are needed. Without contributions we would have no eNews. The deadline for next month is 25 April. Please email to josephine.nolan@bigpond.com.

From the President

Another busy month has passed and it is time to talk to you again. This month I am requesting volunteers for some key roles. The Q150 project committee is keen to obtain the expertise of someone with high level computer skills to assist with the technological aspects of our project. If you can work well with Access databases and are willing to assist, please contact Russell Fraser on rfr77608@bigpond.net.au.

The Society is also looking for someone with PR or Communications experience to assist in publicising GSQ. We are also looking for someone, again with computer skills, to provide advice on our Society computer equipment particularly when problem solving is required.

Are you looking for a challenge? There is an opening for a new Convenor for the Computer Interest Group. Do you know computers and particularly genealogical software or are you willing to learn more on this subject? Are you interested? If you are willing to take on this group please email me at presidentgsq@optusnet.com.au.

I know there hasn't been much news from me this month but the need to request additional volunteers is very important. I look forward to hearing from many new volunteers.

Marg Doherty

From the Management Committee

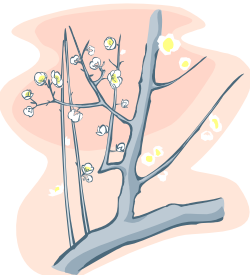
The Management Committee met on 14 March and afterwards met with representatives from all the interest groups. It was beneficial for the Management Committee to hear what issues the Interest Groups had. Communication was the main concern and we decided that these two groups would meet again in August. One thing that surprised several people was that Convict Connections is not focused only on convicts but also covers Australian Colonial history. Did you all know that? If you are interested in getting in touch with Convict Connections or attending their next meeting at the Resource Centre, the meeting will be held at 10.00 am on 19 April. Alternatively you might be interested in the Scottish Group or Computer Interest Group. We also have a German, an English/Irish and a Scandinavian Group. Details of all these groups are available from GSQ or from the GSQ Webpage. Why not share some time with other people with the same passion and maybe your brickwalls will be scaled?



For information on other events sponsored through the Q150 Community Grant Program, visit www.q150.qld.gov.au.



Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.



Branch News

Q150 Project Update

Good progress is being made in this project and we thank all those who are sending in submissions of data concerning their ancestors living in Queensland in the time-frame 1859 to 1901, as well as the interesting biographical paragraphs of some of those residents.

In the early days of this project, we talked of a closing date of March 31. A decision has now been made to change that date and set it at July 31, 2009, for all data submissions and biographical paragraphs. As well, the number of words for these paragraphs has been changed to 400 maximum.

To our Q150 Volunteers – a big thank you! The green forms are arriving back at GSQ and the zipped files are arriving in our Projects email address! We have a thermometer chart in our rooms at East Brisbane now – a gauge on the number of forms entered and returned to GSQ. Check it out next time you visit us. If any other members find they have some time to help with this project, please contact Josephine on josephine.nolan@bigpond.com as there are some other areas emerging where we would be glad of your assistance.

Russell on behalf of the Project Team

North Brisbane

North Brisbane Branch has Shauna Hicks as a guest speaker for Monday April 13. Shauna will be speaking on research in the Public Records Office in Victoria.

The next general meeting for the branch is on Monday 27th April. All meetings are held at Fallon Cottage, Fallon Street Everton Park. Doors open at 6.30 p.m. Details from Margaret Holding at holding@powerup.com.au

Also note that the Branch is celebrating 30 years as a branch on Monday 26th October. All past members are invited to attend. Further details will be available closer to the date.

Redlands Branch

Redlands Branch meets on the second Wednesday of each month (excluding January) at the Donald Simpson Leisure Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

The Branch has just been notified of approval for its Q150 Project, namely the Researching and Indexing of Peel Island Lazaret Records. A garage sale is planned for Sunday, 5 April (7.00am - 2.00pm) to raise funds for resource purchases.

For further information please contact Helen Veivers at hveivers@aapt.net.au.

Southern Suburbs

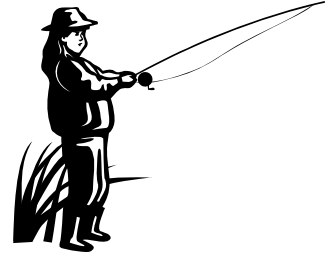
Southern Suburbs will meet again on April 20, with the Library opening at 7.00 pm. Guest Speaker will be Jane Wassell from Queensland State Archives, speaking on "Researching the Queensland Archives' Records." Research room open every Wednesday 9.30am to 1.30pm. Cost for non-members \$5/day.

Net Nibbles

Australian Newspapers (beta), and Papers Past (New Zealand) are now available via Google News Archive: <http://news.google.com/archivesearch?ned=us&hl=en>
The Google archive is a sub part of the main Google news page (direct link to archive search from Google news page). The Google News Archive consists of 3 resource types:

1. Newspapers digitised by Google and available via Google newspaper viewer (launched Sept 2008)
2. Digitised/online newspapers from other organisations that are free or cost and results go direct to those sources eg New York Times, Australian Newspapers beta, Papers Past (NZ), Sydney Morning Herald.
3. News from web sources.

(A detailed article re Australian Newspapers on the Internet can be found in the March 2009 issue of Generation.)



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

LDS Films currently on loan at GSQ – available to all!

We have a large number of films in the drawer at GSQ – all ordered by our members to assist in their research. Although those members will always have prior claim on viewing their films, these can also be viewed by other members for the small fee of \$2. Check these films out next time you visit the rooms. There may be some there that will interest you.

Interest Groups Update

Convict Connections Interest Group

Convict Connections Group next meeting is Sunday 19th April, 2009. The Group welcomes all GSQ members (not only those with convict connections), who have ancestors in early colonial NSW. The resource centre is open from about 9:00am until 3:00pm, with a short meeting held at about 11:00am. Please note that due to the Easter break the meeting is on the 3rd Sunday of April.

English/Irish Interest Group

The next meeting is 5 April with a topic to be confirmed. Contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com for further details.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The Scandinavian Interest Group has collected several genealogical books, atlases, maps and records from Scandinavia.

The group will meet on 17 May at 12.30pm. Please see the GSQ Calendar for actual dates in these months. Sometimes there are guest speakers talking about Scandinavian research and migration.

For more information about the group and the meetings, contact steinar@optusnet.com.au.

Computer Interest Group

This group plans to meet on 10 May at 10.00 am at the Resource Centre.



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

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Monday - closed

Tuesday - 10am - 3pm

Wednesday - 10am - 3pm

Thursday - 10am - 3pm

Friday - 10am - 3pm

Saturday - 12 noon - 4pm

2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the
month - 6pm-9pm.

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.gsq.org.au

Raffles

Tickets are selling well in our March/April raffle, the prize being an Epson Copier, Scanner, Printer with a value of over \$60.00 with tickets still only \$1.00. This raffle will be drawn on 2 May, 2009. We will happily post tickets to country members - Stamps, Money Orders & Cheques accepted. As well, there is a Basket of Easter Eggs being raffled (\$1/ticket) and this will be drawn on April 6. Thanks to all for their generosity.

Genealogy classes

On Sunday April 26, a class will be held on "Writing Your Family Story" in words and pictures from 10am until 2pm. Cost is \$30 and includes notes and morning tea. Bookings can be made by phoning GSQ on 3891 5085.

Looking ahead, there are classes in May on "Choosing a Family History Program" as well as a "Presentation Skills Workshop".

A full schedule of classes for the year is available on the GSQ website or by phoning GSQ on 3891 5085, email:

gsq1@optusnet.com.au.

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For the latest web version and past editions, see our website at: <http://www.gsq.org.au/society/eNews.html>

Volunteer Update

We have some many wonderful volunteers – some who give of their time each, week, others on a fortnightly or monthly basis. To each and every one, thank you! We are able to provide the services we do, because of you. If any of our members have just one or two hours they would like to give, then we can find something for you too! Please call us on 3891 5085.

Josephine Nolan

Generation

Are you interested in assisting with the typing of articles for Generation? Please contact our Journal Editor on pstirland@hotmail.com for further information.

Pauline is also always on the look-out for stories to be published in Generation. These do not have to be long, you can include a photograph if you have one. If you would like any assistance, either with putting your story together or with typing up your work, please contact Pauline or GSQ.

Deadline for copy

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

josephine.nolan@bigpond.com or

gsq1@optusnet.com.au