

Diary Dates

February:

- Saturday 2nd – Management Committee Planning 9-12 noon
- Sunday 2nd – English/Irish Group 10am-2.30pm
- Saturday 9th – Management Committee 9-12 noon
- Sunday 10th – Convict Connections – 10am-2.30pm
- Tuesday 12th – 5 week Introductory Genealogy course begins 7-9pm
- Tuesday 19th – Introductory Genealogy Class – Module 1 – 7-9pm
- Saturday 23rd – Intermediate Genealogy – 9-11am
- Sunday 24th – Intermediate Genealogy Course – 9am-4pm
- Monday 25th – e-News deadline for March edition

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From the Editors

Hello and welcome to the February issue of GSQ's e-newsletter. Are you all watching the Australian version of *Who Do You think You Are?* The stories have all been interesting so far and we hope that there will be significant benefits for GSQ as more people are attracted to researching their family history by watching programs such as this. There are so many ways in which you can help your Society, so if you want to get more involved contact Josephine Nolan or Trish Sampson at GSQ and discuss with them what you would like to do. As always, your contributions are welcome. Items for inclusion in the e-News can be sent to the Editorial Team c/- Pauline at pstirland@hotmail.com or gsq1@optusnet.com.au. Deadline is 25th of each month.

Members Interests

GSQ has for many years included lists of Members' Interests in each edition of *Generation* and details of members' interests have also been included on the website. Many new members may not realise that this comes as part of their membership. To ensure that details are current we have removed the list that was previously available on the website and will replace it with updated information as this becomes available from members. All members are therefore invited to send in their lists of research interests to Josephine Nolan at GSQ, gsq1@optusnet.com.au. Submissions in the format currently on our website would be preferred and please provide an email contact address wherever possible.

Website Update

Increasingly, a website is an organisation's Window to the World. Several members of the Management Committee are working with Mary Brettel, Webmaster, to update GSQ's website. This is an ongoing process. As noted elsewhere, we'll be putting up a Calendar of Events, our Branch and Interest Group pages are being updated, as well as members' research interests. We are also investigating processes for on-line payments and sales of our publications. If anyone has ideas about other things they would like to see on the site, please contact Pauline at pstirland@hotmail.com.

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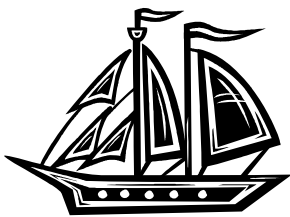
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*Only a Genealogist
regards a step
backwards as
progress.*



*Looking for help to
find those pesky
ancestors?*

Computer Grant Update

All the computer equipment has now arrived and Paul Mann is setting up the computers. We plan to store most of our CD records on to an external hard drive so that they are accessible from every computer. This will take some time before it is completed, but all the equipment should be ready for action in early February – the CDs will be progressively removed as they are loaded on to the network. The new

monitors are already in use and those members who have used them are delighted with the clarity.

We have left some of the older computers in place whilst the records and the new printer are installed on the new ones. The old ones will be removed or relocated once we know we have everything up and running.

GSQ Calendar

The Management Committee is putting together a Calendar of Events to cover all GSQ's events as well as those of broader interest, e.g. Heritage Week, National History Week. This will be published on the website and also in a prominent position at GSQ. If anyone knows of an event that would be of interest to other members, please let Pauline know so that she can promote this in the e-newsletter and also include it on the Calendar.

February Raffle

The first raffle for the year is a cheese platter, using an alex Liddy hand-painted ceramic plate, which will come with a range of cheeses and biscuits. Tickets are \$1 each. Drawing date is February 19th.

Easter Raffle

Josephine is putting together an Easter Hamper and would appreciate donations for inclusion. Please leave your donations for Josephine at GSQ.

SLQ – Getting started in family history seminars

State Library of Queensland offers regular seminars in its "Getting Started in family history at SLQ" series. Upcoming seminars include:
Fri 22 Feb 10am-12noon: Shipping and immigration
Fri 28 Mar 10am-12noon: Convict records.

Full details of these seminars are available on the State Library website: www.slq.qld.gov.au

Southern Suburbs February meeting

Southern Suburbs announces its February speaker is Helen Smith. Helen will be talking about William Busby, Stonemason of Toowong. This will be held on Monday 18th February at 8pm at the Upper Mt Gravatt Scout Den, Carson Lane off Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt. All are welcome. Contact the Secretary npalexander@optusnet.com.au for further details.

Net Nibbles

There are lots of interesting sites for you to explore on the internet this month and we highlight a couple relating to migration to the UK. Rumours abound that the inbound passenger lists for the UK will be online in the near future. These are drawn from ships' passenger lists of voyages to the UK from destinations outside Europe from 1878 to 1960, contained in series BT26 at the National Archives. They are arranged in date order by port of arrival. Unfortunately, they are not indexed, so unless you know the port of arrival and ship, and an approximate date, a search can be quite time consuming. However, there is also an on-going National Archives project called *Travel to the UK* to improve information online and link ships to their port of arrival in the UK.

It is also worth checking out the Moving Here website: <http://www.movinghere.org.uk/> which provides specific links relating to immigration by the Caribbean, South-Asian, Irish and Jewish communities to England. This site provides links to relevant National Archives www.nationalarchives.gov.uk fact sheets.

Advance information on The National Archives projects at Kew is available in a free monthly e-newsletter. You can subscribe at their website: www.nationalarchives.gov.uk.

January's newsletter announces the availability of Royal Navy Wills. You can search and download around 35,000 Royal Navy Wills. They cover men who joined the Royal Navy between 1786 and 1882. It is possible to search by name, rating, ship, date of will or keyword. Searching the indexes is free but charges apply for downloading documents via their Documents Online service. Another interesting website is based on a UK TV program called The History Detectives produced by The Open University:

www.open2.net/historydetectives. The detectives are an archaeologist, engineering heritage expert and a historian. Each week the team examines treasures found by families and explores the story of the items and their broader historical context. What is particularly interesting, is an interactive feature called "High Street History" where you can take a virtual walk down a typical high street.



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

Interest Group Dates – February and March

The English/Irish Group's first meeting for the year is on Sunday 3rd February from 10am to 2.30pm. All members with research interests in England and Ireland are welcome to attend and a gold coin donation is appreciated. The Convict Connections Group next meets on Sunday 9th February from 10am-2.30pm.

Four Interest Groups meet in March:
Scottish – 2 March 10am-2.30pm
Computer – 9 March 10am-2.30pm
Scandinavian – 16 March 12.30-2.30pm
German – 30 March 10am-2.30pm

The **Scottish Group** is pleased to offer a talk on Scottish Burial Grounds on Sunday 2 March 2008 from 2pm to 3pm. Explore the wonders of the Glasgow Necropolis and Ancient Scottish Burial Grounds with guest speaker **HILDA MACLEAN**, President of Friends of Toowong Cemetery, who has recently returned from a study of Overseas Cemeteries' Visitor Education Programmes under a Churchill Fellowship. Hilda will share her knowledge and experiences. Cost is \$5 per person and bookings are essential. Closing date is 29 February 2008. Please contact GSQ for more details.



*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

Volunteer Corner

Do you have any expertise in marketing? Your GSQ has an opportunity to apply for grant funding for the development of a marketing strategy and is looking for somebody to give advice on what should be included in our submission. Please contact our Treasurer, Russell Fraser at rfr77608@bigpond.net.au if you can spare a few minutes to help!

National Archives of Australia Open Day

National Archives of Australia (NAA) is holding an Open Day themed "Shake Your Family Tree" on 27 February. GSQ will be delivering a short presentation about the Society as well as providing display material and a help desk. NAA is located at 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill. Anyone wishing to assist on the day is invited to contact Russell Fraser at GSQ.

AFFHO 2009

The **Australian Federation of Family History Organisations** is holding its 12th Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry in Auckland, New Zealand from 16 to 20 January 2009. Regular newsletters entitled *Congress Clarion* are being issued. Check out the website for more details and to subscribe to the newsletter: www.affhocongress2009.org

Ancestry.com.au

Ancestry.com.au is the major sponsor of the Australian Who do you think you are? Series and as part of that sponsorship, is offering a range of information for subscribers. Records available include Australian electoral rolls for 1901 – 1936. A 14-day free trial is also possible. Other records include Convict Transportation Records (1788-1868) and 104 years of British Phone Books online. It's worth remembering that many public libraries provide free access to Ancestry and GSQ is also investigating whether we should obtain a subscription for GSQ members within the Library at Fisher Street.

Genealogy Classes

Our genealogy classes resume with a five-week introductory program on Tuesday evenings from 7-9pm commencing 12 February. Bookings are essential and can be made to Pauline at pstirland@hotmail.com or at GSQ on gsq1@optusnet.com.au. We are also offering intermediate courses and a day class on Internet Searching and Family History Programs. Full details are available either at GSQ or on the website.

Deadline for copy

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

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