

Diary Dates January:

- 3rd: 12noon-4pm – GSQ open
- 4th: 10am-2.30pm – Scottish Group
- 7th: 10am-3pm GSQ open
- 10th: 9am-12 noon Management Committee meeting
- 10th: 10am-12 noon SLQ Family History Presentation Bookings qtix 136 246 \$9.50
- 10th: 9am-4pm – Queensland Archives Runcorn Saturday opening
- 11th: 10am-2.30pm Computer Interest Group
- 12th: 7.30-9pm – North Brisbane – guest speaker
- 13th: GSQ resumes normal opening hours
- 14th: 6pm-9pm Wednesday Night Opening
- 17th: 10am - GSQ volunteers morning tea
- 18th: 12.30pm-2.30pm Scandinavian Group
- 20th: 10.30am-12.30pm SLQ workshop – Newspapers. Bookings qtix 136 246 FREE
- 21st: 10-11am State Archives Seminar. Bookings 3131 7777. FREE
- 25th: 10am-2.30pm German Research Group
- 25th: e-News deadline for February edition
- 26th: North Brisbane Branch monthly meeting
- 28th: 6-9pm Wednesday night opening
- 28th: Beaudesert Branch meeting

February

- 1st – English/Irish Group

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From the Editors

Hello and welcome to the January 2009 issue of GSQ's e-newsletter. The hurly burly of Christmas is now over and we hope that all members had a pleasant holiday season. Now is the time to be setting your research goals for the New Year and we hope this includes spending some time at GSQ. We look forward to welcoming you to the Library. As always, contributions to this e-newsletter are welcome. Please send any items for the February issue to the Editorial Team c/- Pauline at pstirland@hotmail.com or c/- GSQ at gsq1@optusnet.com.au. Deadline is 25th of each month. **Pauline, Paul and Josephine, your Editorial Team.**

From the President

Hello everyone

I hope you enjoyed your Christmas and are looking forward to the New Year. Perhaps you are like me and using the time to organise and update your family history. I have been sitting watching the cricket and processing a year's worth of data entry. If this is what you are doing, may I suggest that you spend a few minutes completing the membership survey that was included in the December copy of Generation. If you haven't got the survey please email me on presidentgsg@optusnet.com.au.

The purpose of the survey is to give the Management Committee information on how and why your GSQ membership is valuable to you. We are also looking for input on how we can improve the services available to members. You are our clients, if you like, and we would like to know what your views are. Completion of the survey will only take a few minutes so please take the time to provide your views.

If you were watching the news earlier in December, you may be aware that 10 December 2008 was Proclamation Day and next year on that date is the 150th Anniversary of the Colony of Queensland separating from the Colony of New South Wales. This marks the official commencement of Queensland as a separate entity. To mark the 150th Anniversary of the Separation of Queensland, GSQ is asking people who are interested to submit information on people who were in Queensland some time between 1859 and 1901. This data will be included in our Queensland Muster. After you have finished your membership survey can I suggest that you also take the time to enter your favourite ancestors on the Muster. If you haven't already obtained the submission forms, please contact us by email on projectsgsq@optusnet.com.au
Take Care and Happy New Year.

Marg Doherty

Management Committee Vacancy

A vacancy has arisen on the Management Committee following the resignation of Trish Sampson due to changed personal circumstances. Anyone interested should contact Marg Doherty at presidentgsg@optusnet.com.au

Computing equipment

Funded by



Gambling

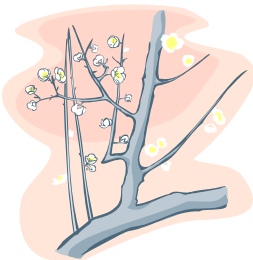
Community Benefit Fund

Queensland Government

Thank you
Gambling Community
Benefit Fund!



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



Branch News

Q150 Project Update

The software for the Q150 project, Queensland Muster Roll 2009, is almost ready. A testing period has just taken place and the last few bugs will be ironed out in the first week of January. Data entry sheets have started to roll in and we're ready for more. There are two forms for people wanting to submit new information about their families: one for electronic data entry and the other to be submitted in hard copy format. We're also still looking for as many volunteers as possible to help with the data entry. Forms can be emailed to you on request or can be downloaded through the links below:

Form Instructions:

<http://tinyurl.com/GSQ150/Data%20Entry%20Instructions%20final.doc>

Data Entry forms

Handwritten: <http://tinyurl.com/GSQ150/Data%20Entry%20Form%20-%20handwritten%20final.doc>

Typed: <http://tinyurl.com/GSQ150/Data%20Entry%20Form%20final.doc>

Story data entry forms

Handwritten: <http://tinyurl.com/GSQ150/Story%20Form%20-%20handwritten%20final.doc>

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Data Entry Tool and Instructions for installation on your computer

Instructions: <http://tinyurl.com/DataCollectionToolInstallationInstructionsV3.doc>

Program: <http://tinyurl.com/GSQ150/MusterRollSetup.exe>

Paul, Josephine and Russell on behalf of the Project Team

North Brisbane

The first meeting for 2009 for the **North Brisbane Branch** is on Monday, 12th January 7-9pm. 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.

Bayside Branch

Bayside Branch of GSQ meets on Thursday 8th January at 7.30 – 9pm 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.

Southern Suburbs

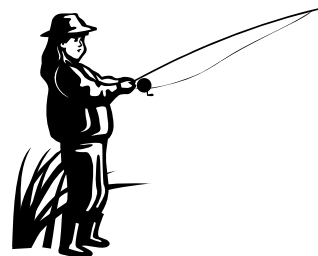
Southern Suburbs Branch of GSQ Inc will next meet on Monday 19th January. Doors will open at 6.45pm and the meeting commences at 7.30. We will be having two guest speakers: Carmel Bell speaking on 'The highs and lows of organising a family re-union' and Sondra Stafford speaking on 'How I solved my family history mystery'. The Branch meets at Upper Mt. Gravatt Scout Den, 1873 Logan Road, Upper Mt. Gravatt (down Carson Lane between Upper Mt. Gravatt School and the Progress Hall.) More information from Noele Alexander on npalexander@optusnet.com.au

Net Nibbles

The most exciting news for those with UK ancestry has been the availability of a Beta version of the 1911 UK census (<http://www.1911census.co.uk/learn-about-the-census.php>). The great thing about this is that you could view the actual householder's schedules – my two great-grandfathers wrote very carefully and clearly. Charles Stirland says he was born at Cinder Hill, Nottinghamshire, whereas his birth certificate says Basford, NTT. A quick Google search shows that a coal mine was sunk at Cinder Hill in 1841, so it all makes sense for my coalmining ancestors in the Derbyshire/Nottinghamshire area. The 1911 census is being released in the same order as the registration districts, so London and the Southern Counties were well represented. Those with ancestry in the northern counties and Wales will have to wait – I found my Derbyshire families because the registration district is in Staffordshire – Derbyshire itself is not yet available. The site was due to go down on 30th December. The full census will be progressively released from 2009.

The **Irish Family History Foundation** continues to make more records available on-line – the latest are **Roman Catholic baptism** records of the **Wicklow Family History Centre** covering the parishes of county **Wicklow**. Check out the website for up-to-date details. <http://ifhf.brsgenealogy.com/map.php>

That's all from **Ali the Net Nibbler** for this month.



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

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

Individual GSQ members hire films from the LDS to help them in their research. These may be of interest to other members as well. If you are interested, you are also able to look at the films although we ask for a small donation to support the service. Please note that the person who ordered the film will have priority access. A new batch of films has just arrived and is being processed now, so details are not available as we go to press. Please ask at the desk for details.

Events

The 2008 end of year Volunteer Thank You morning tea was cancelled due to problems caused by the storms. This is now being held on **17 January, 10am** at the Fisher Street Library. If you previously received an individual invitation, either by email or snail mail, would you please confirm whether you are able to attend or not – we need this information for catering purposes. **RSVP by 13 January 2009.**

A reminder of GSQ's opening hours in January: Saturday 3rd January, Wednesday 7th January, Saturday 10th January. On Saturdays we'll be open from 12noon to 4pm and on the Wednesday we'll be open 10am to 3pm. Normal opening hours resume on Tuesday 13 January.

Saturday 10th January 10am-12noon. State Library Family History Presentation "Join Up: A family history networking event". Tickets \$9.50 bookings qtix 136 246. GSQ will join with QFHS, LDS Church and SLQ to present information to attendees on the benefits of joining a society, including the resources available.



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

Interest Groups Update

Interest Group meetings scheduled for January are: 4th Scottish Group; 11th Computer Interest Group; 18th Scandinavian Group; 25th German Research Group. These Interest Group meetings are open to all members. A gold coin donation is appreciated. Doors open 10.00am to 2.30pm, except for Scandinavian Group, which is from 12.30pm. Interest Group dates for 2009 were published in the December **Generation** and are on display at Fisher Street.

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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

Our Christmas Raffle with a first prize of a \$50 **Goulds Books Voucher** and a second prize of a **Basket of Goodies** was drawn on December 19. The winning ticket was Red B12 bought by Yvonne Moore and Tony Burrows was the lucky winner of the second prize with ticket Orange E58. We would be delighted to hear from any of our members who would be prepared to organise the Raffles in 2009. This is not an onerous task – and the rewards are that GSQ benefits from the extra income raised through the year. Please contact Marg Doherty at presidentgsq@optusnet.com.au if you are interested.

Genealogy classes

A schedule of classes for 2009 will be released early in the New Year. Details will be published at GSQ and on the GSQ website. We plan to offer a suite of classes in different formats to suit the wide range of members' needs. More information is available from Pauline at pstirland@hotmail.com.

Family History Tour to Salt Lake City – August 2009

GSQ has received information about a planned tour to Salt Lake City in August 2009. We cannot give any endorsement to this proposed tour at all – it's at your own risk. Anyone interested in finding out more information should contact Tracey at tracey@travelbytracey.com.au.

Volunteer Update

Our major volunteer effort for 2009 is the Queensland Muster Roll project, details of which are set out above. The data entry of the green forms from the 1988 Muster Roll is one of our first priorities and if you have not already volunteered to assist, and would like to, then please email me on josephine.nolan@bigpond.com

If you don't think you can help with this, but would still like to volunteer some time to GSQ, there is always a place for you! Don't hesitate to contact me.

Josephine Nolan

Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor Project

As part of the Darra to Springfield Transport Corridor project, you are invited to send in a story of your local area of up to 150 words with photo if available. Themes are: Cultural heritage and settlement history; natural environment; looking to the future. Entries close 5pm Monday 2 February 2009. For further information phone: 1800 887 464 or see www.qr.com.au/seqip/projects/springfield;

Grant application unsuccessful

Unfortunately, GSQ's application for a grant from the Jupiter's Casino Gambling Benefit Fund was not successful. This application was to purchase a replacement microfilm/fiche printer/reader. As our old machine is being repaired we have a little leeway to source alternate means of funding.

Deadline for copy

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

pstirland@hotmail.com or

gsq1@optusnet.com.au