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Diary Dates June:

- 5th – 9.30-11.30 Holdings of the Resource Centre
- 6th – 10am-2.30pm Scottish Group
- 9th – 6-9pm Wednesday Evening Opening
- 10th – 7.30-9.30pm Bayside Branch monthly meeting
- 11th – Nominations close for GSQ Management Committee
- 12th – 9am-12 noon – GSQ Management Committee
- 13th – 10am-2.30pm Computer Group meeting
- 14th – North Brisbane Branch monthly speaker – Paul Mann
- 14th – Deadline for articles for September Generation
- 16th – 9-10am NAA Seminar – Nuclear Australia, 1940s-1970s. NAA, Cannon Hill
- 19th – 9-10am - NAA seminar
- 20th – 12.30-2.30pm Scandinavian Group
- 21st – 12.30-2.30pm Holdings of the Resource Centre
- 23rd – Beaudesert Branch monthly meeting
- 23rd – 6-9pm – GSQ Wednesday night opening
- 25th – e-News deadline for June edition
- 27th – German Research Group meeting
- 28th – 7.30-9.30pm North Brisbane Branch monthly meeting
- August 3rd – English/Irish Interest Group

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From the Editors

Hello and welcome to the June issue of GSQ's e-newsletter. I hope you all received your copy of the June **Generation**. Thanks go to Christine Smith and everyone else who helped to pull this together. We must apologise for the inconvenience caused members by the problems with the microfilm printer. This machine has served the Society well but has been problematic recently. We are finalising a grant application to purchase a new machine but cannot purchase one until we hear about the grant. In the meantime, we've been considering as many alternatives as possible. Members with digital cameras can use these to copy the record from the screen. We'll keep you informed. As always, contributions to this e-newsletter are welcome and can be sent to the Editorial Team c/- Pauline at pstirland@hotmail.com or gsq1@optusnet.com.au. Deadline is 25th of each month.

Queensland 150th Anniversary Project funded

We're pleased to announce that the Society has been granted \$10,000 from the Q150 fund for a project to update the Muster Roll which was originally produced in 1988. Russell Fraser is Project Manager. One of the outcomes of this successful submission is the need to have a large band of volunteers available who will do the necessary data entry of the biographical information. Our plans are that volunteers will be able to do the data entry in the comfort of their own homes. Helpers will be provided with a copy of the program for loading on their own computer. We encourage all our members to consider giving some time to this project. Please phone or email GSQ - Josephine will be delighted to hear from you.

GSQ at Qld Local and Family History Fair

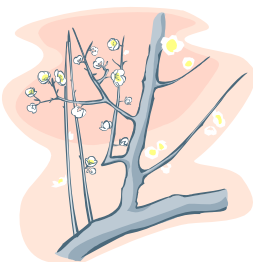




*Thank you
Gambling Community
Benefit Fund!*



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



Branch News

Editorial Team for Generation

As from the September issue, we are putting together an Editorial Team so that responsibility for **Generation** can be shared. If you were reluctant to take on the role of editor, maybe you're willing to help in sourcing stories or interesting snippets from old newspapers or gazettes. We have people who are able to type up stories, advice and guidance can be provided on writing and style, we have able proofreaders. We would like people who can bring a fresh eye to Generation. What do you like to read in the Journal? Let us know and we can ensure that you really enjoy what we produce. If you'd like to join the Editorial Team please contact Josephine Nolan at GSQ.

Deadline for articles for September Generation

A reminder that the deadline for articles for September Generation is **14 JULY 2008**. This is to allow us sufficient time to pull the journal together and get it to the printers as early as possible. Had a recent success? Read a good book lately? These could all be of interest to other members. Contact GSQ if you'd like some help. We look forward to seeing your name in print.

Management Committee nominations

Nominations for GSQ Management Committee close on Friday 11th July at 3.00pm. If you have thought of giving back to the Society, then perhaps one way of doing this is by joining the Management Committee. Committee meets for around 3 hours per month on the second Saturday morning of the month. An operational plan has been prepared over a series of meetings in 2008, the budget is being refined and a series of sub-committees has been established or re-established this year to share the load. It is an exciting time to be on the Committee as it moves into the next phase of its existence. If you are interested, please contact Paul Mann either at GSQ or on ciscoshell@hotmail.com.

Bayside Branch

Bayside Branch of GSQ meets on Thursday 10 July 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

The next meeting of the **Southern Suburbs Branch** of GSQ Inc is on Monday 21 July from 7:30pm to 9:00pm (doors open 6:45pm). The meeting is held at 7.30pm with the guest speaker at 8pm. Venue is Upper Mt Gravatt Scout Den, 1873 Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt (down Carson Lane between Upper Mt Gravatt State School and the Progress Hall).

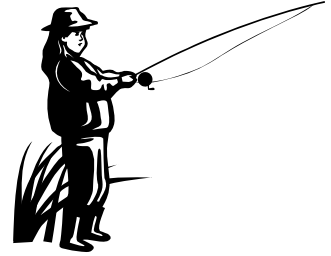
North Brisbane

The next meeting for the **North Brisbane Branch** is on Monday 14 July, 7-9pm. The speaker is Paul Mann talking about his role as President of GSQ. 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.

Net Nibble

Ancestry.com.au - Free Settlers Records

Ancestry.com.au is promoting widely the availability of records of 8.9 million names of passengers and crew who arrived in New South Wales as free settlers between 1826 and 1922. Perhaps your ancestor is listed. If your ancestor is not listed, don't despair – there are other ways to find out when and where they arrived. The Library Assistants at GSQ are always ready to help you.



Genealogy Classes

Introductory Classes at GSQ

Introductory classes are now finished for the first half of the year. We had excellent attendance at the weekend class on 28/29 June with many attendees joining the Society. We welcome the newcomers and hope you enjoy your association with the Society. The next courses will be offered in October, both in weekend format and over five Tuesday evenings. Dates will be announced in the near future. More information is available from Pauline at psirland@hotmail.com.

Specialist classes

A small group of members attended the one-day class on searching the Internet and making the most of your family history program on 15 June. As a result, Searching the Internet was a hands-on course with everyone having individual access to a computer. This worked really well and we're most appreciative of the time that Alison Williams gave to offering this class. In the afternoon Paul Mann outlined many features of family history programs, focussing particularly on Legacy which has just been upgraded to version 7. Copies of the notes for these sessions are available from GSQ.

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

Events

Elaine Lucas is offering a 2-hour presentation in July on the topic: ***The Holdings of the Resource Centre and How best to use them to find your Ancestors***. This will be offered on 2 separate occasions – Saturday, July 5, from 9.30 until 11.30 am, and Monday, July 21 from 10.00 am until 12 noon. The cost is \$5. Bookings can be made by contacting GSQ by email on gsq1@optusnet.com.au or phoning the Library on 3891 5085 during office hours.

Annual Seminar. This will be held on 16 August and will again be held at Queen Alexandra Home at Coorparoo. A booking form with more details was included with your **June Generation**. Bookings are essential. Please contact GSQ for more information.

Interest Groups Update

Interest Group meetings scheduled for July are 6 July Scottish Group; 13 July Computer Group; 20 July Scandinavian Group; 27 July German Group. These meetings are open to all members. A gold coin donation is appreciated. Doors open 10.00am to 2.30pm except for Scandinavian Group which opens at 12.30pm.

Computer Interest Group (13 July) – the next meeting of the Computer Interest group will be another 'question and answer' session starting at 10.30am. It could be on the internet, family tree programs, computer resources at GSQ or something completely different – you decide! Doors open from 10.00am to 2.30pm and members not wishing to participate in the organised session are welcome to use the other library resources.



*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

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

We're on the Web!

See us at:
www.gsq.org.au

Computer Update

You may have noticed this edition of e-News is a little later than usual. Unfortunately GSQ experienced an internet "outage" due to a fault in the phone line. The line fault was external to the building but meant that, whilst the phone worked, the computers in the library were unable to access the internet. The setup of the network is now reaching the final stages – if any of the computer resources that you used to use are still not available or have been missed, please send Paul an email at ciscoshell@hotmail.com or Christine at gsq1@optusnet.com.au.

Sub-Committee updates

Education and Events Sub-Committee

Our next major event is the Annual Seminar. Our small sub-committee is putting together an interesting program for you but we need the help of 4-5 people to look after catering for the day. Morning tea and a light lunch are included in the price of the seminar which is a bargain at \$45. The annual seminar is a major fund-raiser for the Society each year and if we don't get volunteers to assist with the catering, we'll have to bring in outside caterers. This would obviously eat into the funds that will be generated by the event. Please contact Josephine or Pauline at GSQ if you are willing to assist. We thank you in advance.

Building Sub-Committee

Whilst there is still over eighteen months to run on our current lease at Fisher Street, the Management Committee has commenced looking at alternate venues to ensure we have options when it comes time to negotiate a renewal. Paul Mann and Pauline Williams recently had an opportunity to attend a presentation by staff from the Brisbane City Council on the Community Buildings Program. The BCC has a host of Council owned properties that are leased to organisations such as ours for a nominal annual rent. Unfortunately none of the sites in this round suited our needs but it was still useful to gain an insight into the program. The meeting was also an opportunity to talk to members of other groups also looking for premises or interested in a joint building program.

Volunteer Update

Josephine Nolan and Trish Sampson are the Volunteer Coordinators. There are so many things that members can help with, depending on your interests, skills and time you have available. If you can spare some time on a regular basis, please contact either of them.

Ancestry subscription at GSQ

The Management Committee has decided to purchase one license for Ancestry worldwide for use by members in the Library. This will be available on one computer only. As we anticipate that this will be very popular it will be necessary for you to book and time slots are for 30 minutes. If there are no other members wishing to use Ancestry then it will be possible for additional timeslots to be made available. Watch out for more information in the Library once this becomes available.

June/July Raffle Prize Winner and July/August raffle is underway

Lucky Number 35 earned Fred Martin the grand sum of \$30 as winner of our June/July raffle. Congratulations Fred! Enjoy!! The July/August raffle will be up and running soon. One of the prizes will be a copy of Family Tree Maker (Platinum edition) kindly donated by Elma O'Toole. Tickets are available at GSQ.

Deadline for copy

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