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# GSQ e-News

## Diary Dates June:

- 1st – English/Irish Group CANCELLED
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 9am-4pm Qld Local & Family History Fair, Mt Gravatt Showgrounds.
- 6<sup>th</sup> – SLQ free training session – German Research
- 8<sup>th</sup> – 10am-2.30pm Convict Connections
- 9<sup>th</sup> – 7.30-9.30pm – North Brisbane monthly speaker
- 11<sup>th</sup> – 6-9pm GSQ Wednesday Night Opening
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 7.30-9pm Bayside Branch monthly meeting
- 14<sup>th</sup> – 9-12 noon Management Committee meeting
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 10am-2.30pm GSQ Course Internet Searching & Family History programs
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 7.30-9pm – Southern Suburbs Monthly speaker
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 9-10am - NAA seminar – Vietnam
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 9-10am – NAA seminar - Vietnam
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – 1.30-5.30pm – Southern Suburbs Monthly Sunday Opening
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – 7.30-9pm North Brisbane Branch monthly meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 6-9pm – GSQ Wednesday night opening
- 25<sup>th</sup> – e-News deadline for June edition
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Beaudesert Branch meeting
- July 6th – Scottish Interest Group

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## From the Editors

The year is certainly racing by. Hello and welcome to the June issue of GSQ's e-newsletter. May continued our series of busy months and there's more to come. The June edition of Generation is expected from the printers any day now so should be in the mail by the end of the week. We were going to include some photos of April activities in the web version of the e-News but unfortunately ran out of space. You'll see these in Generation instead. Do you like the new layout at Fisher Street? Based on feedback received from members, we did some further rearrangement of equipment and furniture. We'll leave things as they are for the foreseeable future, but if anyone has any suggestions or comments please let Paul know at GSQ. 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 [gsg1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsg1@optusnet.com.au). Deadline is 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## World Vital Records and Ancestry.com

We reported last time on the free trial of ProQuest (the Library version of Ancestry.com). Ancestry has entered into negotiations with a number of other Societies similar to GSQ to make their records available on Ancestry in return for a range of benefits. The Management Committee and the Monday Indexing Group have identified some records which could be used as the basis for such negotiations. However, we also had a presentation from Mr Alan Phillips of Gould Genealogy on **World Vital Records**. This resource website offers similar services in digitising and making records available on the internet, a license fee every time one of our records is accessed and other benefits. Committee obviously wants to get the best arrangement for the Society recognising the many hours of work that have been put in to create these records. We will therefore weigh up the various options before making a final decision. More information will be released in due course.

## Sub-Committee updates

### Education and Events Sub-Committee/Annual Seminar Subcommittee

Open Day for Heritage Week attracted a number of people interested in the Society. We signed up some new members and look forward to seeing them in the Library and at some of our events.

Our next major event is the Annual Seminar. Our small sub-committee would welcome any assistance that members can offer. Please contact GSQ if you are interested and able to assist.

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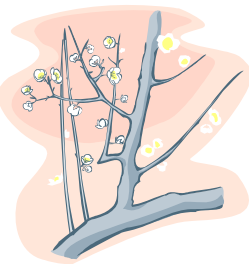
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*Only a Genealogist  
regards a step  
backwards as  
progress.*



*Branch News*

## Computer Grant Update

### Final report on new Computer Equipment

The acquittal for the GCBF grant has been finalised and sent to the Fund. Paul Mann continues to upload CDs on to the computers, although some of the older CDs are only viewable on the older computers. If there is an 'N' on the catalogue number label on the CD case, it means that the data is available on the network and you don't need to use the actual CD.

## Creative Memories Presentation

The Creative Memories presentation on Saturday 24 May was cancelled due to the small number of registrations. If anyone is interested in finding out more about Creative Memories workshops and products, we can provide you with the information. Contact GSQ for more information. Phone 3891 5085 or email [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au).

You may also like to check out the following link to the State Archives which talks about document preservation: [www.archives.qld.gov.au/exhibitions/enemies/default.asp](http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/exhibitions/enemies/default.asp).

## Bayside Branch

**Bayside Branch** of GSQ meets on Thursday 12 June at 7.30 – 9pm. 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). The Branch had a successful day on Saturday 17 May in Heritage Week when they set up a display in the conjunction with the Wynnum Library and other clubs in the Wynnum Library. Here's a photo of a couple of members talking with a visitor!



## Southern Suburbs

The next meeting of the **Southern Suburbs Branch** of GSQ Inc is on Monday 16th June from 7:30pm to 9:00pm (doors open 6:45pm). Guest Speaker is Janice Cooper 'Exploring our CD collection'. 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). Southern Suburbs holds its monthly Sunday Opening on the 22<sup>nd</sup> from 1.30pm to 5.30pm.

## North Brisbane

The next meeting for the **North Brisbane Branch** is on Monday 9 June, 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](mailto:holding@powerup.com.au).

## Net Nibbles

### *What is it worth?*

A gem of a site which allows you to compare, all things being equal, the historical worth of a US dollar or UK pound against today's currency. Handy when researching wills, land records etc. <http://www.measuringworth.com/ppoweruk/>.

### *Latinized Given Names*

Unable to differentiate your Abelotus from your Abelot or Guilielmus from William? Then this site is for you <http://homepages.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~oel/latinizingnames.html>. It features English names and their Latinised versions as found in records such as parish registers.



## Genealogy Classes

### Introductory Classes at GSQ

Bookings are still being taken for the following introductory course:

- ✚ An introductory weekend class from 9-11am Saturday and 9-4pm Sunday 28/29 June. Bookings are essential so we can ensure we have sufficient notes for participants. Please contact GSQ on [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au) or Pauline on [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com).

### Specialist classes

- ✚ A one-day class on searching the Internet and making the most of your family history program will be held on 15 June. Please contact GSQ on [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au) or Pauline on [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com).
- ✚ A two-hour presentation in July on the topic: ***The Holdings of the GSQ Resource Centre: What's in it for you, where to find it, what is it and how to use it in the search for your Family History.*** This session will be offered twice – the first on Saturday, July 5, from 9.30 until 11.30 am, and the second on Monday, July 21 from 10.00 am until 12 noon. Class presenter is Elaine Lucas, and the cost is \$5. Bookings can be made by contacting GSQ by email on [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au) or phoning the Library on 3891 5085 during office hours.

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

## Events

Future events include:

**History Queensland's 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Family and Local History Fair**, Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June at the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds, doors open 9am. The theme "One Hundred and fifty years on – celebrates Queensland's anniversary in 2009". GSQ will have a stall at the Fair so do stop by and say hello. For more information visit: [www.historyqueensland.org.au/Fairs.htm](http://www.historyqueensland.org.au/Fairs.htm).

**Annual Seminar.** This will be held on 16 August and will again be held at Queen Alexandra Home at Coorparoo. A booking form and more details will be included with your **June Generation**.

## 12th Australasian Congress on Genealogy & Heraldry

This Congress is to be held in Auckland, NZ in January 2009. The May edition of "Congress Clarion" is now available giving details of speakers. Registration is also now open and an on-line registration and credit card payment system are expected to go live in June. More details at the website: [www.affhocongress2009.org](http://www.affhocongress2009.org).




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

## Interest Groups Update

The Computer Group meeting for May was cancelled due to the clash with Mother's Day. The English/Irish Group meeting on 1 June is cancelled due to the clash with the Family and Local History Fair.

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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)

## 1911 UK Census Update

Those with UK ancestry are eagerly awaiting the release of the 1911 census. A recent report in Ancestors Magazine advises that work is underway on scanning the Enumerators' Summary Books. All records have been scanned and the images checked. The next step is for them to be transcribed and checked. Work has also started on scanning the household and other schedules which were filled out by the head of household on census night. There are approximately 8.5 million schedules and progress is good. ScotlandOnline which is the company awarded the contract to make the census available is building and testing the website. Check out [www.1911censusinfo.co.uk/census-news.php](http://www.1911censusinfo.co.uk/census-news.php) for updates.

## Legacy 7.0 Update

Legacy has begun shipping back-orders to customers and so fingers crossed it should be publicly released and available for download in the next month or so. In preparation for 7.0, Legacy has a pre-release version of Legacy Charting for free at <http://www.legacycharting.com/>. The software is quite user-friendly and allows you to select genealogy files from programs such as Personal Ancestral File (PAF), Family Tree Maker (FTM), Roots Magic and Legacy along with the standard GEDCOM. The only downside to this product is that it \*expires\* 15 June 2008. To continue using it you will need to either upgrade to 7.0 or purchase Legacy Charting. Paul will run a session on Legacy 7.0 at a Computer Group meeting as soon as he has had a chance to look at it.

## FamilySearch update

The FamilySearch website <http://pilot.familysearch.org/recordsearch/start.html> has been updated with some significant changes. You no longer need to log in to view records and you can now search at a county/state level for some records. Latest records are mostly American but there are also German, Norwegian, Spanish, French, Czech and Mexican records available.

## Volunteer Update

We continue to be encouraged by the amount of work that our volunteers do for the benefit of GSQ. Thanks to everyone for your time and energy! The cataloguing exercise is close to being finished and we are now planning for the next jobs that need attention. Look forward to a phone call from Josephine. Check out future editions of e-News for more information.

## May/June Raffle

Our May/June Raffle, which will be drawn on Friday, June 27, is a Lucky Number Board. Pick a number between 1 and 100 for just \$1 a go, and you will have a chance to win \$30. As always, we are very willing to accept any postal orders for tickets. Proceeds from our raffles go towards the needs of the Society. Thank you for your support!

## 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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