

Diary Dates March:

- Sunday 2nd –
Scottish Group
10am-2.30pm
- Tuesday 4th –
Introductory
Genealogy Class
module 2. 7-9pm
- Saturday 8th –
Management
Committee meeting
9am-12 noon
- Sunday 9th –
Computer Interest
Group 10am-2.30
- Tuesday 11th –
Introductory
Genealogy course
Module 3. 7-9pm
- Sunday 16th –
Scandinavian Group
12.30-2.30pm
- Tuesday 18th –
Introductory
Genealogy Class
Module 4 – 7-9pm
- Sunday 30th –
German Research
Group – 10am-
2.30pm
- Tuesday 25th – e-
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April edition

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From the Editors

Hello and welcome to the March issue of GSQ's e-newsletter. We would like to thank all those patient members who have put up with the disruption caused at our Fisher Street Library due to water seepage from the recent heavy rains. The carpets have all been dried off, the furniture has been replaced and hopefully everything is back in order. We are working with the Landlord to try and prevent this situation recurring. 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.

Internet Update

We apologise to those who endured our recent periods of slow internet access in the library. We exceeded our download limits in setting up the new computers and therefore reverted to "dial-up" speed. Our account has now been upgraded and should cope with the increasing demand from members. When using the computers during busy times, please consider fellow members by restricting your session to less than half an hour or moving if requested by a library assistant.

GSQ sub-committees

The Management Committee has had several meetings to develop a forward plan for the Society to ensure our long-term survival. As part of the planning process we have set up or reconvened a number of sub-committees and working groups. Each sub-committee/working group is headed up by a member of the Management Committee, includes at least one other member of the Committee and we are looking for other members who may have special interests or expertise to join us. These sub-committees or working groups will not need to meet as frequently as Management Committee. The following groups have vacancies:

- Education and Events (see also Annual Seminar sub-committee below and this also comprises Publicity and Promotions)
- Projects and Publications

If you are interested, please contact either Paul Mann, President, on ciscoshell@hotmail.com or Pauline Williams, Secretary, on pstirland@hotmail.com. We can provide you with more information about each group's role and put you in touch with the Convenor. We look forward to hearing from you.

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Benefit Fund!**Only a Genealogist
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backwards as
progress.**Looking for help to
find those pesky
ancestors?*

Computer Grant Update

All the new equipment has now been placed in the library and is in various stages of installation. A network switch was added last week so we now have access to the internet on all five library computers. The CDroms are slowly being installed into the network and a small selection can be seen from the desktop shortcuts on the new Computers. The new laser printer is

connected to the network but for now access has been limited to PC 1. The new projector has been given a workout during the recent beginners' classes and looks good. The laptop and/or projector are available for use by all members for GSQ related purposes. Please contact Christine Smith for further details.

GSQ Seminar Planning Sub-Committee

Planning is underway for the Annual Seminar. There is a sub-committee with members including Josephine Nolan, Margaret Doherty, John Mavor and Pauline Williams. We have confirmed the date: 16th August and the venue: Queen Alexandra Home, Old Cleveland Road and we have several speakers tentatively booked. Input from other members would be welcome, especially if you can assist with promotion, sponsorship, stalls, ideas for speakers, catering, etc., etc. Please leave your details at GSQ and we'll be in touch.

Bayside Branch

On 6 March at 10am **Bayside Branch** is having a Morning Tea at the home of one of their members, Val Hanlon. This has become a regular event. An informal way to ask questions, give some hints and pass on General Knowledge. Val has a subscription to Findmypast and is happy to help out members' queries on the day. A donation of \$5 is asked which is a good fundraiser and of course the morning tea is delicious. Further information is available by emailing Elma O'Toole at ashelm@bigpond.com

North Brisbane

Guest Speakers at **North Brisbane Branch** for the next 2 months are:
Monday March 10 - Peter Nunan from the Queensland Maritime Museum
Monday April 14 - Garth Elvery speaking on the Genealogical Program "Family Tree Maker"
More details from Margaret Holding at holding@powerup.com.au.
Meetings are held at Fallon Cottage, Fallon Street, Everton Park 4053 (*behind the Everton Park Library*).

Southern Suburbs

The next meeting of the **Southern Suburbs Branch** of GSQ Inc is on 17 March. The meeting is held at 7.30pm and their guest speaker at 8pm is **JUDY WEBSTER** whose topic is "Immigration and what to do if you can't find them." The meeting is at Upper Mt Gravatt Scout Den, 1873 Logan Road, Upper Mt Gravatt (down Carson Lane between Upper Mt Gravatt State School and the Progress Hall). (See also "Net Nibbles" for more information on Judy's activities.)

Net Nibbles

Looking for ancestors in Southern Queensland (both East & West)? Judy Webster's website <http://www.judywebster.gil.com.au/> may prove just the thing. She has indexed a large number of prison, asylum & headstone records on her site. She does offer a research service but it is not necessary to hire her in order to view the records on her site. Judy is also Southern Suburbs guest speaker for March.

Staying in Australia, tracking down names of towns in Australia can be difficult so why not try Geoscience Australia's Gazetteer at <http://www.ga.gov.au/map/names/>. The advantage over Google Earth is that it caters for smaller places and even lists unofficial names.

Pioneer Register – Genealogical Project

Pioneer Register – Genealogical Project: Expressions of interest are sought from interested individuals willing to become part of a team to research and compile a pioneer register/genealogical project covering the early settlement/settlers in the 17 Mile Rocks and surrounding areas. This research is to cover the period between 1860 and 1889. Anyone interested in joining the team or with information relevant to the project can contact Ruth Carmichael on 3279 1324 (business hours) after 11 February 2008 or email carmicha@bigpond.net.au.

Sources for Irish Research

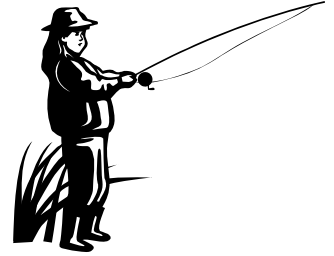
GSQ has received some back copies of 'All Ireland Sources' Newsletter. This is a monthly newsletter distributed by email to family history societies. Copies are also available for downloading from www.sag.org.au. This is worth checking out if you have Irish ancestors and are looking for sources of information.

Interest Group Dates – March and April

The Interest Groups are now in full swing for the year. Groups meeting in March are as follows. Times are from 10am to 2.30pm unless otherwise stated.

2nd – Scottish Group with guest speaker – Hilda McLean
9th – Computer Interest Group
16th Scandinavian Group (from 12.30pm-2.30pm)
30th – German Research Group.
Meetings scheduled for April are:
6th English/Irish Group
13th Convict Connections.

Computer Interest Group – The next meeting of the CIG will be on Sunday 9th March and will be a question and answer session. Doors open from 10am to 2:30pm and the session will commence about 10:30 and run until 12noon. The library will also be available for research before and after the session. Paul will be using the afternoon to copy further CDs to the network so if you know how to copy computer files and would like to assist please let him know. Paul Mann - Ciscoshell@hotmail.com.



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



*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

Volunteer Corner

The next issue of *Generation* will include an insert about the important role our volunteers play in the life of our Society. Don't miss it!

The day-to-day life of GSQ relies heavily on the generosity of our volunteers and we are currently planning a check of our catalogue, cross-referencing the resources we have with the data on our software. This job will require many hours of work to see it to completion, but it is also a job which can be done by a team, a couple of workers, or on one's own! With that in mind, we are now calling for volunteers to let us know if they can help. Please phone GSQ (3891 5085) or send us an email (gsq1@optusnet.com.au) so that we can add your name to the list. As well, there is a list at the desk where you can add your name the next time you visit.

Genealogy Classes

Our five-week introductory genealogy course is well under way and we have just finished a weekend Intermediate Class on 23/24 February. We are delighted that the majority of attendees take out GSQ membership and we look forward to seeing you in the Library as you progress your research – if you need any help just ask a volunteer library assistant! Bookings are still open for classes scheduled for May and June. Please email Pauline at pstirland@hotmail.com or at GSQ on gsq1@optusnet.com.au. The timetable for classes in the second half of the year is still to be finalised and dates will be publicised in due course.

Monthly Raffles

The monthly raffles are an important part of our fundraising for the Society and we take this opportunity to thank all those who purchase tickets each month, and those who have donated items for our various prizes.

Our **January/February** Raffle of a Cheese Platter was won by **Eris Powell**. The platter itself was a lovely hand-painted ceramic by *alex Liddy*. Congratulations Eris.

Our **February/March** Raffle is a *Basket of Goodies* with an Easter theme and tickets are on sale now at \$1/ticket. Tickets can be purchased when you call at GSQ, or by post, if it is more convenient. This raffle will be drawn on Thursday 20th March.

GSQ Lending Library

DID YOU KNOW..... That GSQ has a bookcase full of donated resources especially for loan to members at a small charge? Look for the bookcase with the red call numbers. You might find the path to that elusive ancestor! Betty Ellis Lending Library Coordinator

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