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# GSQ e-News

## Diary Dates May:

- 8<sup>th</sup> – 7.30-9pm Bayside Branch monthly meeting
- 10<sup>th</sup> – 9-12 noon Management Committee meeting
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Computer Group meeting cancelled.
- 11<sup>th</sup>- 18<sup>th</sup> – National Trust Heritage Week
- 12<sup>th</sup> – 7-9pm North Brisbane Branch meeting
- 16<sup>th</sup> – 10am-12 noon – SLQ training session
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 9-12 noon – GSQ Open Day
- 17<sup>th</sup> – 9-10am – NAA seminar
- 18<sup>th</sup> – 12.30-2.30pm – Scandinavian Group
- 19<sup>th</sup> – 7.30-9pm Southern Suburbs branch meeting
- 21<sup>st</sup> – 9-10am – NAA seminar
- 24<sup>th</sup> – 9-11.45am – Photo & Memorabilia presentation – Creative Memories at GSQ
- 25<sup>th</sup> – 10am-2.30pm German Group meeting
- 26<sup>th</sup> – 7-9pm – North Brisbane branch meeting
- 25<sup>th</sup> – e-News deadline for May edition
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Beaudesert Branch meeting
- 31<sup>st</sup> – 9.30am-3pm – TAFE Beginners Genealogy Class – Ithaca TAFE
- June 1<sup>st</sup> – English/Irish Group

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## From the Editors

Hello and welcome to the May issue of GSQ's e-newsletter. April certainly was a busy month for GSQ and this e-News highlights many of the activities. There are fuller reports in your June edition of *Generation*. The web version of this e-News will also include some photos. We are aiming to provide a variety of mechanisms for communicating with our members and other interested people and we enjoy hearing what format is best for you. 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 [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au). Deadline is 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

## Sub-Committee updates

### Grants sub-committee

Having submitted a couple of grant applications to different organisations in recent months, our current project is to obtain funding for a new microfilm/microfiche printer/reader. If successful we will purchase a machine with more lens options which should make it easier to read films. More news in due course.

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

This small group has organised a number of events recently. The two main activities where we would like some help are the Annual Seminar in August and Open Day for Heritage Week on 17 May. Please contact GSQ if you are interested and able to assist.

## Volunteer Working Bee

What a wonderful attendance! There were seventeen members who volunteered their assistance on Sunday, April 20, for the purpose of cross checking our catalogue with the items on the shelves. Work began at 9 am and the last to leave was at 4.45 pm. In that time books, magazines, fiche and CD entries were checked, shelves were dusted, items replaced, missing entries noted - all of which now poses more work when the catalogue is updated on our computer! There is a need to update our current catalogue program and a search is currently underway for something that will suit the needs of our Society.

The added bonus was that several attendees have volunteered to return to either finish the section they were working on, or to help with other jobs that need attention. Also, we mustn't overlook the fact that one of our members has been quietly working away on the book section for England, doing some checking on each of her regular visits to GSQ.

There may be other opportunities for a special working bee, but Josephine, Volunteer Coordinator, would like to stress the need for volunteers who are able to devote some time, perhaps once a month, to help with the many things that need doing at GSQ. As always, the more hands we have, the better! Again, many thanks for your wonderful work – it will go a long way to keeping our resources well recorded and in order!

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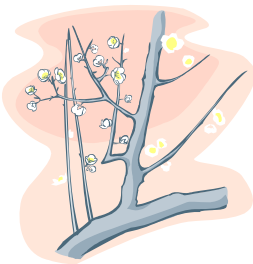
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*Thank you  
Gambling Community  
Benefit Fund!*




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




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*Branch News*

## Computer Grant Update

### Launch of new Computer Equipment

GSQ Management Committee members and GSQ members who had assisted with the GCBF grant application, the purchase and set-up of the computer equipment enjoyed afternoon tea on Wednesday 16 April with guests who had supported our grant application. Our guests included Ms Mary Philip, chair of the Gambling Community Benefit Fund, Mr Niles Elvery representing the State Archives, Ms Tina Langford, Electorate Officer for the Premier, Hon Anna Bligh and Ms Frances Rowe of History Queensland. Paul Mann, GSQ President, welcomed guests and described the major changes at GSQ that had been made possible by the Grant. Ms Philip outlined the role of the GCBF and GSQ member, Mr Fred Martin, a recent convert to computer technology explained how the technology assisted him in his research. Guests were given a tour of the Library and saw the new computers and network in action. A fuller report together with photos of the event will be in the June **Generation**.

## Creative Memories Presentation

On Saturday 24 May, the Genealogy Society of Queensland will be hosting a Photo & Memorabilia Solutions Presentation. This is an opportunity for our members to see and understand the photo and memorabilia solutions that Creative Memories has to offer. Whether you are looking for an appropriate way to organise your genealogy project materials or present them, Maria Kearney of Creative Memories will outline the solutions available and provide one-on-one assistance. The presentation, including a break for morning tea will commence at 9.00 am for 9.30, and finish no later than 11.45 am. We would appreciate a gold coin donation at the door to assist with catering for the morning tea. However, it will be important to know numbers, so please call GSQ on 3891 5085 or email [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au) to register your attendance!

## Bayside Branch

Guest Speaker at the **Bayside Branch** of GSQ on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April was Paul Mann. Paul gave members a good insight into the present and future plans for GSQ. The May meeting will be held on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> from 7:30pm to 9:00pm. 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).

## Southern Suburbs

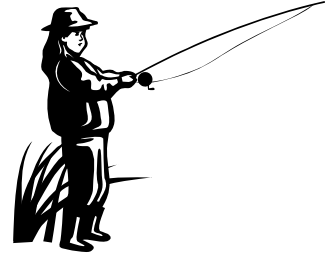
The next meeting of the **Southern Suburbs Branch** of GSQ Inc is on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May from 7:30pm to 9:00pm (doors open 6:45pm). Guest Speaker talking on "Identity theft" is Det. Sen. Con. Rod Shelton. The meeting is held at 7.30pm and their guest speaker is at 8pm. Venue is Upper Mt Gravatt 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 26 May. 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 Nibble

Did you have ancestors who lived in London? A fascinating series of documents is available on line from Charles Booth's research into the poorer areas of this great City in the 1890s. You can find colour-coded maps showing which streets were occupied by the "lowest class, vicious, semi-criminal" or the "Upper-middle and Upper classes. Wealthy". There are handwritten notebooks of interviews with individuals which set out sometimes heart-rending descriptions of the poverty-stricken situations of many of the poorer people in London. The level of personal detail is incredible. Visit <http://booth.lse.ac.uk>. An article on this fascinating archive can be found in the March 2008 issue of Ancestors magazine.



## Genealogy Classes

There are three remaining series of classes left for the first half of the year at GSQ.

- ⊗ A three-week **intermediate** class which covers convicts, military, probate and writing your family story will be held on Tuesday evenings 6, 13 and 20 May, 7-9pm.
- ⊗ A one-day class on searching the internet and making the most of your family history program will be held on 15 June.
- ⊗ 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).

The schedule for July to December will be available in the near future.

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

## Telstra Seniors Connected Computer Training

Over 20 members enrolled in the free introductory Telstra Seniors Connected computer training courses which were held at GSQ in April. We covered six modules in all: Introduction to the Internet; Introduction to email and attaching photos to emails and uploading photos to websites. Thanks must go in particular to Alison Williams, who gave up a significant part of her school holidays to run the Tuesday and Thursday classes. Telstra provided extensive notes and these are available to members for a small fee to cover the cost of photocopying. Please see one of the library assistants at GSQ. The notes are built around the Telstra Bigpond network, but the information can be adapted to other internet networks. A range of courses are available through this scheme and we will consider running additional courses later in the year if we are able to get funding.

## Ithaca TAFE to run Genealogy class

A couple of GSQ members are working with TAFE to offer an Introductory Genealogy Class at the Ithaca Campus. The class will be on Saturday 31st May from 9:30am to 3:00pm and will "offer an introduction to the fascinating hobby of tracing your family history". For further details see the TAFE website: [www.bn.tafe.qld.gov.au/courses\\_and\\_careers/ace/](http://www.bn.tafe.qld.gov.au/courses_and_careers/ace/)

## English/Irish Report - April

Alison Williams demonstrated two sites: family search labs (<http://labs.familysearch.org/>) which is a relatively new site offered by the Genealogical Society of Utah (LDS Church) which is still under construction. You need to register, but searching is free. The second site is Irish Roots (<http://irish-roots.ie/>) a site created by the Irish Family History Foundation. New records from Irish Family History Foundation centres in each member county are being uploaded all the time. The site allows you to search an index of records but you have to pay to view a record. Click on the map on the home page to search the currently available records.




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*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

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)

## U3A Computer Group Winter School

Computer related courses are being offered during the next semester break (30th June 2008 - 11 July 2008) for the first time in a couple of years. These will either be a half-day (10am-12 noon) costing approx. \$5 or a full day (10am-3pm) costing \$8 approx. The classes will be held at 150 Edward Street in the City. Firm details are not yet available, so anyone who is interested should contact U3A on (07) 3003 1490 or email: [u3abris@uqconnect.net](mailto:u3abris@uqconnect.net).

## National Trust Heritage Week

### 10-17 May

The theme is "Coming to Queensland": who were the people that came, why they came, how they got here and what they did when they arrived. GSQ will be participating again this year and will be holding an open day at the Fisher Street Library from 9:00am to 12:00noon on Saturday 17 May. If you would like to help by giving tours or assisting visitors with our records on the day please email [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au).

**Bayside Branch** is also holding an Open Day at their Resource Room at Moreton Bay Environment Centre, Charlotte Street, Wynnum on Wednesday 14 May from 9.30 - 12 noon. Members will be in attendance to offer any help. Then on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May between 9am - 2pm in conjunction with the Wynnum Library there is an event with the theme "Living Local: Lytton to Lota". Bayside Branch will have their own stall with a display of what they offer and some books by local members.

## SLQ Information Sessions

SLQ offers a number of information or training sessions each month. Many are of interest for those tracing their family tree - see further details on their website at:

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/events/training>. Note: Bookings are required.

## Ancestry.com

Those who have visited the GSQ library in the last couple of weeks would have noticed we had a free trial of Proquest (the Library version of Ancestry.com) on computer 5. The trial was only until the end of April and has proved to be very popular - thanks Russell for arranging this. The Management Committee is currently in discussion with Ancestry to try to secure a longer term deal. If we do get access to Ancestry and if we obtain more resources on CD, we may have to introduce time limits on using the computers to ensure that all members can get access.

## History Queensland's 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Family and Local History Fair

This will be held on Sunday, 1<sup>st</sup> June at the Mt Gravatt Showgrounds. Sponsored by the Queensland State Archives, this year's theme is "One Hundred and fifty years on - celebrating Queensland". This theme is of special significance as a wide range of organisations get set to celebrate Queensland's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2009. GSQ will have a stall at the Fair. For more information visit: [www.historyqueensland.org.au/Fairs.htm](http://www.historyqueensland.org.au/Fairs.htm)

## Mother's Day Raffle

Our current Raffle of a Mother's Day Pamper Pack (including two movie tickets) will be drawn on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> May. As always, we are very grateful for your support of these raffles. You can be assured that the Society puts any profits to good use. The Raffle can be found just inside the front door of GSQ!

## 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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