

Diary Dates November:

- 1st – 6pm-9pm Management Committee meeting
- 2nd – 10-2.30pm Scottish Group
- 8th – 9am-4pm Qld Archives, Runcorn, Saturday Opening
- 9th – 10am-2.30pm Computer Interest Group
- 10th – North Brisbane Branch monthly speaker
- 12th – 10-11am Qld Archives seminar
- 12th – 6-9pm Wednesday Night Opening
- 13th – 1.30-2.30pm SLQ Talk – Pioneers Uncovered
- 13th – 7.30-9.00pm Bayside Branch meeting
- 14th – 10.30-12 noon – SLQ talk – Introduction to Family History
- 16th – 12.30-2.30pm Scandinavian Group
- 17th – 7.30-9pm Southern Suburbs Guest speaker – Merle Grinly
- 22nd – 10am Volunteers Morning Tea
- 24th – 7.30-9pm. North Brisbane Branch meeting
- 25th – e-News deadline for December edition
- 26th – Beaudesert Branch monthly meeting
- 26th – 6-9pm – GSQ Wednesday night opening
- 30th – 10.30am-2.30pm German Research Group
- December 7th – English/Irish Group

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From the Editors

Hello and welcome to the November issue of GSQ's e-newsletter. We're racing towards the end of the year but there's still a lot happening. Your editorial team is back to full strength after accidents and overseas travel. As always, contributions to this e-newsletter are welcome. Please send any items for the December 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. .

From the President

Hello GSQ Members

I start my monthly update with good news. A retired serviceman has been contacted and he says he can build a couple of parts to get our Microfilm/Microfiche printer working again. We all need to keep our fingers crossed.

At the September Meeting of the Management Committee, we decided to undertake a planning session on Saturday 18 October. The members available attended a session where we reviewed last year's Operational Plan and built on this base. We also developed a draft vision which is:

To play a leading role in Genealogy and Family History in Queensland.

This draft vision has not been discussed at a regular Management Committee meeting so if you have any comments, suggestions, positive or negative please send them to myself as President at the following email address: presidentgsq@optusnet.com.au.

Marg Doherty

GSQ is 30 years young

We are planning a display of photos and other memorabilia to recognise GSQ's achievements in its first 30 years. Do you have any photos or memories you'd like to share? The display will be prepared during November in time for our thank-you morning tea on 22 November. If you can help, please contact Pauline or Josephine at gsq1@optusnet.com.au.

GSQ fees to rise from 1 January 2009

The members present at the AGM endorsed a recommendation from the Management Committee that membership fees rise in line with the annual increase in the CPI. It was felt that small rises on an annual basis would be preferable to a significant increase every five years. Costs, such as electricity, insurance, postage and printing of the Journal, continue to increase. We aim to make savings wherever we can and ensure that you receive a broad range of services. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact the newly elected President, Margaret Doherty c/- GSQ.

Computing equipment

Funded by



Gambling

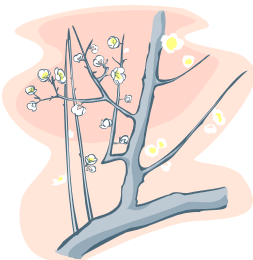
Community Benefit Fund

Queensland Government

*Thank you
Gambling Community
Benefit Fund!*



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



Branch News

Q150 Project Update

The Q150 project is moving along steadily. This project aims to publish a Muster of people in Queensland between 1859 and 1901. At the last meeting, the Management Committee approved the development of two small software tools to assist in the collection and management of data submitted for the Muster. This, as you may remember, is funded by the Queensland Government. Our call for volunteers to help with data entry for this project has been, and is being answered, with one or two more offering their services each week. We are close to making a start with this work – just awaiting the software development to be finished. We will keep you informed!

GSQ helps Kenmore Uniting Church

Each year the Kenmore Uniting Church holds an event to engage with the local community. The 2008 event was held on 13 September and focussed on researching and preserving family history. Mavis Pearse, co-convenor and GSQ member, together with Les McFadzen, former GSQ President and current Redlands Branch President, were guest speakers. See the December issue of **Generation** for more details and photos. Congratulations on what sounded like a great day!

Sub-Committee Reports

Management Committee members attending a recent planning session recommended that there be a series of five sub-committees reporting to the Management Committee. These are as follows:

- Operations and Administration
- Members' Services
- Projects
- Education and Events
- Q150

Feedback can be sent to Marg Doherty, GSQ President at presidentgsg@optusnet.com.au. Please contact Marg also if you would like to be involved in one of the above sub-committees.

Bayside Branch

Bayside Branch of GSQ meets on Thursday 13th November 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's next meeting will be on Monday 17th November at the Upper Mt. Gravatt Scout Den, 1873 Logan Road, Upper Mt. Gravatt (down Carson Lane between Upper Mt. Gravatt State School and the Progress Hall). The meeting commences at 7.30pm (doors open at 6.45) and the guest speaker will be Merle Grinly who will talk on 'Scrapping your Family'. For further information please contact Noele Alexander at npalexander@optusnet.com.au

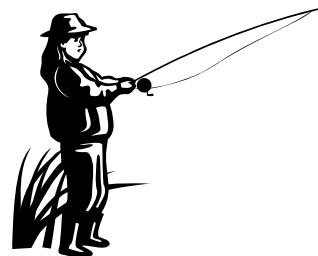
North Brisbane

The next meeting for the **North Brisbane Branch** is on Monday, 10th November 7-9pm – Guest speaker is Lyndal Barker of the Salvation Army Family Tracing Service. 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 has launched the UK Incoming Passenger Lists 1878 – 1960, detailing the many men and women who travelled to the UK from ports outside Europe during the golden age of maritime travel. 1.4 million people are recorded as leaving Australian shores to journey to Britain in this period – many were former emigrants returning to Britain while other Australians simply went for a holiday.

Various notable Australians are listed in the records as leaving Australia in this time including Sir Donald Bradman and the 'Invincibles' test cricket team. The records also include arrivals in the UK from other countries as well, including America. It's worth noting, however, that the data is not yet complete, so if you don't find your ancestor at the first try, look again later.



*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. Currently available is: Parish Registers - Edinckillie 1702-1854 with a return date of 8 November 2008.

Ask at the desk for details of any other films that may have arrived after the publication deadline of this e-News.

Events

Watch this space for dates for your diary. Future events include an end of year thank you on Saturday 22nd November for all our volunteer workers; these include library assistants and all those working on various projects. Invitations will be sent out in early November. GSQ will close for the Christmas/New Year break on Saturday 20th December at 4pm. However, special arrangements are being made to open on the following days: Saturday 3rd January and Saturday 10th January. We will also open at least one day in the week 6th-9th January – if anyone has a preference for a particular day, please let us know at gsq1@optusnet.com.au. Watch the December e-News and the website for full opening times.

Here are some more diary dates for December 2008 and January 2009

December

Sunday 7th 10am-2.30pm. English/Irish Group.
 Sunday 14th 10am-2.30pm. Convict Connections.
 Saturday 20th 4pm – GSQ to close for Christmas break.

January 2009

Saturday 3rd 12noon to 4pm - GSQ open
 Saturday 10th 12noon to 4pm – GSQ open
 Tuesday 13th GSQ regular opening commences



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

Interest Groups Update

Interest Group meetings scheduled for November are: 2nd Scottish Group; 9th Computer Interest Group; 16th Scandinavian; 30th German Research 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 commences 12.30pm. Interest Group dates for 2009 will be published in the December **Generation** and details will be at Fisher Street. At the **Computer Interest Group**, Paul will include a presentation on "What's New in Legacy 7". If time permits a demo of a number of commercial genealogy sites including "FindmyPast.com" and "WorldVitalRecords" will also be offered. Come along and join the discussion and maybe learn something new. See Net Nibbles later in this edition for some interesting news.

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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 November/December Raffle is a \$50 Gould Voucher as First Prize and a Basket of Goodies for Second Prize. Tickets are \$1 each and the raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, December 17. We are asking for the help of all our Members in this last fund-raising raffle for 2008 – firstly, that you purchase a ticket or two when you are in the Library, or send for some tickets by mail; secondly, there is room in the hamper for a grocery item if you would like to donate something – just bring it and add it to the basket.

We would like to thank all our members who have supported the raffles over the past twelve months. The profits help in providing research materials for our Library.

Volunteer Update

At present we have one volunteer working on keeping the Pedigree Charts up to date and attending to other “odds and ends”, and three working on the Catalogue – adding up to quite a few hours in the Library each week. Add to that our volunteers who attend the fortnightly Indexing Day, our loyal Library Assistants who come each week and run the Library, as well as assisting our members with their research; also, we have volunteers who do research for members and non-members, which means that we have quite a number of people who are keeping our Society functioning, and functioning well! We say “thanks” to each and every one of you!

The demise of patronymics?

Several GSO members have ancestry that takes them to Russia. A recent trip to St Petersburg and Moscow brought back memories of reading *War and Peace* and a wide range of other Russian literature in which I struggled with the names of the characters. At a recent lecture, a Russian academic bemoaned the passing of patronymics in favour of Western naming patterns. Patronymics, she pointed out, give us our identity and clearly show who our father was and who his father was. Modern day naming patterns, both in first names and family names, may make it extremely difficult for our descendents to work out family relationships. What are you doing to preserve your family history? Why not write that article you've always intended to write or put all your documentation into order so people can follow what you've done. We don't have any control over the past, but we can influence the future – it's up to you!

Genealogy classes

Our schedule of classes is finished for the year but GSO is committed to offering a range of classes to suit the wide range of members' needs. More information is available from Pauline at gstirland@hotmail.com.

Deadline for copy

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

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