

Diary Dates October:

- Sunday 5th-10am to 2:30pm
English / Irish Interest Group
– Speaker Alison Williams
“Ancestry.com” .
 - Wednesday 8th 6-9pm –
Wednesday Night Opening.
 - Wednesday 8th-6pm to 8pm -
SLQ Seminar – “Caring for
your family history
documents”
 - Thursday 9th-7.30pm-9pm
Bayside Branch Monthly
Meeting.
 - Saturday 11th- 9am-12 noon
Management Committee
meeting
 - Sunday 12th-10am-2:30pm
Convict Connections Group
 - Monday 13th North
Brisbane Branch Monthly
speaker
 - Monday 20th-7:30pm-9pm
Southern Suburbs Guest
Speaker
 - Wednesday 22th Beaudesert
Branch Monthly meeting.
 - Wednesday 22nd 6pm-9pm
Wednesday Night Opening.
 - Monday 27nd- 7:30pm to
9:00pm (doors open 6:45pm)
North Brisbane Branch
monthly meeting.
 - Friday 24th- 10:30am to
12:00noon - SLQ Seminar –
“Family history shipping and
immigration records”
- November
- Sunday 2nd-10am-2.30pm –
Scottish Interest Group
MeetingOctober .

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From the Editors

Hello and welcome to the October issue of GSQ's e-newsletter. The Annual General Meeting was held in September and a new Management Committee was elected. We welcome Margaret Doherty as our new President – further details of the new committee are listed later in this edition. As always, contributions to this e-newsletter are welcome. Please send any items for the November issue to the Editorial Team c/- GSQ at gsq1@optusnet.com.au. Deadline is 25th of each month.

From the Management Committee

Our new Management Committee is a blend of last year's members, new committee members and committee members from previous years. This is exciting as it brings together experienced members and researchers, people with fresh ideas and members who are keen to continue the work commenced by the Committee last year under Paul Mann's leadership.

The new Committee is

President: Margaret Doherty *Vice President:* Paul Mann
Secretary: Margaret Coleman *Treasurer:* Russell Fraser

Committee Members: Pauline Williams, Rev John Mavor, Janice Wellard, Barbara Robinson, Trish Sampson, Elaine Cooper, Janice Hegarty

As your new President I am keen to hear what you think of the Society and how we can improve our services. If you have any views on this please email presidentgsq@optusnet.com.au

Marg Doherty

Reports from Events at GSQ Last Month

✚ **Annual General Meeting** - The Annual General Meeting was held on Saturday 20th September from 10.00 to 11:30am – full details will be in the December edition of Generation.

✚ **Dr. Joseph's Presentation** - Approximately 35 people attended the presentation on Jewish genealogy given by the renowned author, Dr. Anthony Joseph, on September 2, at the GSQ Library at East Brisbane. Dr. Joseph is so knowledgeable in this subject that it was easy to see how well he could capture his audience. He provided lots of information and background stories on Jewish genealogy and the listeners, who included many visitors, were delighted to be given so much guidance in this area of research. Another aspect of the evening was the display of books on this topic – giving us all the chance to see what aides are available. Thanks go to Christine Smith, our Resource Administrator, who arranged Dr. Joseph's visit to our Library.

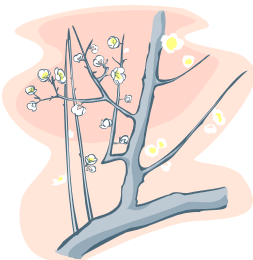
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progress.**Branch News*

LDS Films currently on loan at GSQ

We have films from LDS here at GSQ, which have been hired by individual members to help them in their research. These films might be of interest to other members as well and so, each month, we will list the films with their "due by" date. If you are interested, you may wish to have a look at the films as well, for a cost of \$2. Please note that the person who ordered the film will have priority access.

- ☞ Memoranda historical and genealogical relating to Parish of Kelston in Somerset (16 October)
- ☞ Roscommon Marriages Catholic Parish 1820-64, Baptism 1837-81 (due 16 October)
- ☞ Fovant Wilts Parish Registers (due 16 October)
- ☞ Whittlesey Cambridgeshire Parish Records (due 16 October)
- ☞ Parish Registers Baptism 1862-1900 (due 16th October)
- ☞ Kilbarchen Births (due 23 October)
- ☞ Registers 1833-37 St Mary Magdalene, Woolwich, Kent (due 23 October)
- ☞ Parton Parish Registers Scotland (due 23 October)
- ☞ Libberton Parish Registers Scotland (due 23 October)
- ☞ Christenings, St. Peter R/C Church, Lancaster (due 23 October)
- ☞ Parish Church of Kendall (2 films) (due 23 October)

Sub-Committee Reports

✚ **Library sub-committee** - GSQ members may be interested to know that they can participate in the purchase of library resources by contributing 50% of the cost of an item of particular interest to them and GSQ will match the contributions. For further details please contact Christine at gsq1@optusnet.com.au

✚ **Q150 Project Update** - We are preparing some software for the Muster Roll database and data entry for volunteers to enter information. A quote has been received from a software developer and they will be starting programming shortly.

The data collection form for new submissions is being finalised and will have a paper version plus a number of electronic versions. You can read about the call for volunteers in the volunteers update.

Bayside Branch

The next meeting for the Bayside Branch is on Thursday, 9th October 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 20th October from 7:30pm to 9:00pm (doors open 6:45pm). The meeting is held at 7.30pm with the guest speaker **Mr Jack Ford**, a historian researcher with the Brisbane City Council and he will be speaking on "**The Heritage of Brisbane's South-East Suburbs**" 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

North Brisbane Branch of GSQ meets on Monday 13th October at 7.30 – 9pm – Guest speaker is Barry Shaw - "Tudor England or Bald Hills" 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 Nibbles

World Names Profiler is finally live!! You can access <http://www.publicprofiler.org/worldnames/> to...well...profile names...You simply type in a surname you are interested in and hit search. The system will tell you the distribution of that surname in 26 countries around the world, giving you the top five countries, states and cities where you will find that name. It will also tell you the top five first names associated with that surname and the roots of the surname. Just be aware that it works on frequency per million (FPM) so a surname might show up with a high percentage in Australia, but there may actually be more people with that surname living in a larger country like the USA even if the FPM is lower.

Closely connected with the above site is Onomap <http://www.onomap.org> which aims to classify people and the areas they live in based on ethnic, cultural and linguistic roots – or in other words, where a person is likely to come from based on their name. You type in a first name and surname and then you will have to type in two words that the site generates to prove that your query is genuine, and it will tell you the overall classification of the person and their forename and surname. There is an option, if you disagree with the outcome, to provide feedback.

Both sites can give you clues into the likely background of your ancestors but beyond that, exploring them is just plain fun. NB if you want to look at the distribution of surnames in Great Britain in both 1881 and 1998, then you should try an older site by the same people at <http://www.nationaltrustnames.org.uk>.

Interest Group Update

Interest Group meetings scheduled for October are: 5th English/ Irish Group; 12th Convict Connections. These meetings are open to all members. A gold coin donation is appreciated. Doors open 10.00am to 2.30pm,.

The English Irish Group will have Alison Williams as a Guest Speaker for their meeting. Alison will be giving a presentation on some of the interesting records and tools members can use on Ancestry.com .

The Scottish Group attended the Highland Gathering last month and we await a report of how the event went.

September's meeting of the Computer Interest Group was attended by a small group of members eager to learn about newspapers on the web. The sites covered on the day were:

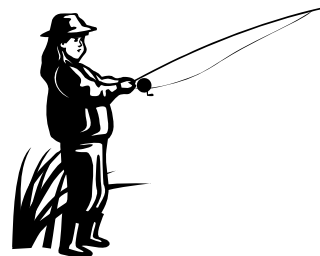
- ✚ **Newsbank** via the SLQ gateway at: <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/find/articles/offsite> (free to members of council libraries)
- ✚ **The Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program** <http://ndpbeta.nla.gov.au/ndp/del/about>
- ✚ The **Sydney Morning Herald Archives** <http://archives.smh.com.au/index.php>
- ✚ **Australian Periodical Publications 1840-1845** <http://www.nla.gov.au/ferg/browselist.html>
- ✚ **Fairfaxfrontpages** <http://www.fairfaxphotos.com/pages/>
- ✚ **Papers Past** <http://paperspast.natlib.govt.nz/>

See Net Nibbles later in this edition for further interesting internet sites.

Events

Watch this space for dates for your diary. Future events include:

- ✚ A presentation on using Ancestry.com will be given by Alison Williams to the English/Irish Interest Group this Sunday (5th October).



*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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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 Update

As the normal day-to-day life goes on at the GSQ Library at East Brisbane, our wonderful volunteers continue to turn up there to staff the library and help our genealogists in their search for their family history. As always, we are very grateful for their dedication to this job. As well, we have other volunteers who help fortnightly with indexing work etc. and others who are busy bringing the catalogue up to date on our new computer program. Thank you to all!

Of course, we can always use more volunteers and encourage any of our members to consider giving some time to this work.

As well, we have our new project for the Q150 celebrations – and we are inviting any of our members, or even your friends, to assist with the work of entering the data as it is collected. This can be done in your own homes and, of course, the more, the merrier! Please contact Josephine Nolan on josephine.nolan@bigpond.com or Russell Fraser on projectsgsq@optusnet.com.au for further information.

Raffles

The Scottish Group Hamper was drawn this month and the winners were: First prize, Hamper – Margaret Munroe with ticket number Blue E26, second prize Fruit Cake – Paul Mann with ticket number Red A8.

Our next raffle at GSQ will be a Gift Voucher from ArchiveCDBooks to the value of \$50 (first prize) and a Basket of Goodies (second prize). Tickets on sale – just \$1 each, at the Library. We are happy to take orders for tickets by post!

Library Equipment Update

🚧 **Microfilm Reader Printer** - The Management Committee has been informed by the service company that the current printer cannot be repaired. A submission was made to Jupiter's Casino Community Benefit Fund for a Canon ScanPro 1000 Micrographic film viewer, scanner to PC and Printer. prior to the breakdown. While the grant was submitted in July, we are not expecting to know if it was successful until December 2008. The new Management Committee will discuss this issue at the October meeting. The good news is that printing from both films and fiche was successful last Saturday. The trick is to turn the machine off and then on again between each printing. We will keep you posted.

🚧 **New Photocopier / Scanner / Printer** - We have just had an updated photocopier installed at the Fisher Street library. The rental on the new machine is only slightly higher than the old one but brings many benefits. It has been added to our computer network so members can now print to A3 or scan images to file to take home. Paper documents can also be converted to a word processing file by Optical Character Recognition (OCR) to save some retyping.

Classes at GSQ

Introductory Classes at GSQ

The next courses will commence this month.

🚧 Tuesday evening 7-9pm – 14 October, 21 October, 4 November, 11 November, 18 November (no class on 28 October)

🚧 Weekend – Saturday morning 9-11am 25 October and Sunday 9-4pm 26 October.

More information is available from Janice at gjwellard@optusnet.com.au.

Deadline for copy

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

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