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## From the Editors

This month we welcome Janice Hegarty to the Editorial Team.

We thank everyone for their contributions but are always on the look out for more. If you are aware of an event we haven't covered or have something newsworthy to add, the closing date for the next edition will be October 25. Please send your items to eNews Editor at [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au)

## From the President

Hi everyone, The AGM was held on 19 September with numbers eventually making a quorum. The new Management Committee was elected with Paul Mann, Pauline Williams and John Mavor choosing not to seek renomination. I would like to thank all the Management Committee for 2008/09 for their hard work over the past year. Paul will continue to act as GSQ's IT Coordinator and Pauline has successfully taken over the reins as Generation Editor.

The new Management Committee is as follows:

President	Margaret Doherty
Vice President	Margaret Coleman
Secretary	Janice Hegarty
Treasurer	Russell Fraser
Other Members	Barbara Robinson Elaine Cooper Janice Wellard Christine Smith

I am looking forward to another year as President. I will get back to you on the Management Committee's plans for the coming year after our first meeting on 10 October.

On 23 September several members of GSQ met with a consultant hired by the Queensland State Archives (QSA) to discuss our views for future online services at the QSA. This consultation process includes meeting with the QSA's key stakeholders to ascertain stakeholders' views on several topics. Options discussed included QSA partnering with either the private sector or organizations like GSQ to make resources available online. Potential charges were also canvassed. On behalf of GSQ, we stated we would like to see more resources available online and mentioned that charges needed to be affordable for retirees.

That is all for this month. I will talk to you next eNews.

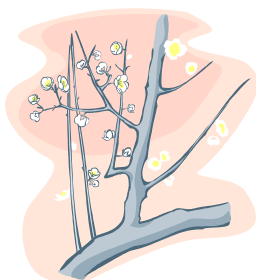
Marg Doherty, President

## Volunteers' Morning Tea

The Annual GSQ Volunteers' Morning Tea will be held on Saturday 29 November at 10.00am. If you have assisted GSQ this year at Fisher Street, at the Branches or somewhere else, you are invited. More details coming soon.



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



## From the Management Committee

The 2008/09 Management Committee met for the final time on 12 September. Following discussion, the Committee decided to reduce the costs of printing or downloading from the ScanPro to 50 cents per image. We considered raising all printing from the computer to 50 cents but decided that we could retain the cost of printing from the computers at 20 cents per page at this stage.

The layout of the Resource Centre was again discussed. The Committee agreed to make some of the modifications requested by members subject to measurements being confirmed and people willing and available to move some heavy furniture.

The Committee also is looking into the cost of subscribing to two additional website: Find My Past and World Vital Records for Fisher Street. Stay tuned.

## Redlands Branch

The Branch meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Donald Simpson Leisure Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. Guest Speaker at the meeting on 14 October will be Pat Osborn. Pat is a family historian from England and is visiting Australia to attend a family reunion. She will talk about her research in England and strategies she's used in her extensive searches.

On Sunday 20 September the Redland Genealogical Society represented GSQ at the Redland Highland Gathering held at Birkdale. The day was both enjoyable and very successful with many visitors attending our display and members responding to numerous genealogically related queries. The Scottish Hamper raffle proved to be very popular.

The Society has organised a trip to Stradbroke Is on Wednesday 21 October, travelling to and from on the Gold Cats Flyer. (Return fare: \$19.00; \$9.50 for Pensioners/Seniors). Plans are to visit the Stradbroke Island Historical Museum (Admission \$2.20), the Elders Museum (Gold Coin Admission) and the Aboriginal Housing Co-operative (Gold Coin Admission). Lunch at the Little Ships Club is suggested. For further information contact Helen (3206 3760).

## North Brisbane Branch

The Branch is celebrating the Branch's 30 years at the meeting on Monday October 26. There will be no guest speaker that night.

## Bayside Branch

Bayside Branch of GSQ meets on the second Thursday of each month, except January, at Wynnum Central Primary School, Florence Street, Wynnum at 7.30 pm. The research room is at The Environmental Centre, 70 Charlotte Street, Wynnum and is open on Wednesday morning from 9.30 am until noon except during school holidays.

A display will be held for Q150 at Wynnum Council Library in November.

## Beaudesert Branch

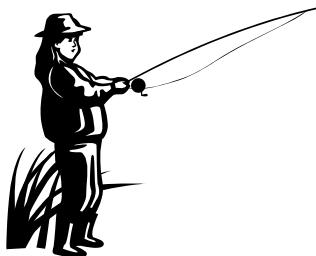
Our meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month.

## Southern Suburbs Branch

Southern Suburbs Branch will meet on Monday 19th October and our guest speaker will be Shauna Hicks speaking on 'PROV ONLINE - what you can discover about your Victorian ancestors without leaving home.' The meeting commences at 7.30 at the Upper Mt. Gravatt Scout Den, down Carson Lane which runs between the Upper Mt. Gravatt State School and the Progress Hall, off Logan Road, Upper Mt. Gravatt. For further information please contact Sondra Stafford at [sondrast@bigpond.net.au](mailto:sondrast@bigpond.net.au) or Phone No. 3848 2378.

## Net Nibbles

This month we bring you a selection of sites for obtaining maps or photos of places from your family history.



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

- Bonzle Digital Atlas of Australia <http://maps.bonzle.com/c/a>
- Property Details on line is a site by the Brisbane City Council which provides access to information about Brisbane Properties. It includes aerial photos of the city in 1946 and 2007 which can be zoomed and browsed at [http://olr13.brisbane.qld.gov.au/website/MN\\_CP/index.htm](http://olr13.brisbane.qld.gov.au/website/MN_CP/index.htm)
- The National Library of Australia Digital Collection has a wealth of information online. It includes a large collection of maps at <http://www.nla.gov.au/digicoll/maps.html>
- The National Library of Scotland <http://www.nls.uk/maps/townplans/index.html>
- The Norman B. Leventhal Centre at the Boston (US) Library has a wide selection of historic maps from the US and the rest of the world. The site can be accessed for free at <http://maps.bpl.org/>
- A vision of Britain through Time is a collection of maps and other information providing information on the period 1801 to 2001. The site can be accessed at <http://www.visionofbritain.org.uk/maps/>

Thanks to one of our members we learn that the records of the Rookwood Cemetery in Sydney are now available online. Registration is free and can be accessed at <http://www.rookwoodcemetery.com.au/>

## Q150 Project Update

Our year is almost into its last quarter and our Muster Roll project is also heading into its final stages. The completion of the data entry of the green forms is almost within sight, the verification has begun and the stories are currently being sorted for insertion into our "book of stories". We are excited about the information we are receiving – telling of all the contributions and hard work our ancestors made when they came to this wonderful country.



There is still a great deal of work involved in this last part of the project and we rely heavily on our volunteers for their generous help. Many thanks to all those volunteers here at home, and Interstate, who have been working so hard entering the data from the hundreds of green forms and the new submissions. Verification (checking all that data entry) has begun and any member (or friend) who can spare a few hours is most welcome to come to GSQ and help with this work. Verification needs to be completed before any publication of the results can be published. Contact Josephine on [josephine.nolan@bigpond](mailto:josephine.nolan@bigpond) or [projectsgsq@optusnet.com.au](mailto:projectsgsq@optusnet.com.au) if you have some spare time!

## Photos for Q150 Book

Do you have any photos that represent an aspect of Queensland life that is relevant to the period 1859-1901. We are not looking for photos of individuals but more general ones such as streetscapes, including hotels and shops; mining; farming; etc. We would prefer a scanned copy rather than an original. A description should be provided as well as permission to use in the book. GSQ would reserve the right to choose the most appropriate photos to match stories so they may not be able to be used in this volume. However, if there are sufficient stories and photos GSQ may produce a second volume.

Photos should be sent to [projectsgsq@optusnet.com.au](mailto:projectsgsq@optusnet.com.au).

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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)

## Genealogy Class

"Your ancestors' Legacy"

Did your ancestors leave anything behind? Using probate and land records to find out more about their life:- Presenter: Pauline Williams and others

Many researchers would be surprised to learn that their ancestors had sufficient property to leave to their descendents, but it wasn't just the wealthy who made wills. Wills can provide a wealth of information, not only about the real property of your ancestor but also details of family members and relationships. This course shows you how to access probate and land records as a means of finding out more about your ancestors' lives.

An Enrolment Form is available at: <http://www.gsq.org.au/services/GenealogyClassesEnrolmentForm29.pdf> or contact the library on 3891 5085 and leave your details; You can also email us on [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au).

## Open Day and New Members' Morning Tea

If you know someone who is considering joining a genealogy society, please let them know that GSQ is holding an open day on Saturday 24 October at Fisher Street. This will be from 9.00 am and is free.

If you have joined GSQ after June this year, join us at Fisher Street on the same morning at 10.00am for morning tea and a chat about how to make the most out of your GSQ membership. If you are stumped, bring along your research and we may be able to assist.

## Family History Presentation

How are you progressing with your research? Still feeling frustrated with your lack of progress? Then this presentation is for you!

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!

To be held on: Saturday, 31 October 2009  
Commencing: 9.00 am for 9.15 am start

Presenters are:

Christine Smith 9.15am - 10.00am GSQ Holdings & the Library Catalogue

Don Fraser 10.05 - 10.40am Maps & Your Research

Elaine Lucas 10.45am - 11.45am Whats In It For You & How to Use It

and the fee is only \$5.00. Bookings are essential and can be made by contacting GSQ by either Email: [gsq1@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gsq1@optusnet.com.au) or by Phone: 3891 5085

## ScotlandsPeople Presentation

On Sunday 1st November at 10.00 am, at the GSQ Resource Centre, Christine Smith will present a demonstration on not only how to navigate the ScotlandsPeople site but also on how to use credits to the best advantage. Book early and send in details for 1-2 registrations and we will randomly select some of these to use in the demonstration. Bookings are essential. Cost \$5.00 (phone 3891 5085)

Interest Groups are open to all GSQ Members.

Each group meet bi-monthly

**Scottish:-**

10:30am to 3:00pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of  
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov

**Computers:-**

10:30am to 2:30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of  
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov

**Scandinavian:-**

12:30 – 2:30pm  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of  
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov

**German:-**

10:15am to 2:30pm  
Last Sunday of  
Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep & Nov

**English Irish:-**

10:00am to 2:30pm  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of  
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec

**Convicts:-**

10:00am to 2:30pm  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Feb, Apr, Jun,  
Aug, Oct & Dec



## English/Irish Interest Group



The English/Irish Group meets on the first Sunday of the even months and the next meeting is on Sunday 4th October. We will be looking at some new resources. We apologise for the early closing for the August meeting due to a power failure.



## Convict Connections Group

Convict Connections will meet on Sunday October 11, 2009.

Doors open 9:00am, The meeting will finish at 3:00pm. Come along if you are interested in Early Colonial Australia. No convict necessary, but you never know you might just find one! A great opportunity for some relaxed research.

Convict Connection's final meeting for the year will be Sunday December 13, 2009. This is an opportunity to enjoy some Christmas fun with other family history 'nuts' (great people!)



## Computer Interest Group

September computer group provided very individual attention available for the attendee. If you want help with the computers please feel free to come with your questions.

Do you have members of your family who fought in Korea. If so you may find it difficult to find information about the "forgotten war". Here are some sites that have info about the regiments that were there and some of the history. <http://orbat.com/site/history/historical/uk/commonwealthkorea.html> gives the regiments. <http://www.glosters.org.uk/> gives the history of the soldiers of Gloucestershire. First hand accounts are available at <http://www.iwm.org.uk/upload/package/24/korea/koreaintro.htm> and <http://www.britains-smallwars.com/korea/> Next Computer Interest Group is November 9 at 10:30am till 2:30pm. Judy

## German Interest Group



While not family history, the OKTOBERFEST is on at the RNA Showgrounds from 4pm to midnight Friday 9 October 11am to midnight on Sat 10 October and 11am to 8pm on Sun 11 October. Same times the following weekend. Organised by the German Australian Business Association. Admission \$10 with \$15 on Saturdays.

## Scandinavian Interest Group



The Scandinavian Group had a great day with our guest speaker Robert Jensen at our last meeting. He spoke for over two hours, and everyone were very interested in his stories about reasons for emigrating to Queensland, conditions on the boats and life in the Colony.

Our next meeting is on Sunday 15th November. We usually bring some Scandinavian food to our last meeting for the year, but this time we will have an excursion to the place where the first Scandinavian Church Service was held: St. Luke's church. This building has since been renamed to The Pancake Manor. We will meet at 12:30. Regards, Steinar

## Scottish Interest Group



The Scottish Group is purchasing ScotlandsPeople's vouchers for the convenience of researchers with Scottish ancestry. Using a voucher eliminates the necessity of putting Credit Card details on-line, and will enable access to the ScotlandsPeople website which contains nearly 50 million records such as birth, death, marriages, census, wills and more.

One Voucher allows 30 credits which are valid for 90 consecutive days. Viewing a page of index results costs 1 credit then 5 credits to download the image. Obtain the image of a certificate for under \$4.00. The vouchers are available from GSQ at \$18.00 each. And can be used at home or at the Society's Library.

## Diary Dates October

Friday 2	10am to 12 midday	SLQ Session - Irish Records for Family Historians slq Auditorium 2, level 2 Free, bookings required qtix or 136 246
Sunday 4	10am to 2:30pm	English/Irish Interest Group
Tuesday 6	10am to 11am	Getting Started at State Archives Seminar Entry is free. To book telephone 07 3131 7777 Queensland State Archives Lecture Theatre 2
Wednesday 7	9am to 12 midday	QSA Spring Seminar Entry is free. Bookings essential: 07 3131 7777 Queensland State Archives Lecture Theatre 2
Thursday 8	7:30pm to 9pm	Bayside Branch Meeting
Saturday 10	9am to 12 midday	Management Committee Meeting
Sunday 11	10am to 2.30pm	Convict Connections (and colonial history)
Wednesday 14	12.15pm	Redlands Branch – Speaker Pat O'Brien, family historian from England
Wednesday 14	6pm to 9pm	Wednesday Night Opening
Thursday 15	9:30am to 12 midday	SLQ Talk - Read all about it! Newspapers at the State Library - Prerequisites Basic computer skills
Sunday 18	10am to 3pm	GSQ Class- Your ancestors' Legacy
Monday 19	7:30pm to 9pm	Southern Suburbs Guest Speaker Shauna Hicks speaking on 'PROV ONLINE - what you can discover about your Victorian ancestors without leaving home'
Saturday 24	9am to 4pm	GSQ Open Day at 38 Fisher St East Brisbane
Saturday 24	10am to 12midday	New Members Morning at 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane
Monday 26	7pm to 9pm	North Brisbane Branch – 30th Anniversary Celebration
Wednesday 28		Beaudesert Branch Meeting
Wednesday 28	6pm to 9pm	Wednesday Night Opening
Saturday 31	9am to 11am	What's in it for You presentation by Elaine Lucas, Christine Smith, Don Fraser at Resource Centre

## Early Next Month

Sunday 1	10am to 2:30pm	Scottish Interest Group
Sunday 8 Nov	10am to 2.30pm	Computer Interest Group



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

### Deadline for copy

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

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For more external events check out the following links:

<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/events.asp#seminars>

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on>

[http://www.naa.gov.au/Images/Whats-On-July-Sept2009\\_tcm2-25790.pdf](http://www.naa.gov.au/Images/Whats-On-July-Sept2009_tcm2-25790.pdf)