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From the Editors

As usual, we welcome any news items for the monthly edition of e-News. Closing date for the next edition will be September 25. Please send your items to eNews Editor at gsq1@optusnet.com.au

From the President

Hi everyone

I open with a reminder that the Annual General Meeting will be held on 19 September at Fisher Street commencing at 10.00am. As we sometimes struggle to make a quorum, I hope members can make the time to join us.

It has been an exciting and eventful year and I would like to thank the members for their support. In particular, I thank everyone who has volunteered for GSQ over the past twelve months. Without volunteers the Society could not continue. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Josephine Nolan at josephine.nolan@bigpond.com or on 0409 750 884

Thanks also to the members of Management Committee for your time and energy during and between meetings. We have had a number of achievements this year including a successful grant application giving us the new ScanPro 2000; the Q150 project which is progressing well; a new edition of What's In It For You?, successful education sessions and many continuing activities.

Societies such as GSQ have a wonderful opportunity to build on the increasing popularity of genealogy and family history. This comes with the challenge of showing potential and existing members the value of societies and that it is not all about the internet. Working together and building strong networks with similar societies and our local communities is one way of ensuring our sustainability.

Thanks and best wishes

Marg Doherty

News Flash!!

A successful seminar was held on Saturday 29 August with the theme Trade and Occupations. The winner of the Ancestry raffle was drawn and the lucky person was Verell Thyer. Congratulations Verell and a big thank you to our sponsors Garrison Communications, Ancestry and Goulds. Verell's good fortune continued with her name being drawn as winner of the Raffle of a Printer and then.... a third time when another raffle for a Voucher was being drawn. Verrell quickly asked that this third raffle be drawn again. Thank you Verrell!





Only a Genealogist regards a step backwards as progress.

From the Management Committee

The Management Committee met on 1st August for our monthly meeting. A decision was made to charge \$1 for using the ScanPro for each image whether placed on your USB or printing. This is for both fiche and film. Charges for the old Canon Reader Printer are unchanged.

Following a request from a member, the Management Committee decided that members can undertake research at Fisher Street on Sundays when Interest Groups are running, with the proviso that Interest Groups are not disturbed and that members recognise that no library assistants are on duty (and therefore no assistance can be provided other than receiving cash payments). Also members are requested to donate a gold coin to the relevant Interest Group. This has been agreed with the Interest Group convenors. **Marg Doherty, President**

Bayside Branch

Bayside Branch of GSQ meets at Wynnum Central Primary School, Florence Street, Wynnum on the 2nd Thursday (10th September) each month except during school holidays at 7-30pm. Our research room is at the Environmental Education Centre which is situated at 70 Charlotte Street, Wynnum and is open on Wednesday mornings from 9.30 am until noon except during school holidays. Any enquiries to Elma 3893 1841.

North Brisbane Branch

Our guest speaker for September 28 is David Livet, Enoggera & District Historical Society, and he is going to speak on the history of the area. We are also going to be celebrating our Branch's 30 years at the meeting on Monday October 26. There will be no guest speaker that night. The meetings are held at Fallon Cottage, Fallon Street, Everton Park.

Southern Suburbs Branch

Southern Suburbs Branch will meet on Monday 21st September and our guest speaker will be Hilda Maclean from Friends of Toowong Cemetery speaking on 'Intramural Monuments – a neglected source'. The meeting commences at 7.30pm 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). For further information please contact Noele Alexander Ph. No. 3208 2518 or at npalexander@optusnet.com.au.

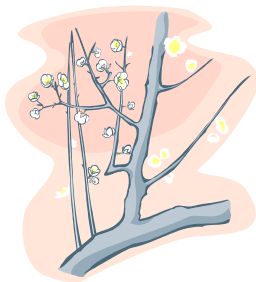
Redlands Branch

Redlands meets on the second Wednesday of each month in the Donald Simpson Leisure Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. Guest Speaker at September's meeting (on 9 September) will be Shelagh Goodall from "All about paper" who will discuss ways of displaying photos and documents aesthetically. During Seniors Week (17-22 August) Branch members successfully manned a display at the Victoria Point Shopping Centre. Many enquiries were made by shoppers and a few family mysteries unravelled.

Redlands has organised a trip to Stradbroke Island 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. Contact Helen (3206 3760)."

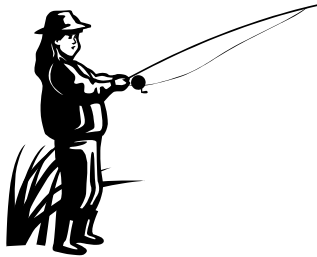
Beaudesert Branch

Our meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month.



Branch News

Net Nibbles



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

- Did you know the National Library of Australia has a collection of resources available free online to anyone with a NLA Library Card? Go to www.nla.gov.au to request a card which will be posted to you in 5-10 days. Then go to eResources and then licences resources. For example: Search Nineteenth Century UK Periodicals to access the newspaper at the British Library.
- The State Library of Western Australia has published the Western Australia post office directories for the period 1893 to 1949 online at http://www.slwa.wa.gov.au/find/guides/wa_history/post_office_directories The site states "The post office directories published by H. Pierssené and then by H. Wise & Co. are an invaluable source of information for anyone who is doing family history or research on Western Australia during the period 1893-1949."
- During WWII many Devon wills were destroyed due to the destruction of the Exeter Probate Office. The Devon Wills Project is a co-operation involving the Devon FHS, the Devon Records Office, GENUKI/Devon, and the Plymouth and West Devon Records Office. The website describe their aim as "to provide a consolidated index of Devon wills, administrations and inventories, covering (and distinguishing between) original documents, probate copies, transcripts and abstracts." For details go to <http://genuki.cs.ncl.ac.uk/DEV/DevonWillsProject>

Q150 Project Update

Q150 Our closing date of July 31 for data and story submissions has now passed and although we are happy to receive further submissions (because we see this Project as an ongoing one), it is possible that any new submissions may miss the first selection. We thank all our submitters for the effort they have put in to supplying information on their ancestors, both in data and story form.

We have entered data from over 17,500 forms from the previous Muster Roll, with a little over 4,000 to go. Thank you to all those volunteers who are doing this work. We have many other volunteers working on this project – those who are downloading emails, sorting the paper forms, reading the stories, and verifying all the information that has been entered into the Master Muster Roll. It is this last section of the Project which now needs most attention. It will take many hours working at the computers at GSQ to see the verification completed and we ask that any of our volunteers who are able to give some time to help in this area to please contact Josephine Nolan either by email – at projectsgsq@optusnet.com.au or by phoning 0409 750 884.



Volunteers

Again, our sincere thanks to all the Q150 volunteers, as well as those members who volunteer on a regular basis at our Library at Fisher Street, East Brisbane.

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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

GSQ 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 - 10.00 am GSQ Holdings & the Library Catalogue
- Don Fraser — 10.05 - 10.40 am Maps & Your Research
- Elaine Lucas — 10.45 am - 11.45 am What's In It For You & How to Use It

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

Who are Genealogists of Australia?

As part of a Masters thesis at the University of New England examining the nature and growth of family history in Australia, Leon Alekna is conducting a survey to learn about Australian genealogists / family historians.

Results of the survey will be published on this site after the survey concludes and the data is analysed so should provide interesting information for all of us. All GSQ members are encouraged to participate.

The URL of Leon's webpage is

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ausgensurvey/>

Raffles

A new raffle will be up and running soon - look out for tickets on your next visit to GSQ.

Genealogy Class

September 26th 9am-11am (to be confirmed) *Tracing the Convicts in your Family*

Many families used to hide the fact that they had a convict in the family; more recently this view has changed. There is a wealth of information available if you have convict ancestry. This program outlines the major sources available to tap into these and experienced presenters can help you.

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.

Redland Highland Gathering

On Sunday 20 September, Redlands will represent GSQ at the Redland Highland Gathering. This Gathering is the premier Celtic celebration in Queensland. It will be held at the Multi-sports Club grounds, corner of Bailey/Randall Roads, Birkdale between 9.30am and 5.00pm. The day will include an exciting mix of continuous entertainment, including the South Queensland Pipe Band Championships, Massed Pipe Bands, Highland & Irish Dancing, Highland Games, Regimental Displays, Cultural Exhibits and Performances as well as Celtic Stalls and General Attractions. The Bay Island Titles Highland Dancing Competition will be attended by internationally recognised dancers. The Society will raffle a Scottish hamper and have its usual stall advertising GSQ services and be manned throughout the day by Redlands volunteers.



English/Irish Interest Group



No News this month.



Computer Interest Group

The Group is holding a question and answer session on Sunday 13th September. Other members are welcome to come for research purposes-just a gold coin donation to the Computer group please.

Judy



German Interest Group

September meeting is Sunday 27th and the November meeting is Sunday 29th. The November meeting is our last for the year and we each bring a plate for our Christmas breakup. We open the door at 10.15am and close at 2.15pm.

To catch public transport to GSQ on Sunday catch the bus from the Cultural Centre bus station. 184 to Garden City at 9.47am. Get off at the 2nd stop in Vulture Street approaching Balmoral Terrace. Buses to the City stop in Stanley Street at the top of Fisher Street. The 184 comes at 2.12pm and the 210 at 2.40pm. You can phone Trans Info on 131230.

Scandinavian Interest Group



The next Scandinavian Group meeting on 20th September will have Robert Jensen as a guest speaker. Robert is a Danish historian and has published several books about Scandinavian migration to Queensland. He is currently working on a book about life in 19th century Queensland (720 pages).

Robert has been a speaker at our meetings years ago, but has lived in Gladstone for many years, and has only recently moved to Brisbane.

Hope to see you at the meeting at GSQ at 12:30 on 20th September.

Steinar

Scottish Interest Group



The Group is investigating purchasing vouchers for Scotlands People and also OPRs. Unfortunately the group are not attending the Gathering this year; however, GSQ will be represented by volunteers from the Redlands Branch.



Convict Connections Group

The next Meeting is 11 October, 2009. All GSQ members interested in Australia's early colonial period are welcome - no convict necessary

Interest Groups are open to all GSQ Members.

Each group meet bi-monthly

Scottish:-

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

Computers:-

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

Scandinavian:-

12:30 – 2:30pm
3rd 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
1st Sunday of
Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug, Oct & Dec

Convicts:-

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

Deadline for copy

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

gsg1@optusnet.com.au

Diary Dates September



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

For more external events check out these links:
<http://www.archives.qld.gov.au/events.asp#seminars>
<http://www.slg.qld.gov.au/whats-on>
http://www.naa.gov.au/Images/Whats-On-July-Sept2009_tcm2-25790.pdf

Sunday 6th	10am to 2:30pm.	Scottish Interest Group
Wednesday 9th	starts 12:15pm.	Redlands Branch meeting – Shelagh Goodall speaking on “All About Paper”. the Donald Simpson Leisure Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland
Wednesday 9th	6pm to 9pm.	Wednesday Night Opening.
Thursday 10th	7:30pm to 9pm.	Bayside Branch Monthly Meeting
Saturday 12th	9am to 12:00noon.	Management Committee meeting.
Sunday 13th	10am to 2:30pm.	Computer Interest Group
Monday 13th	7pm to 9pm.	North Brisbane Branch Meeting
Friday 18th	10.am to 12.00 noon	State Library and State Archives Seminar “Death Records for Family Historians” Tickets \$14.50 (morning tea included). To book contact QTIX Ph.136246
Saturday 19th	10am to 11.30am	Annual General Meeting – all members welcome.
Sunday 20th	12.30pm to 2:30pm.	Scandinavian Group meeting Guest speaker Robert Jensen, a Danish historian and author of several books on Scandinavian migration to Queensland.
Sunday 20th	9.30am to 5pm	Redlands Highland Gathering Redlands stall
Monday 21st	7:30pm to 9pm	Southern Suburbs Guest Speaker Hilda Maclean from Friends of Toowong Cemetery speaking on ‘Intramural Monuments – a neglected source’.
Wednesday 23rd		Beaudesert Branch Meeting.
Wednesday 23rd	6pm to 9pm.	Wednesday Night Opening.
Saturday 26th	9am to 11am	GSQ Class - Tracing the Convicts in your Family
Sunday 27th	10am to 2:30pm	German Interest Group
Monday 28th	7pm to 9pm.	North Brisbane Branch
October		
Sunday 4 th	10.00am to 2:30pm.	English/Irish Group
Sunday 11th	10.00am to 2:30pm.	Convict Connections group
Wednesday 14th	6.00pm to 9.00pm	6pm to 9pm.
Wednesday 21st		Redlands Branch trip to Stradbroke Is
Wednesday 21st	6.00pm to 9.00pm	6pm to 9pm.
Saturday 24th	9.00am to 12md	Open Day/New Members’ Orientation morning
Saturday 31st	9.00 for 9.15am	Holdings of the GSQ Resource Centre: Presentation – Elaine Lucas, Christine Smith and Don Fraser. Cost \$5.00