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From the President

Note: The MailChimp email contains links to files that couldn't be included here. Read it also.

TROVE Funding Cut!

Recently, the Australian Government decided to take an "Efficiency Dividend" from the National Library of Australia (NLA) – government-speak for "Funding cut"! The NLA, which developed and supports TROVE, will get less funding in future. This means TROVE will receive less funding for its development and further aggregation of new newspapers and other items to the existing database. Now, in fact, there will be no further additions of newspapers and other items unless the supplying institution pays for this to be done! That is the first impact of the funding cut. Staffing reductions will probably follow.

I am amazed that there has been no real outcry from family historians and other users of TROVE about this cut. There has been nothing like the outcry and angst that eventuated when Ancestry announced the end of development for Family Tree Maker (FTM) last year. Is this because Ancestry and FTM are a global phenomenon, and TROVE is just an Australian development? Are we Aussies so weak, that we will meekly cop the destruction of our world-envied TROVE on the chin? Yes, TROVE is the envy of the world – there is nothing else like it, and it is completely FREE to use! We all know this – but few seem to be complaining about the cuts. This needs to change, rapidly.

Make no mistake – these funding cuts (which are across the Arts spectrum, not just targeted at NLA) will mean the stagnation of TROVE. There may be no, or little, development in future. Do you see other institutions paying NLA from their own funds to have their items included in TROVE? The big draw for doing this was that the NLA mostly covered the cost. That has all changed now.

One consequence of these funding cuts is that TROVE may become a Pay-To-View site. Have you thought of that? The National Archives of Australia already makes users pay to have records they are interested in digitised so the user (and everyone else) can view them. A variation of this payment scheme may be the future for TROVE.

Do you want this to happen?

If you do not, I urge you to look at the links and documents contained in the MailChimp email that told you of this eNews. The links will take you to a web page – very informative – by Tim Sherratt, the main developer behind TROVE, who has recently left. There are also two form letters that you can add comments to, print and mail/email to as many politicians as you want. Let them all feel the pressure from outraged TROVE users.

TROVE needs to be properly funded! Only we, collectively, can make that happen. Forward the Mail Chimp email, with the links, to all your friends as well.

Geoff Doherty
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GSQ is open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights of the month from 6pm to 9 pm. Come along, enjoy some research and help from our friendly Library Assistants.

OPEN

- Monday • Closed
- Tuesday • 10am - 3pm
- Wednesday • 10am - 3pm
- Thursday • 10am - 3pm
- Friday • 10am - 3pm
- Saturday • 12noon - 4pm
- Sunday • Interest Groups
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month • 6pm-9pm.

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Convict Connections Group

Save the Date!

Guess who's 21?

The Convict Connections Special Interest Group is celebrating their 21st year in 2016.

The group is planning a 21st Celebration at Stackpole Street, Wishart at their June meeting on Sunday 12th June.

There will be a special speaker on the day and most importantly - a cake!

All GSQ members are welcome to come along and help Convict Connections celebrate.

Further details will be available as they are confirmed. Save the date for now.



Monday Morning Natters

April Natters is on Monday 4 April from 10 am to 12 noon.

Bring along information about your most interesting ancestor to share with everyone.

Gold coin donation for morning tea please.

Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 13 April, commencing at 12.15pm in the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland.

In lieu of a Guest Speaker we'll be viewing a video with Stephanie Ryan from the State Library of Queensland discussing Queensland Immigration Records.

All welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize.

The Society organised a successful display at the Victoria Point State School's Centenary Fair on Saturday, 12 March – distributed leaflets and had Family Tree sheets for children to complete.

Beaudesert

Meetings are held at our rooms 15A William Street, Beaudesert, on 4th Wednesday of each month, commencing at 10.00am.

The library is open each Wednesday from 10.00am to 2.00pm.

The next meeting is 27th April 2016.



Win a DNA Family Finder Kit at GSQ. GSQ's new ongoing \$2 raffle has a limit of 80 tickets and will be drawn when fully subscribed.

If you have thought of doing a DNA test then this raffle is for you. Tickets available at GSQ.

North Brisbane

The North Brisbane Branch of GSQ holds its meetings on the first Friday morning of each month (except January) at the Brisbane North Area Scouting Centre at 23 Sicklefield St Alderley. Doors open at 8.45 am.

North Brisbane Members are able to borrow from our extensive library of books, magazines, fiche and CDs for a small fee.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 1st April at 9.00 am. Visitors are welcome.

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's April meeting will be held on Monday 18th followed by our guest speaker Peter Dunn who will be speaking on 'Brisbane at War – Military Locations in Brisbane during WWII'.

The meeting commences at 7.30pm at the Upper Mt. Gravatt Scout Den, down Carson Lane which runs between the Upper Mt Gravatt State School and the Progress Hall, Logan Road, Upper Mt. Gravatt.

For further information please email southernsuburbs@optusnet.com.au or contact Noele Alexander on 3208 2518. Visitors are always very welcome.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Course	Date	Time	Contact
Fairfield	Women at War	Saturday 16 April	10:30am - 12:30pm	07 3403 8615
Mitchelton	Australia & World War 1	Saturday 23 April	10:00am - 12 noon	07 3403 7410
Carindale	Enhancing your family tree with Google	Friday 20 May	10:00am - 12 noon	07 3403 1490

EVENTS

Bookings are essential for all GSQ education sessions and courses.

Use the Calendar of Events on the home page of www.gsq.org.au Alternatively send a cheque to GSQ at PO Box 1467, Carindale, Q 4152 or call in at Stackpole Street. Email info@gsq.org.au or phone 3349 6072 for further information.

Note: There is onsite parking available at the venue.

Saturday 16 April • 9.00am - 12.30pm

Learning about Your Female Ancestors

Venue: Queen Alexandra Community Centre
347 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo 4151

Speakers:

- Skilled workers: Women at work in Queensland in the 1800s – Jan Richardson
- 19th Century female immigration and “distressed gentlewomen” – Stephanie Ryan
- Women in the Professions – teaching, nursing, public service - Marg Doherty

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK](#)

Sunday 30 April • 9.00am - 12.00 noon

My Ancestor was in New South Wales

Venue: GSQ Resource Centre
25 Stackpole Street, Wishart 4122

If you have an ancestor who lived in New South Wales then this session is for you.

Janice Wellard, one of GSQ’s family history researchers, will provide you with information about resources in New South Wales and advice on how to find your nineteenth century settler.

The session aims to provide the attendee with specific advice on their individual research questions relating to colonial NSW and beyond.

Please bring details of your NSW ancestors so that Janice can assist with your individual research.

Morning Tea is provided and the library is open from 12 midday to 4:00 pm for individual research.

Cost: \$20 members \$30 non-members

Places are strictly limited [CLICK HERE TO BOOK.](#)

Ireland Reaching Out has an interesting insight about Griffith’s Valuation and Cancelled Books. [CLICK HERE](#) to access.



Caloundra Family History Research inc.

WWI SEMINAR
Four quality speakers

Commemorative Centenary Event
of The Great War 1914-1918

SATURDAY 2ND JULY 2016

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact: Roz Kuss 5493 1197

Web: caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au

Further details to follow

Saturday 23 April • 9.30am - 11.30pm

Know your library: The hidden treasures on the GSQ shelves

Venue: GSQ Resource Centre
25 Stackpole Street, Wishart 4122

Elaine Lucas will highlight library holdings that will assist in researching your ancestors.

Cost: Free for members with gold coin donation on arrival.
Light refreshments served.

BOOK HERE



Do you have a workflow you use when you discover new online collections that may be relevant to your genealogy research? [CLICK HERE](#) to read a post and see an infographic from Worldwide Genealogy on a 12 step program for new online collections..

The free interactive digital magazine, Irish Lives Remembered Easter Edition is available now. [CLICK HERE](#) to access.



March Generation has been unavoidably delayed due to illness of our designer. However, stay tuned and you will receive an email shortly with the link to the March edition.



English/Irish Group

The next meeting of the English/Irish Group will be on the first Sunday in April, Sunday 3rd April.

This meeting is a time to share research successes and problems that result from tracing ancestors in England, Ireland and Wales.

All members of GSQ are welcome to attend the meeting. The doors of GSQ open at 9:30 am, with our meeting starting at 10:30 am.

After the meeting the library will remain open until 2:30 pm for attendees to pursue their own research. We hope to see you there.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

Our next meeting will be on 15th May 2016 at 10.30am at our premises at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart.

This group is a networking group that can help beginners and assist more experienced members overcome any FTM problems they may face. We will look at the sale/takeover of FTM by Software MacKiev and the Software MacKiev website.

GSQ members and researchers contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome to attend our meeting.

Scandinavian Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on Sunday 8 May at 12:30 when the genealogist Odd Steinar Dybvad-Raneng will give an interesting talk about Scandinavians in Australia from a Norwegian perspective.

At our meeting on 17 July at 12:30 historian Robert Ørsted Jensen will be our guest speaker, talking about Scandinavians in Queensland from a Danish perspective.

Hope to see you there.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group is due to take place at GSQ in our premises at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart, on 1st May commencing at 10 am.

If possible advise the Group Secretary or President in advance of any research problems you have as it will assist in setting the agenda. We will be using the laptop & projector to explore the ScotlandsPeople website and the availability of Scottish newspapers in the British Newspapers Archive site <http://www.britishnewspaperarchive.co.uk>.

Visitors are welcome.

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

The next meeting will be Sunday 15th May 1-2:30pm

Bring along your laptop so we can help you. Have you looked at the Legacy Facebook page? It's definitely worth a look as you can learn a lot from the answers to the questions that people ask.

What's bothering you with Legacy? Send an email with your problem so we can help you at the next meeting. Contact Judy by email at ozlofties@gmail.com.

DNA Interest Group

An informative meeting was held on the 19th March with the topic being *Ethics and the Genetic Genealogy Standards*. The group voted to implement the Genetic Genealogy Standards as the underlying principles for the group. For those interested the Standards are available [HERE](#).

The next meeting of the DNA SIG will be 9.30am 8 May "*Using Third Party Tools: Gedmatch*".

All welcome, gold coin donation.

German Interest Group

Our trip to the Archives on 12 March was an enjoyable day and well worth the trip. There were six of us in the group. The tour of the facility was very informative, and the staff made it relevant to our German Group with articles etc on display.

For our next meeting on 29 May we have Ian Stehbens who is going to talk about his new book "*From the Edge of Oblivion*" that has just been published. It is the story of his family's migration to Australia from Hamburg on the "*Sophie*" in 1865 and many of its passengers and the history of his Family in Australia. We have purchased his book and it is now in the Library. Looking forward to seeing you."

We apologise that the "*Die Zeitung*" Newsletter will be delayed due to a computer malfunction.

Writing Group

The next meeting of the Writing Group will be on Sunday 17 April. Doors open at 10am with the meeting from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Members are welcome to stay until 2pm for lunch and personal research.

Details of the program will be emailed to Writing Group list members.

To be added to the list contact convenor Pauline Williams on pstirland@hotmail.com.

Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the Military Interest Group is on 28 May commencing at 10am.

The war in the Pacific is the topic for the Military Group meeting. There will be a short presentation on Kokoda and one on the fall of Singapore. This will be followed by a discussion.

Morning tea will be provided. Everyone welcome.

