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Saturday • 12noon - 4pm
Sunday • Interest Groups
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month • 6pm-9pm.

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From the President

Hello Everyone,

It is that time of the year when everyone's thoughts turn towards Christmas and what we will be doing during that period. I don't know about you, but I hope to do a little bit of family history research. Note the use of the word 'hope'. I also hope that it is not a forlorn one. We often promise ourselves that we will do certain things at certain times, but when that time comes around, those things often don't get done. I resolve to do better this time. To that end, GSQ will be open on certain days over our Christmas break (from 20 December to 10 January) for those likeminded people who want to do a bit of research to be able to do so. Volunteers will open the research centre. They may not always be trained library assistants. If you come in on those days, you will need to be prepared to do your research with no, or limited, guidance. Check the covering email, and following ones, for opening dates – they may change. Or you could just phone the Resource Centre if you are thinking of coming along in the closure period. If you get the answering machine, that will be a fairly good indication that it is not open that day.

GSQ's Christmas/New Year present to you, the members, is a new GSQ website!

A student team from Griffith University embarked on a project during the final semester this year that will provide a new website for GSQ. Because it was only a semester long project for them, they were unable to complete the work, but did take it to a certain level of completion. This was envisaged and Cathie Sherwood, newly elected to the Management Committee and who has university qualifications in web development, along with her son Blake who is also an IT developer, have undertaken to complete the project. It is currently on target to go live in early January.

To that end, the old website must be shut down, in order to load the new site onto GSQ's Internet Service Provider's server. It is not a simple, or quick process. Many links will need to be checked, and the payment gateway can only be tested when it is installed on the dedicated server. All this will take some time to complete. Therefore, the old website will be unavailable from 20 December 2016. If you go to the GSQ website after 20th December, you will see a message stating "New website coming soon" or something to that effect. It is hoped that the new website will be available from 3rd January 2017, or shortly thereafter – depending on how the transfer and final testing goes. There will be several email reminders about the process between now and when the new site is live. And we will tell you when it is up and running.

This is an exciting development for GSQ, and it is hoped that the new website will serve the society well for some time. Though if you read my "companion" piece in the December Generation you may think this might only be for a two-year period! Of course, the GSQ Management Committee hopes that this will not be the case, that the new website will serve GSQ well for many years, and the fact that so many other entities have redeveloped their websites within the past two years is mere coincidence. Or GSQ is, perhaps, just following a trend that has gone unremarked in the genie world until now. You heard first from GSQ.

Lastly, on behalf of the GSQ Management Committee, I wish all members a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year. I hope the best personal present you get over the holiday period is a stunning breakthrough in your own research. Until next year....

Geoff Doherty

president@gsq.org.au



Redlands

The final meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society for 2016 will be held on Wednesday, 14 December, at the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

There will be no Guest Speaker. Instead, each member is asked to bring a small plate of food to share for Afternoon Tea during which time we'll enjoy some Christmas fun.

We're to have a Raffle of a Christmas Cake and a multi-draw Lucky Door. All contributions to the Lucky Door prize pool will be welcomed.

All welcome to attend. \$2.00 Admission with Lucky Door ticket



Monday Morning Natters

December Natters is on Monday 5th December 10:00 am to 12 noon.

What are your memories of Christmas celebrations? Do you have special family traditions? Then our usual chat over morning tea.

All welcome, come along and share a cuppa and a chat with fellow family historians. Gold coin donation for morning tea please.

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 Street 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.

On Friday 2nd December, the members are holding their end of year Christmas break up. There will be no meeting on that day. The next meeting will be on Friday February 3rd 2017.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings.

Beautesert

Our final meeting for 2016 will be held 30th November 2016. This will be followed by lunch at Happy Valley restaurant.

As we have had several people interested in joining our group I will be holding a beginners morning on 3rd December from 9am to 12 noon.

We wish all our fellow researchers a very happy and holy Christmas and a bright and prosperous new year filled with lots of surprises from your research.

Maureen Hanson

Secretary Beautesert Branch



Our friend Helen Smith has shared a list of 25 gifts for the Genealogist in your life - or perhaps just for you! Click [HERE](#) to see the list.

Do you know about Legacy Family Tree Webinars? These cover an amazing array of topics and may be just the thing for a Christmas gift to someone you love - or yourself of course. They have a 30% off deal on an annual subscription at the moment. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

Thanks to James Tanner of Genealogy's Star for bringing this to our attention. Do you know about British-Genealogy.com? it's worth having a look at this site again even if you have looked before. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

The National Archives (UK) has an interesting World War I portal. Click [HERE](#) to access and explore what they have to offer.



GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Course	Date	Time	Contact
Garden City	Introduction to family history	Friday, 13 January 2017	10am -12pm	3403 7745
Wynnum	Finding Grandma	Monday, 6 February 2017	1-3pm	3403 8888
Nundah	Irish Immigration – why they left Ireland and where they went"	Saturday, 4 March	1:30-3pm	3407 8701
Kenmore	Using Newspapers for family history	Thursday, 23 March 2017	5:30-7:30pm	3407 0258

Convict Connections Group

Hi everyone,

This is the last meeting for the year (where has it gone!) and we will be having an informal lunch to celebrate another year. There will be no formal meeting but lunch will be at 12 Noon. Please bring a small plate of food or drinks to share.

Usually we have some activities, so come about 10:00am and just enjoy the company of others or do some personal research.

The doors will be open from 09:00am for those who want to make the most of their day.

If you have been thinking of coming to Convict Connections Group but just haven't made it, then come along on Sunday December 11, 2016 and you will be most welcome.

Happy Christmas and Best wishes for the New Year – see you at GSQ

Lyn Caldwell, Hon.Sec.

DNA Interest Group

The DNA SIG group had it last meeting for 2016 in November. Currently (30 November) FamilyTree DNA (<https://www.familytreedna.com/products.aspx>) has a sale on the FamilyFinder autosomal DNA test US\$59 plus postage instead of the usual US\$79 plus postage. It is unknown how long this sale will last. For those looking for a good book to explain about DNA testing for Genetic Genealogy I would suggest Blaine Bettinger's book: *Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing and Genetic Genealogy; How to Harness the Power of DNA to Advance Your Family Tree Research*. It would make a very good Christmas present. It is well written in easy to understand language.

The next meeting will be on Sunday January 15th at 9.30 where we will be talking about "Organising Your DNA Results". There will be an Introduction to DNA and How it can be used in your Genealogical Research in March as an extra session and extra introductory sessions are planned on being held in 2017 as well as the usual DNA SIG meeting dates.

Writing Group

The Writing Group's next meeting is Sunday the 19th February 2017. More details will be provided in January's eNews.

Contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com to be added to the group's mailing list.



GSQ closure period for Christmas: 20 Dec 2016 – 10 Jan 2017. There will be several open days where someone will open the Resource Centre. Members are welcome to come along and do their own research, but assistance will be minimal. Days to be advised via a MailChimp email.

The Management Team wishes members a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and many new discoveries for your family research.



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 21 January • 9.00am - 11.30 pm



Organising Your Family History

At GSQ, Stackpole St, Wishart
Presenter Pauline Williams

Organising your family history session will be a hands-on session with a lecture and some practical hints of how you can organise your family history efficiently

Limit of 15 participants so book early.

Cost \$25 for members; \$35 for non-members.



English/Irish Group

The English/Irish Interest Group will meet for the last time in 2016 on Sunday 4th December at GSQ. The doors open at 10 o'clock and the meeting will start at 10.30a.m. The library will remain open until 2.30p.m. for participants to do individual research and group members are always happy to share their expertise and knowledge. At the meeting Helen will be talking about Irish records in light of her recent trip to the Emerald Isle.

You are invited to bring along a small plate to share for morning tea as it is the last meeting for the year.

A gold coin donation is appreciated and will be put towards the purchase of records relevant to English, Welsh and Irish research.

All GSQ members are invited to join us for this meeting

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group due to take place at GSQ is our Hogmanay meeting on Sunday 22nd January when the library will open at 0930 am. Normal procedure is to bring a 'plate'.

Our normal meeting beginning at 10.30 will include a help session for those with research problems. A computer & projector will be available to catch upon the changes to the scotlandspople website.

On completion of the meeting the library will remain open for research. If possible advise the Group Secretary or President in advance of any research problems you have as it will assist in setting the agenda. Visitors are welcome.



Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will begin at 10.30 am on the 8th January, although the library will be open from 0900. This group is a networking group that can help beginners and assist both Mac & Windows users overcome any FTM problems they may face.

Members will be brought up to date on the MacKiev upgrade due mid-December.

People with laptops should bring them along so the participants can help solve your particular problem(s). We provide support for earlier FTM versions as well as the current 2014.0 & 2014.1 versions.

Advance notice to the convenor on mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au of your problem(s) will assist in setting the Agenda. GSQ members and researchers contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome to attend our meeting

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

The Legacy User Group aims to offer mutual support to any member in using Legacy software in their family history research. It provides information and help to members in obtaining the best use of their investment in Legacy. The Group's members range from raw beginners to those who have been using Legacy for long enough to have met most of its interesting quirks. None of us claim to be experts but we enjoy learning together.

Although we have a broad theme for each meeting, the Group is always ready to offer assistance to any member in need of support with any aspect of the program.

Details of our next meeting (on the afternoon of Sunday 8 January) will be emailed to group members. If you would like to be added to that mailing list, advise Bob at fortiter@live.com.au

German Interest Group

Our first meeting for the New Year is Sunday 29th January. I will endeavour to give you a short introduction re the new Group the "German Australian Genealogy and History Alliance" that is growing in numbers with more countries becoming involved each year. This will give us access to international sharing of information. We are excited about being invited to participate in this process.

The rest of the meeting will be free for you to do research. Looking forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Have a great Christmas and stay safe..

Military Interest Group

The first Military Group for 2017 is on Saturday 28 January and doors will open at 9.30am for 10am start. Elaine Lucas will be presenting on "Camouflage Units in North Africa in WWII".

If you have any queries on this subject, WWII generally or other military matters in any conflict please come along and members will attempt to assist.

Light refreshments provided.

All welcome.

Scandinavian Group

The Scandinavian Group had their Christmas food breakup in November at LOKAL + Co in West End, and enjoyed Scandinavian style open sandwiches and waffles with goat cheese, jam and sour cream.

Our next meeting is the third Sunday in January - the 15th.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Hilsen (Regards) Steinar.

