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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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From the President

Firstly, welcome to eNews to all those new members who have joined recently. There have been quite a few, mainly due to the successful Open Day that was held on 21 May. You will also get email notifications when the GSQ journal, Generation is available, and when anything else important or newsworthy is happening. GSQ uses Mail Chimp as its information notification vector, so when you see one in your inbox, it is news, not spam. Also, if you want to attend any of GSQ's presentations, you will need to book – via internet or phone.

GSQ held a well attended Volunteers Morning Tea on 14 May. Some eighty invitations were sent out – yes, that is how many people it takes to keep GSQ going over a year! And we need more. Not only are there the volunteers that are visible all the time working in the Resource Centre, there are those that work in the background – editing GSQ publications, maintaining the membership lists, the computers, running the interest groups, and many more. If you are interested in helping out at GSQ, please contact Lorraine Digney via volunteer@gsg.org.au

There was even a very nice cake – which you would have seen on the email announcement. It was the best sponge cake I have tasted in years! Yummm! GSQ's patron, Jennifer Harrison, said some very nice words about volunteering and the dedication of those who give up their time to help GSQ. She also said something very important – all volunteers should allocate themselves 'Me' time, in which to do something else completely different, just for themselves. This is to avoid burnout. That is why GSQ is always seeking more volunteers – to help spread the load, and to provide more services. It is a delicate balancing act.

It is very hard to single out those volunteers providing outstanding service, because they all do, in different ways. However, I decided I was able to make a couple of "President's Picks" and choose two volunteers as representatives of all. I gave certificates of appreciation to GSQ's "Most Visible" and "Least Visible" volunteers. The Most Visible award went to Lorraine Digney for her work as the Volunteer Coordinator, particularly in arranging the rosters since the move to Wishart and organising new volunteers and their training. The Least Visible award went to Ian Hunt, Hon. Electrician, also chosen for all the work he has done since the move, which was literally invisible as he was nearly always under the building! He worked in hot, confined spaces throughout the summer months, and every now and then we would hear banging coming from below. Both recipients deserve their award.

The good news this month is that GSQ gained a \$10,000 grant from the Gambling Fund for new chairs and a motorised projector screen for mounting on the back wall for presentations. There will be new chairs for all computer stations – high-end ergonomic chairs that tick all the workplace health and safety boxes, and those horrid pink conference chairs will be replaced with comfortable, stackable units that won't tip over. We just won't know ourselves in a few weeks' time!

There has been talk of creating more meeting space at the far end of the Centre. To do this will take a lot of compromise and a real domino effect. First we have to sort and clear the shelves in the kitchen area, then sort and clear items in the filing cabinets upstairs and move them either downstairs or into the blue toilet area shelves – after we clear those! Then we can think about moving the bookcases. This will take time – and more volunteers. Hands up, anyone?

'Till next month.

Geoff Doherty
president@gsq.org.au



Convict Connections Group



The meeting in June is to celebrate the Group's 21st year and we are having party.

The time is 10:00am with a presentation at 10:30am – **Moreton Bay – From Penal Settlement to Brisbane Town**

This will be followed by lunch supplied by the group.

Everyone is welcome to attend and help us celebrate this milestone.

We would appreciate an RSVP by June 6, 2016 if you would like to attend. This is to help with catering.

Email reply to convictconnections@yahoo.com.au or phone Lyn on 33951783. Please leave a message as I am sometimes had to catch!!

Monday Morning Natters

June Natters is on Monday June 6 10am -12 noon.

Andrew Gildea from Finders Café will be along to demonstrate his website <https://www.finderscafe.com/>. If you would like to participate, register on the site and bring along a digital image to upload to the site.

All welcome, come along and share a cuppa and a chat with fellow family historians.

Gold coin donation for morning tea please.

Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 8 June, commencing at 12.15pm in the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland.

In place of a Guest Speaker some members of the Society have organised a "Who Do You Think You Are" type of presentation for Member for Capalaba, Don Brown. Don and members of his immediate family are expected to be present.

Visitors very welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door prize.

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 22nd June 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 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.

The next meeting will be held on Friday 3rd June at 9.00 am.

Visitors are welcome.

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's June meeting will be held on Monday 20th followed by our guest speaker Janice Cooper, who will be speaking on 'Who were the mates? Identifying the World War 1 soldiers from one community.'

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

For further information please email southernsuburbs@optusnet.com.au or contact Noele Alexander on 3208 2518.

Visitors are very welcome.



GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Course	Date	Time	Contact
Kenmore	Introduction to Family History Research	Thursday 23 June	10:00am - 12 noon	07 3407 0258
Grange	Immigration	Saturday 9 July	10:00am - 12 noon	07 3407 2523
Wynnum	Exploring FindMyPast	Monday 11 July	1:30pm - 3:00pm	07 3403 2199

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 18 June • 9.30am - 12.30pm

BOOK NOW

Convicts: Australian Royalty

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

- *Sifting the archival soil or raising Lazarus: constructing meaning from the micro biographies of the Penal Station archive*
Tamsin O'Connor, author and post-graduate student.
- *Attitudes towards convicts in Queensland in the 1800s (and why many hid their convict background)*
Jan Richardson, Post-Graduate student, UNE
- *Exploring the Biographical Database of Australia, what you can find*
Carole Williamson, experienced family history researcher and GSQ Vice-President
- *Till death do us part': female convicts and marriage,*
Dr Jennifer Harrison – Researcher and family historian, University of Queensland, Patron, GSQ

Morning tea is provided.

Cost \$25 members \$35 non-member

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL.



The University of Strathclyde (Glasgow) has a FREE online course entitled *Genealogy: Researching Your Family Tree*. This is a 6 week course commencing on the 18th July.

Previous courses have received positive feedback from fellow family historians. You can find out more and enrol [HERE](#).



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

Sunday 26 June • 9.30am - 1.00 pm

BOOK NOW

Introduction to Family History

Venue: GSQ Resource Centre
25 Stackpole Street, Wishart 4122

The presenter, Janice Wellard, has over 30 years' experience using records from Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland, Canada and the United States. This course will cover using all the main genealogy records such as BDMs, Census, immigration, Parish registers, and so on. This course is suitable for both new and inexperienced researchers.

Participants need to bring their own lunch, a notebook and a USB stick if they wish to stay and do further research using GSQ's resources including subscription databases (with help from Janice).

Cost: \$35 for members and \$45 for non-members

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Saturday 20 August • 9.00am - 12.30 pm

Save the Date!

Will the real John Smith stand up: picking your ancestor out from the crowd? (Sources/Proof)

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

Making tracks on our research trail - using citations to guide our search – Janice Cooper, family historian, author and local historian

Are you searching the right John Williams? - How to identify the correct John Smith when there are duplicated surnames - Jennifer Harrison, historian and genealogist.

Fact or fiction: weighing the evidence – Pauline Williams, experienced English researcher and former editor of GSQ's journal, Generation

Morning tea is provided.

Cost \$25 members \$35 non-member

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English/Irish Group

The English/Irish Group will meet again on the first Sunday in June – June 5th.

At this meeting members of the group will present information they have learnt about research in one English county (Nottinghamshire) and one Welsh county (Monmouthshire).

The doors of GSQ open at 10a.m. and the formal part of the morning starts at 10.30a.m. We ask for a gold coin donation from attendees, which is put towards buying records to enhance GSQ's resources for England, Ireland and Wales.

Following the presentations there will be time for individual research and group members readily share their knowledge about their English, Welsh and/or Irish Research. The library will be available for research until 2.30p.m., so bring along your lunch if you like. All members of GSQ are invited to join us on Sunday 5th June. We look forward to seeing you there.

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group will take place at GSQ on Sunday 3rd July commencing at 10 am.

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

On completion of the meeting the library will be 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 meet as usual at the GSQ Library on Sunday 10th July 2016 at 10.30 am until 12.30 pm.

This group is a networking group that can help beginners and assist more experienced members overcome any FTM problems they may face. Members will be brought up to date on the MacKiev.com changes and any updates.

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 next meeting of the group will be on Sunday, July 10 at 1 pm. We will continue to explore the ways Legacy can be customised to suit your needs and ways of working (including how to record same sex couples).

Watch for more details in the next eNews. If you have a question you would like the group to consider, contact Bob at fortiter@live.com.au.

Scandinavian Group

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

Hope to see you there.
Regards, Steinar

German Interest Group

We are having our next meeting on the 31st July.

We have a speaker, Robin Kleinschmidt, joining us to help us find out more about the Lutheran Churches here in Australia in the 19th Century. Our search, and current information is ever changing and we are lucky to have people around us that have this knowledge to share.

Morning tea is always a treat and a time to pick our guests brain. Looking forward to seeing you.

Writing Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 19 June, when Margaret Warren of the State Library of Queensland will talk to members about Copyright issues. Doors open at 10am, with the meeting from 10.30-11am. Margaret's presentation will be from 11.15am-12.15pm. Doors close at 2pm. More details from Convenor, Pauline Williams, on pstirland@hotmail.com

Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the Military Interest Group will be on Saturday 23 July commencing at 10am at the new GSQ Research Centre at Wishart.

The topic for discussion will be decided at the next meeting on 28 May so the topic will be included in the July email. Any GSQ member with an interest in military history generally is welcome to attend. New members are very welcome and light refreshments will be available.

DNA Interest Group

The DNA SIG has now been active for one year. With the increasing numbers of people testing, especially in the UK it is an exciting time for genealogists.

Our next meeting is on the 17th July at 9.30 where we will continue our discussion on 3rd party Tools to analyse DNA data. All welcome.

