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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 – March 2016,

What a day we had! I am not talking about the spate of hot, muggy days we have had recently, but about GSQ's very successful Grand Opening and Family History Fair held on Saturday 6 February 2016. To be perfectly honest, I and the Management Committee were not even sure if anyone would turn up on the day. With these sort of events, there is always that element of doubt. We had many "If we build it, will they come?" moments. However, we needn't have doubted ourselves. Despite several heavy rain squalls and some wind gusts that threatened to first wash away the marquees set up in the carpark, and when that didn't work, to blow them away, everything ran relatively smoothly on the day. I have much pleasure in saying "Well Done!" to all those members, and family and friends, who gave up their time on the day to make it such a resounding success.

Dr. Jennifer Harrison, GSQ Patron, and Ian Walker, MLA for Mansfield electorate, were present to assist with the formal part of the day, the official opening, and their words were well received by those present. Ian has even donated a Queensland flag to the society, which is very welcome seeing that we now have a flagpole from which to fly it.

If you missed the Wednesday edition of Southern Star, or live outside its circulation area, some great photos of the Grand Opening appeared on page 15. You can access these at the Southern Star website, but you do have to sign up for a free account. This is the url address for their website - <http://quest.newspaperdirect.com/epaper/viewer.aspx>

The best news is that GSQ gained many new members on the day. Because of this the society has scheduled a New Members Welcome Session for Saturday, 5 March 2016, and I would urge all new and recent members to try and get along to this meeting. You will gain an overview of just what is available at GSQ and then will be able to do a little bit of research in the afternoon if you wish to stay on afterwards.

As you read these words, Marg and I will be in New Zealand, on a Family History Cruise from Auckland to Fremantle. These family history cruises are a very cost effective way to have a great holiday and a family history conference at the same time. The networking opportunities are second to none, and I will be working my hardest to spread the name of GSQ amongst the conference goers, and to learn new and interesting ideas and techniques that can be transplanted to GSQ. Promise! Marg and I will also be doing a couple of presentations each on the trip, so it is not all play and no work.

Prior to our departure from Auckland on Valentine's Day – what a great day to start a cruise that was – the two of us visited the New Zealand Society of Genealogists research centre. We try to do something similar, at least once, on all our overseas trips as ambassadors for the society, and to see how other societies cope with the issues we all seem to have in common. The one thing that impressed me about the Auckland SoG, apart from their having air conditioning, is that they had a dedicated presentation space in a separate room for their seminars and education classes. That is something GSQ will have to aspire to for when next it moves, perhaps in another ten years! However, the Auckland SoG's own lease is expiring shortly and we were able to talk about the pros and cons of moving or staying in place with them. Moving or staying is always a tricky subject, but is one that I believe GSQ has solved this time to its great benefit.

That is about all for now – until next month. You can always reach me at the address below, with any comments, issues or suggestions – even while overseas.

Geoff Doherty  
[president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au)



### 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

March Natters is on Monday 7th March. In February Hugh Smith explained about the different types of maps and then we looked at some of the ones in the map cabinets at GSQ. For March we will have a look at findmypast website library edition at GSQ.

Gold coin donation for morning tea please.

### Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 9 March at the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Judy Lofthouse whose address will be titled "Queensland Family History OnLine"

Visitors very welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize."

### Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's March meeting will be held on Monday 21st followed by our guest speaker Hilda Maclean who will be speaking on 'Researching Colonial Chinese-Australian Ancestry'.

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@otusnet.com.au or contact Noele Alexander on phone 3208 2518. Visitors are always very welcome

### 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 4th March at 9.00am. Visitors are welcome.

### Bayside

The Bayside March meeting will be held at the home of Val Hanlon on Friday 11 March at 10am.

For further details please phone Elma on 3893 1841. .

### 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 23 March 2016.



GSQ will be open on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights of the month commencing on Wednesday 10 February 2016. Come along, enjoy some research and help from our Library Assistants.

### GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Course	Date	Time	Library Contact
Mitchelton	Enhancing your family tree with Google	Thursday 12 March	10:00am -12 noon	07 3403 7410
Chermside	Australian women in the first WW	Thursday 17 March	1:00pm -3:00pm	07 3403 7200
Carina	Australian women in the professions	Tuesday 22 March	1:00pm - 3:00pm	07 3403 8888
Fairfield	Women at War	Saturday 16 April	10:30am - 12:30pm	07 3403 8615
Mitchelton	Australia & Word War 1	Saturday 23 April	10:00am - 12 noon	07 3403 7410

## 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](http://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](mailto: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.](#)



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Contact: Roz Kuss 5493 1197

Web: [caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au](http://caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au)

Further details to follow



Queensland Places is a website containing all the places in Queensland, including cities, suburbs, towns and villages, that have now or once had a population over 500. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the website.

Do you have a genealogy research plan? Amy Johnson Crow has an interesting post about how to build a research plan. [CLICK HERE](#) to read about it and develop your own plan.

Another useful resource is Hilary Gadsby’s Google+ page on English County Research Links. [CLICK HERE](#) to go to the page.

5 Things You Can Do in Genealogy When You’re Short on Time from Amy Johnson Crow lists 5 things you can do when you have some spare time. [CLICK HERE](#) to view.

Passengers in History brings together two wonderful resources: A passengers database developed by the SA Maritime Museum and a list of ships’ logs and diaries, titled Log of Logs. [CLICK HERE](#) to search.



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.



### 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 10:00 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, with help from others present where possible.

We hope to see you there.

### Family Tree Maker Users' Group

Our next meeting will be 13th March 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.

People with laptops should bring them along so the participants can help solve your particular problem(s). Advance notice to the convenor on [mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au](mailto: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.

### Scandinavian Group

At our next meeting on on 20 March we hope to have a guest speaker talking about Norwegian settlement in Australia.

All members are welcome.  
Hilsen (regards) Steinar.

### 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, 6th March 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 10th March 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.

### DNA Interest Group

The DNA SIG started the year with an informative meeting in January. We were also represented at the GSQ Family History Fair on the 6th February.

Our next meeting is 20 March starting at 9.30am. Topic will be "*What to do with the results?*"

Of interest is the new GSQ ongoing DNA Raffle with a FamilyFinder DNA Kit as the prize. Tickets are \$2 and limited to 80 tickets, see the raffle box at GSQ.

All welcome, gold coin donation.



### German Interest Group

On Saturday the 12th March we have decided to take a trip to the Queensland State Archives instead of our meeting on March 27th that has been cancelled due to it falling on Easter Sunday. The Archives are at 435 Crompton Road, Runcorn. They are open from 9am-4.30pm. Anyone wanting to come along is asked to meet outside at 9.30am.

There are many do's and don'ts associated with visiting the Archives, so it is best to go and check out the site [www.archives.qld.org.au/](http://www.archives.qld.org.au/) and go to What to bring. Most important don't forget your lunch, and your Identification. It may be possible to tour behind the scenes so we will need to know numbers.

Please advise Margaret Nicholson [dwandmmnicholson@gmail.com](mailto:dwandmmnicholson@gmail.com) or Mobile 0438 901 672 or Lesley Roebig at [ringyspaniel@hotmail.com](mailto:ringyspaniel@hotmail.com).

Don't forget to make a list of what you would like to find.

### Writing Group

The Writing Group had a successful start to the year in February. The next meeting is on 17 April and details will appear in April eNews.

For more information contact Pauline at [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com).

### Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the Military Interest Group will be on Saturday 19 March commencing at 10am at the new GSQ Research Centre at Wishart.

The discussion topic will be *Understanding Military Records*. Everyone with an interest in military history is welcome.

In particular, new attendees are very welcome. Light refreshments will be available.

