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From the President

I am finding that being President of GSQ involves a multitude of various tasks. I feel I am a bit like Russ Hinze, who used to be known as the “Minister for Everything” back in the days of the National Party rule here in Queensland. I am sure many of you remember him. Anyway, it makes life interesting, and I don’t mind – as long as I get plenty of warning that I have to do something. I will come back to that a bit later.

This month I have been down to Wynnum-Manly to address a Probus club meeting, telling them the basics about family history and why they need to be involved. Probus is an organisation for retired professionals, the average age for this group was about 60-80 and there were about 40-50 attendees. I did a segment called “Just Three Generations” where I asked them 2 questions each about their parents, grandparents and great-grandparents, to see what they really knew. Most failed at the first question about their mothers – and this always happens generally with this segment. So now they knew what they didn’t know about their ancestors. Then I asked them – “What do your children, grand-children and great-grandchildren know about you?” Perhaps it is time to do some family history? I think I may have interested one or two enough to come along and see what GSQ can offer them. Time will tell.

A different aspect of time came with a telephone call I took at GSQ a couple of weeks ago, while again filling in as Library Assistant. [I will be doing less of that now so many members have done the Library Assistant training – good on you all] Therese, who is 91 and a lapsed member (for obvious reasons) rang and asked if someone could try and prove her husband’s great grandfather’s birth. Her husband has passed away and Therese wanted to clear up this last puzzle of their family history. The ggrandfather came to Queensland in 1882, but was born in the US in about 1854 in a “blink and you miss it” speck of a town called New Hudson in New York state – so he says on his two marriage certificates here. Yet he came here via/from Plymouth in England. Why would someone undertake two long sea voyages at that time, to come here? But how would he know of New Hudson if he did not think he was born there? Anyway, I said, gallantly, I would help her out – well, not having a lot of luck just yet. I suspect a surname change of some sort has occurred along the way, which does not help. Stay tuned for further exciting results. I may even have to ask for help!

Now, back to that “adequate warning” I mentioned at the start. On the Saturday of the Anzac Day long weekend, I did a presentation at the Brisbane Council Library at Mitchelton. Just a day or so prior the library phoned to say they only had one booking, but would not be cancelling. Disappointing as the numbers were, GSQ always does these talks because the Council pays for them. So I, or any of the other GSQ presenters, will always go for just one person – at least I was forewarned about what to expect. As it turned out, there were three people there. Huge improvement.

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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.

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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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On the same day, GSQ had a presentation on "Know Your Library". There were 14 bookings – 39 people attended! A huge improvement again. It was terrific to have so many there on the day, and I hope you all got a lot out of it – but it could have been very embarrassing. We were only catering for 14 people for morning tea. If not for two people mistakenly thinking they were responsible for the morning tea and them both providing items for it, GSQ would have been extremely embarrassed. I also believe it was standing room only. Not enough chairs on hand, and the layout was wrong for the numbers. This highlights nicely the importance of booking – either online via Eventbrite or just over the phone. That little bit of forewarning gives GSQ time to make sure everything is right on the day. **Booking helps GSQ to help you.**

Geoff Doherty
president@gsq.org.au

Monday Morning Natters

Monday Morning Natters is on the public holiday May 2 and the topic is "Are you getting all the information out of the census record?".

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 11 May at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Mike Vitobello, representing the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages, Queensland with a BDM Update.

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 25th May 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 6th May at 9.00 am. The Guest Speaker will be Geoff Doherty who will speak on *Boer War deserters*.

Visitors are welcome.

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's May meeting will be held on Monday 16th followed by our guest speaker Rosemary Kopittke who will be speaking on 'Suffrage in Queensland: Who, when, where.'. 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
Carindale	Enhancing your family tree with Google	Friday 20 May	10:00am - 12 noon	07 3403 1490
Kenmore	Introduction to Family History Research	Thursday 23 June	10:00am - 12 noon	07 3407 0258

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 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.](#)



During April bloggers all over the world have been participating in the A to Z Challenge where letters of the alphabet are prompts to blog. Sunday is a free day. To read some of the blogs, and they are interesting, Google AtoZChallenge and see what you may find.

One interesting blog is Library Currants by blogger Carmel Galvin. During the challenge Carmel has blogged about Apps that may be useful - indeed they are useful and fascinating. You can read Carmel's posts [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

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Further details to follow

Saturday 18 June • 9.30am - 12.30pm



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.
- *Topic TBA* – Jennifer Harrison, historian and GSQ Patron
- *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

Morning tea is provided.

Cost \$25 members \$35 non-members [CLICK HERE TO BOOK.](#)

Would you like some tips on preserving family photos?

[Click here](#) to access an informative post from Amy Johnson Crow including a YouTube video and resources.

Did you know about the 1916 Easter Rising in Ireland? There have been commemorative events in Dublin over the Easter period and throughout April. [Click here](#) to see some great photos of the anniversary.

Do you have a family member that tells the funniest family stories? If so the FamilySearch blog post on oral history is for you - [click here](#) to access.



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 about research in two counties – one in England (Nottinghamshire) and one in Wales (Monmouthshire).

The doors of GSQ open at 10a.m. and the formal part of the morning starts at 10.30a.m. Following the presentations there will be time for individual research. The library will be available for research until 2.30p.m. All members of GSQ are invited to join us on 5th June. We look forward to seeing 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.

All GSQ members are welcome, gold coin donation appreciated.

Scandinavian Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group happens to be on Mother's Day Sunday 8 May, and a few members have said they will be unable to attend on that day. therefore we will postpone the Guest Speaker Odd Steinar Dybvad-Raneng to our September meeting.

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.

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, 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

Legacy Family Tree Group will be on Sunday May 15 at 1pm.

Bring along your successes with using Legacy and also we will be able to help you if you are having any problems. If you have a laptop then bring it along too

Contact Judy by email at presentations@gsq.org.au

Convict Connections Group

The next meeting for the Group is in June. It will be a 21 years Celebration.on Sunday 12th June 2016 at 10am .

There will be a presentation , followed by a provided lunch. .

We would ask however, that you let us know by email at convictconnections@yahoo.com.au if you are attending to help with catering.

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



German Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on the Sunday 29th May. Our guest speaker will be Ian Stehbins to talk on his Stehbins Ancestors Immigration and life in Australia on the "Sophie" in 1865. It includes many of the other passengers lives as well in his latest book, that has been recently published - "From the Edge of Oblivion".

We have a copy of his book in the library. We will finish with our usual yummy morning tea and a chance to chat with Ian around the table. Looking forward to seeing you there. Guests welcome.

Writing Group

The next meeting will be on Sunday 19 June, when we will have a guest speaker.

More details in June eNews.

Contact is 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.

DNA Interest Group

DNA SIG next meeting is 9.30 8th May. The topic will be *Third Party Tools*

Once you have your autosomal results from one of the three genealogical testing companies (Ancestry FTDNA and 23 and me) there are a number of third party tools you can use to look at the results. Gedmatch is one of these.

All welcome, gold coin donation.

