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- Monday • Closed
- Tuesday • 10am - 3pm
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- Thursday • 10am - 3pm
- Friday • 10am - 3pm
- Saturday • 12noon - 4pm
- Sunday • Interest Groups

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From the President Hello Everyone,

This is my first President's Report since being elected at the AGM held in September. The election side of things went smoothly, but the meeting itself got a bit heated – all to do with whether a Management Committee member resigned or was removed. The answer is resigned – twice – once at a MC meeting and again by email later - I have the email. I just wanted to clear up that small controversy right from the start, so that everyone is clear about what occurred. I would like everything about GSQ to be enjoyable for all members – even AGMs. We are participating in a hobby after all, and everyone who assists with running the society is doing so voluntarily. In that light, we should all respect one another's right to quiet enjoyment of that hobby and be thankful to those members who do step forward to assist in management. We who do volunteer should not then develop "ownership issues" over what we do – as family historians we should all realise that nothing is forever, and enjoyment is the name of the game. That will be my mantra.

There have been some changes to the committee this year. Obviously, Margaret Doherty has stepped down from being President, but remains on the committee. I would like to thank her on behalf of the society for her dedication over almost eight years as President. I have no intention of being President for anywhere near that length of time. Margaret Coleman, Christine Meehan and Barbara Robinson left the committee and I also wish to thank them for their commitment to the Society.

There are three new members of the Management Committee this year: Claire Rodwell, Hugh Smith and Sharyn Merkley. They bring a range of experience to the committee, especially as we are moving – moving as you are reading this most likely!

As you would be aware, the previous management committee decided to take advantage of the fact that the Fisher Street lease was up for renewal at the end of November, and to look for new premises – because of the parking, dance studio noise and water ingress problems experienced. This proved to be a bit difficult as there was nothing really suitable in GSQ's price range. Luckily the property at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart was pointed out to us and on inspection it proved suitable for purpose. Unfortunately, the lease negotiations were more protracted than was helpful, but in mid-October GSQ had the keys to new premises.

The building is an old martial arts training hall. There is a large central hall space that is ideal for the society's family history library research function. There are 17 car spaces onsite, with plenty of free parking on the surrounding streets as well. This is a complete contrast to Fisher Street. At Stackpole Street GSQ will also gain exposure to passing traffic on Mt. Gravatt-Capalaba Road – an unparalleled advertising opportunity that GSQ has never had before. There are no noisy neighbours and there is no flood problem.

GSQ needs help with unpacking at Wishart in early November. The removal happens on Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th November. Any help you can manage will be greatly appreciated, contact Helen at secretary@gsq.org.au or on 0417 782 554. Remember every little bit helps!



From Your Management Committee

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held at the GSQ Resource Centre and Library on Saturday 10 October 2015.

At the AGM Marg Doherty presented her last Annual Report on the activities of the Society for the financial year 2014-15 and wished the Society well for the coming move to Wishart.

The following members of the GSQ Management Committee were elected:

President Geoff Doherty
 Vice President Carole Williamson
 Treasurer Carlene Harris (acting)
 Secretary Helen Connor

Committee Members

Margaret Doherty
 Kerry Kilpatrick
 Sharon Merkley
 Lesley Roebig
 Claire Rodwell
 Hugh Smith
 Janice Wellard

GSQ currently has an Acting Treasurer in place but requires a Treasurer for 2015/16. If you are interested, or know of anyone who may be interested please contact Geoff Doherty on president@gsq.org.au discuss options.

The AGM reports will be placed on MyGSQ as soon as possible for members' information.

As mentioned previously, GSQ will close st 38 Fisher Street at 3:00pm on Friday 30 November as the move to Wishart takes place on Wednesday and Thursday 4th and 5th November.

The Management Team apologises in advance for any inconvenience caused to our valuable members but as Fisher Street needs to be painted - as required by our lease - and vacated by 30 November there is no alternative but to close.

The new premises, with onsite no limit parking will I believe, amply compensate for the short term inconvenience of GSQ closing in November.

Hope to see you at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart,
 Helen Connor
 Hon. Secretary

Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 4 November** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Mandy Swingle from the Queensland State Archives whose address will focus upon *Post Second World War Architecture Records* at the Queensland State Archives.

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

Please Note: This meeting is a week earlier than usual due to Remembrance Day celebrations on 11 November.

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's November meeting will be held on Monday 16th at the Upper Mt. Gravatt Scout Den, down Carson Lane, off Logan Road, Upper Mt. Gravatt commencing at 7.30pm.

As this is our last meeting of the year we will not be having a guest speaker.

The members of our Branch would like to take this opportunity to wish all GSQ members a happy and safe Christmas Season.

For further details contact Noele Alexander on Phone 3208 2518.

Visitors are always 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 Sickfield St Alderley. Doors open at 8.45 am.

The next meeting of the Branch will be on Friday the 6th of November, and the Guest Speaker will be Avon Moffatt, talking on the Light Horse "In the steps of the Light Horse" a list of Light Horse and re-enactments at Beersheba.

Bayside

The Bayside Branch will hold their next meeting at the home of Pia Crook on Friday 13 November at 11am.

For further details 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.

No meeting in December.

Monday Morning Natters

We are having a break this month as GSQ is moving. See you at 25 Stackpole St Wishart on December 7. We will have a Christmas theme so come along for a natter and check out the new premises. Gold coin donation for morning tea.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Booking Required

| Date, Time & Presentation | Library |
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| Monday, 9 November 2015 10am -12pm Irish Immigration – why they left Ireland and where they went | Toowong |
| Thursday, 19 November 2015 10am -12pm Using Newspapers for Family History | Kenmore |

From the President cont'd

As with all moves though, there is much work to do. Both in preparing the books, equipment and office holdings at the old site for the move, and the building at the new site to receive it all. And the new site does require work. It could be described as a bit of a "fixer-upperer!" The owners have done work on the floor – removing the old judo matting that was glued to it, and sheeting it over. Then GSQ was allowed in to paint.

Over the period of 16-20 October, I and a small group of volunteers managed to clean the walls, patched holes and remove excess wiring and old blinds. Then we applied two coats of paint. On 20th October, pre-primed skirting boards were installed and also given two coats of paint. There was a deadline to all this, as it had to be completed by Friday, 23 October, as that is the day for the carpet laying.

I would like to acknowledge the wonderful assistance provided by the painting volunteers: Bob Thompson, Bob McAllister, Gerald Barns, Angie Hawes, Kay Aberdeen, Ian Hunt, Claire Rodwell and Lorraine Digney. They all contributed willingly and we managed to complete everything two days before the carpet laying.

And then Marg and I left on a six-week holiday! Yes, right in the middle of the move. We could do nothing about this as the holiday was booked well in advance of the move even being thought of. I am writing this report in the air on the way to London. Pretty much everything else will be completed by the time of our return. Well, I hope so – but that is in the future.

The rest of the move is in the hands of Carole Williamson (Vice-President) and Helen Connor (Secretary) and they have organised a comprehensive schedule of tasks for the move. They will require help, and I hope other members will volunteer their time in the same way as the painting crew helped me. The old GSQ premises will also have to be cleaned and repainted once all equipment, books and other items have been moved over to Wishart. Please contact Carole or Helen if you are able to help in any small way.

This is an exciting time for GSQ, with a great opportunity to make a new beginning at new premises. But I also know that change is a hard process to go through, and not all members will embrace the move wholeheartedly. Some will be disadvantaged by the move out into the southern suburbs, while others will find it much easier to get to the new GSQ. Swings and roundabouts. However, I believe the move is worthwhile and justified, and I hope to see as many of you as possible at our new family history home.

You can always contact me via president@gsq.org.au with any concerns or comments you may have.

Geoff Doherty
President

WE'RE MOVING!



**GSQ is moving to 25 Stackpole Street
cnr Mt Gravatt Capalaba Road Wishart
in early November**

For more info:

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We hope to see you there



GSQ at 38 Fisher Street will close to members for research at 3:00pm Friday 30 October 2015.

This is necessary to enable GSQ to move to Wishart. As you can imagine moving is a huge undertaking and one that the Management Committee considered carefully.

The new premises will take a few weeks to get things back together, sorted and organised and the team would welcome your help.

We hope to be open at Wishart in the first week of December all going well and we will keep members informed by email and on the GSQ website.

The Management Team thanks you in advance for your patience.



English/Irish Group

The English/Irish Group will meet for the first time at GSQ's new location at Wishart on Sunday 6th December.

Topics for this meeting will be confirmed in the next enews, and as usual an email will go out to the usual attendees prior to this meeting.

If you would like to be added to this email group, please send an email to Janice - janice1653@optusnet.com.au

We look forward to seeing all those with an interest in English, Irish and Welsh research at GSQ's new premises in December.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

There will be no Interest Groups at GSQ in November due to the proposed move of GSQ to Wishart..

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for January 2016.

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

This will be held at the home of Judy Lofthouse. For further details please email GSQ..

Scottish Interest Group

There will be no Interest Groups at GSQ in November due to the proposed move of GSQ to Wishart.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for January 2016.

Convict Connections Group

Our December get-together will be on 13th December at the new GSQ premises at Wishart. Please join us and feel free to bring a friend to our end-of-year fun day. Bring a plate of 'colonial tucker' to share - or if your imagination does not stretch that far, then sandwiches or fruit will suffice!

My thanks to Carol Bergen for her most informative talk at our October meeting. Hopefully more of our members will be willing to share their stories at our meetings in 2016. All GSQ members are welcome.

DNA Interest Group

The DNA Group is certainly popular, there is increasing interest in DNA for family history. Stay tuned to eNews for the next meeting date in early 2016.

Military Interest Group

There will be no Interest Groups at GSQ in November due to the proposed move of GSQ to Wishart. In January the group will have a discussion on the Light Horse.

In the meantime keep researching your military ancestors.

German Interest Group

With the big move on, we have decided to have our Christmas Breakup with lunch at 12.00 on the 29th November at the German Club.

Not sure how many wish to attend, but if anyone is interested in attending could you please let me know via e-mail dwandmmnicholson@gmail.com or phone 0438 9016 72 by Wednesday 25th November.

I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and a great start to the New Year in our new premises.

Scandinavian Group

The Scandinavian Group usually have their last meeting of the year sampling some food popular in Scandinavia.

Our 15th November meeting will be held at East Leagues Club Café, Coorparoo at 12:30 pm, where we will sample their waffles with fresh strawberries, cream and ice-cream.

We look forward to seeing you there.

Writing Group

The Writing Group's final meeting for 2015 was on 18 October. We will not meet again until February 2016. Meeting dates will be circulated once these are finalised.

Please email Convenor, Pauline Williams, on pstirland@hotmail.com if you would like to be kept informed of the Group's activities.

December Generation

The theme for the December issue of Generation will be - tell us the how, why and when your ancestors came to Australia..

Articles may be sent to editor@gsq.org.au or mailed to P O Box 8423, Woolloongabba 4102 by 15 November.



Bright ideas?

With the move to Wishart GSQ is thinking about and planning for the new premises in 2016. Do you have any ideas or suggestions for programs, education sessions or groups that GSQ can consider? The Management Committee would be pleased to hear your ideas, email GSQ at info@gsq.org.au - all suggestions are welcome.

