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From the President

This is my final eNews as President so I want to thank all the members who have supported me over the past eight years.

The last eight years have changed GSQ and there are more changes planned. Family history and genealogy have changed beyond belief in the past few years and GSQ has endeavoured to keep pace. Sometimes, however, physical issues can be important. GSQ's current premises in East Brisbane have become problematic with parking issues resulting from being in the Gabba Traffic Precinct. Also the continuing water issue in times of heavy rain is also a problem as is the noise from the dancing studio above us. This site has been useful but it is time to move.

GSQ is in the process of moving to the corner of Mt Gravatt-Capalaba Road and Stackpole Street, Wishart. These premises have 17 car parks which is a definite advantage. Feedback to date has been almost totally positive and I have signed an offer document. The plan is to move in November 2015 which means the cancellation of all planned events at GSQ in November. This means there will be no interest groups in November and education events for November and December have been cancelled. I apologise for any inconvenience but believe the benefits will be in the future.

On the 3 and 4 October the first Queensland family and local history conference will be held at Riverglenn at Indooroopilly so I hope to see you there. This is jointly hosted by GSQ, QFHS and History Queensland and hopefully will be an ongoing event.

The education sessions at GSQ for October are *Dr Leonie Ryder* presenting on *The Honourable East India Company on Saturday 17 October at Fisher Street*. Book here. *On Monday 26 October, Janice Wellard and Pauline Williams* are presenting *Reading old documents: where to begin*. This is a hands-on session on and you can book here.

Finally, the GSQ AGM is on Saturday 10 October commencing at 10am. I hope to see you there. If you cannot attend please provide a proxy. See the GSQ website where Proxy Forms may be found under the News button on the home page.

In closing, all the best in your family history research

Happy researching

Marg Doherty president@gsq.org.au

Help Wanted

GSQ needs help with packing and sorting at Fisher Street before the move to Wishart. Ideally, we would be packed and ready to move by the end of October or at the very latest the first week of November. We will also need help unpacking at Wishart in November. If you are available during October and November please contact Helen Connor at secretary@gsq.org.au or on 0417 782 554. Remember every little bit helps!



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From Your Management Committee

Annual General Meeting of Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc to be held at 10:00am on Saturday, 10 October 2015

Nominations for the Executive and Management Committee

President Geoff Doherty VicePresident Carole Williamson Treasurer Vacant Secretary Helen Connor

Committee Members

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

The list of nominations including nominator and seconder, is available at 38 Fisher Street, East Brisbane and on the GSO website at www.gsq.org.au under the News icon.

positions on the Management All Committee, with the exception of the position of Treasurer, have been filled. Accordingly the only position available at the Annual General Meeting is the position of Treasurer.

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 Marg Doherty on president@gsq.org.au or on her mobile 0439 456 109 to discuss options.

If you are unable to attend the AGM but would like to have a Proxy vote contact the Secretary at secretary@gsg.org.au to arrange one.

The AGM is an opportunity for members to hear first-hand reports from the Management Committee and to express their views. At this exciting time of revitalisation and moving forward for GSQ all financial members are welcome. Hope to see you on 10 October. Helen Connor Hon. Secretary

BRANCH NEWS

Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 14 October at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be author, Peter Ludlow, whose address will focus upon World War I identities from the Redlands.

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

Southern Suburbs

Southern Suburbs Branch's October meeting will be held on Monday 19th followed by our guest speaker Russell Fraser, who will be speaking on 'What's in a Name – Surname Origins in Britain & Ireland'.

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 details contact Noele Alexander on Phone 3208 2518. Visitors are always welcome.

Gabba Event Days

There are no scheduled Gabba Event Days in October so no 15 minute parking restrictions.

When GSQ moves to Wishart in November there will be no further problems with parking restrictions.



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 of the Branch will be on Friday 2nd October.

Bayside

The Bayside Branch will hold its next morning tea at the home of Dell Cossart on 9 October at 10am.

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

Sadly there will be no Natters in October or November. The first Monday in October is a public holiday for Labour Day and in November GSQ is moving to Wishart.

Don't despair, we will get together in December to celebrate the new premises and reflect on a year of Nattering.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Booking Required			
Date, time & Presentation	Library		
Fri 23 October 10:00-12:00pm	Mt Gravatt		
Exploring Findmypast	07 3403 7775		
Sat 24 October 13:30-15:00pm	Nundah		
Exploring your convict ancestry	07 3403 8888		

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 8423, Woolloongabba, Q 4102 or call in at Fisher Street. Email info@gsq.org.au or phone 3891 5085 for further information.

Saturday 17 October • 9.30am - 11.45am

My ancestors in the Honourable East India Company Dr Leonie Ryder

This presentation will provide a general introduction to the Honourable East India Company (HEIC). Using a case history, it will explore the roles and areas in which ancestors served. The case study will examine two generations of a family serving in the HEIC - including chaplains in India and Burma and ancestors in the home office. This will be a useful presentation to those with ancestors in the HEIC or those interested in the HEIC as it was an important part of the British empire. **BOOK HERE**

Cost: \$12 for GSQ members and \$17 for non-members **Venue:** GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane. *Bookings are essential.*

Monday 26 October • 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Reading old documents: where to begin Pauline Williams & Janice Wellard, GSQ

Have you torn your hair out over poorly transcribed material found online? Had problems in reading/understanding handwritten documents such as wills? As your research takes you further back in time, you'll come across even more handwritten documents: some of these are relatively easy to decipher, but others can just look like a mass of meaningless lines and squiggles. This course aims to introduce you to old handwriting styles and offer strategies for reading old documents. Participants will be invited to provide documents which they would like assistance with transcribing. **BOOK HERE**

Cost: \$20 members only hands on session. Venue: GSQ, 38 Fisher St, East Brisbane. Bookings are essential.

Do you have any boxes that could be used for packing at GSQ?

If so, contact GSQ on 38915085 or email info@gsq.org.au.

Any assistance would be appreciated.

WE'RE MOVING!

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

> For more info: Phone: 07 3891 5085 Web: www.gsq.org.au Email: info@gsq.org.au

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.



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INTEREST GROUPS

English/Irish Group

The October meeting date is also the weekend of the 'In Time and Place' Conference.

A number of group members, as well as myself, are attending the Conference, so I have decided to **cancel** the English/ Irish meeting for October. My apologies for this but we are unlikely to get many in attendance because of this clash.

The next meeting of the group is scheduled for the first Sunday 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

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

Don't forget to watch the webinars that Legacy provides. Checkout http:// www.legacyfamilytree.com/webinars. asp#archives



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

Come along to our next meeting on Sunday 11 October 2015 at 10:00am.

This gives plenty of time for your own research and to get help with any problems you may be having regarding convict or early colonial history.

Remember that we also have a small lending library available to members of the Group to borrow. Take it home and read it at leisure.

All GSQ members are welcome.

DNA Interest Group

Don't forget the next meeting will be Saturday October 24. Doors open 10am and the meeting starts at 10.30am finishing around 1.00pm.

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.

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? Come along to the AGM on Saturday 10 October and tell us your ideas, or email GSQ at info@gsq.org.au - all suggestions are welcome.

German Interest Group

Eric Kopittke and Rosemary joined the group at our September meeting for a talk on the Baptisms, Marriage and Burials. It doesn't matter how often we hear about these subjects, we always come away learning something new. Although the number was small - which was a shame - Eric certainly did give us his undivided attention and appeared to enjoy our very informal, relaxed and delightful group and our extra special morning tea was a hit with everyone.

When discussing the next meeting and unsure of our new location etc., it was decided that we woule have our breakup lunch at the German Club on the 29th November at 12.00 midday

Scandinavian 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.

Writing Group

The Writing Group's final meeting for 2015 will take place on 18 October. Doors open at 10am with the meeting from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Doors close at 2pm.

Members are invited to bring a plate to share as we celebrate the successes of 2015 and plan for 2016.

Further details available from Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com.

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.



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