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### **From the President**

Who would have thought that the Annual General Meeting of the society would be a news-worthy event of any note? Well, this year's meeting is! That is because we are actually going to have an election. In past years it has been a bit of a struggle to get enough nominations for the various positions on the Management Committee. Those who did nominate were automatically elected with no vote required. This year is different. If you cannot attend the AGM on the 8th October, please consider providing a Proxy vote to someone who is attending, so that your vote can be counted.

Some members are already aware of this, but the Southern Suburbs branch of GSQ is no more. Due to a variety of reasons – closeness to GSQ itself after the move last year and an inability to gain nominations for committee members being amongst the major reasons – the branch was wound up in August. The closeness of the two organisations, one in Mt. Gravatt the other at Wishart, was always going to be an issue, but no-one envisioned a problem arising within a year.

The essence of Southern Suburbs will live on at GSQ however. It is envisioned that their popular evening talks will continue on at GSQ, probably on the 2nd Wednesday opening night. Stay tuned for further information on that. Also, Southern Suburbs passed on a final bank balance to GSQ that will enable us to upgrade our computer fleet, and probably put funds towards a new digital camera for our ongoing digitisation and indexing projects – no more micro-fiche, it will all be digital. GSQ currently has a grant application for computer upgrades lodged with TransUrban, the freeway people, and it remains to be seen what the decision is there before allocation of the Southern Suburbs funds can be made fully.

Speaking of funds, but spending them this time: the Management Committee has begun looking into moving the kitchen/lunch area from downstairs to upstairs – in the blue toilet/shower room area. This will initially involve moving the blue toilet over into the pink room shower, and removing the shower. A quote for \$925.00 (without GST) has been received for the plumbing work involved. Other quotes will need to be obtained and the shower will need to be converted to a toilet – the wall panelling will need to be changed/painted. If this goes ahead, it will give GSQ two toilets in one room and a lunch/kitchen/storage area in the other. The lunch room side of things might be a little cramped, but would not be any worse than the lunch room at Fisher Street was.

If GSQ does this, it will free up more space downstairs for storage. Many of the filing cabinets that are dotted around the upstairs area will be able to be moved downstairs – and a large portion of their contents should be able to be scanned and stored in digital format (in the fullness of time) and so reduce storage space requirements even further. Once the filing cabinets are moved downstairs, the book cases currently lined up the middle of the room should be able to be moved over to the walls vacated by the filing cabinets and so free up more space in the middle of the research centre.

That is my "big picture" outlook for GSQ in the near future. All this takes time and a domino effect ensues because things have to happen one at a time, before the next thing scheduled behind it can occur. Also, it will require help from members to be done in a timely fashion! Everyone, I'm looking at "you".

That's all from me for this month. See you at the AGM – I'll be there.

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

### **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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Genealogy is a complex subject and when you add the complexity of the Internet, you may despair of ever understanding even the basics depending on whether your strengths lie in the area of genealogical research or computer and Internet technology or both. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

DNA tests can reveal family secrets. When a "secret" has been hidden on the Y chromosome causing the tester's DNA to not match his own surname, we call it a "non-paternity event." Somewhere in the past, whether they were aware of it or not, one of the fathers who shared that Y-DNA was not a biological father. And, though the term "non-paternity event" sounds very scientific and cold, the results of realizing one of these events is in your tree can be shocking. Read more [HERE](#).

The proverbial brick wall. We all hit it at one time or another. You've searched every single document you can think of but you simply can't get past a certain time period or event for an ancestor. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

A recent local news article caught my eye, "Roy woman struggling to prove she's alive after government declares her dead." This story highlights a common problem faced by genealogists: conflicting source records. Click [HERE](#) to find out more.



### Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 12 October at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be a representative from the Anglican Archives Office for Southern Queensland with an address focused on the Anglican Church Archives Collection.

Visitors very welcome.

\$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize

### Monday Morning Natters

October Natters is on Monday 3rd October. Judy is away enjoying a holiday in the UK so Lesley Roebig & Helen Bourne. The topic will be a surprise and is sure to be interesting so come along and support October Natters.

All welcome, come along and share a cuppa and a chat with fellow family historians. Gold coin donation for morning tea please.

What do you know about sources and citations? Click [HERE](#) to read an interesting article from James Tanner about just this.

Our last names can tell us so much about ourselves. They provide a way to connect our present to the past and give us more insight into how our families formed, moved and experienced what they did. Read more [HERE](#).

### 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 7th October at 9.00 am

Visitors are welcome

### 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 26th October 2016.



The GSQ Management Committee is keen to establish a Fund-raising committee. If you have any past experience in this area, or would just like to be involved, please email Carole Williamson (GSQ Vice-President) on [info@gsq.org.au](mailto:info@gsq.org.au)

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

Library	Course	Date	Time	Contact
Kenmore	Exploring Ancestry.com	Thursday 2 November 2016	6pm-8pm	07 3407 0258
Fairfield	Exploring Ancestry.com	Saturday, 26 November 2016	10:30am-12:30pm	07 3403 8615

## 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 15 October • 9.00am - 3.30pm**

### Ireland: Church, Famine and Immigration – a day to assist researching your Irish Ancestors

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

The day will include presentations on:

- Dr Perry McIntyre – Chair, Great Commemoration Committee, Sydney - *Irish Immigration*
- Dr Jennifer Harrison – researcher, author and family historian, Patron, GSQ - *Great Irish Famine*
- Helen Smith – author, researcher, family historian - *Online Sites for Irish Genealogy*
- Bobbie Edes – family historian - *Land*
- Rev Dr Chris Hanlon – President, Catholic Historical Society of Qld - *Catholic Church in Queensland*
- Helen Smith - *Social Media Sites for Irish Family History*
- Q & A session so bring your Irish Family History questions along.

Morning tea & lunch will be provided.

Cost \$50 members \$60 non-member

**BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**



The editors of *Generation* are looking for stories for the December issue of *Generation*. The theme is: **where did my family or ancestors travel to for their holidays; how did they travel there, and what did they do whilst on holiday?** We need the story by Monday 31 October. The story, with photos if you have them, may be emailed to [editor@gsq.org.au](mailto:editor@gsq.org.au)

**Sunday 23 October • 9.00am - 12.30 pm**



### 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 & Janice will be available to assist participants with their individual research.

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

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### Scandinavian Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on 20th November at 12:30 pm. More information in the November edition of eNews.

All welcome.

### DNA Interest Group

DNA testing is reaching an exciting phase. See more information in the September issue of *Generation*.

The next meeting will be 9:30am 20th November. More information in the November eNews. All welcome.

### Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 8th October at the GSQ Resource Centre, 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart 4122 commencing at 10:00 am sharp.

All GSQ members are encouraged to attend.



### English/Irish Group

The English/Irish Group will meet again at the beginning of the month, on Sunday 2nd October. We will continue our tour around the counties of England, Wales and Ireland at our next meeting, with information about research in the English county of Suffolk.

The GSQ library will open before the meeting from 10 o'clock and after the meeting until 2.30p.m. The meeting itself starts at 10.30 a.m. Members of the group are very happy to help others with their research questions.

Come along for a relaxed time focussed on English/Irish research. 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 6th November when the library will open at 0930 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 remain 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.

### Convict Connections Group

Next Meeting of Convict Connections Group is on Sunday 9 October, 2016, at 11:00am.

Doors will be open earlier if anyone wants to spend time on research.

All welcome. .

### Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet on 13th November at 10.30 am until 12.30 pm, although the library will be open from 0900.

This group is a networking group that can help beginners and assist both Mac & Windows users 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](mailto:mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au) of your problem(s) will assist in setting the Agenda.

### Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

The focus for our final meeting of the year (on the afternoon of 13 November) will be on how Legacy can generate and/or store your all-important sources and citations. Do you use Sourcewriter templates, stick to the (old) Basic System, or create your statements outside Legacy and paste them in? Come along to share experiences and see how others use the enormous flexibility inherent in the software (and are sometimes caught out by it).

If you are not always scrupulous in creating full citations, then don't let that make you miss the meeting. We have all been there and will not judge you. This could be your first step to becoming better organised.

Anyone not on the mailing list for the group and wishing to be added should send a message to Bob at [fortiter@live.com.au](mailto:fortiter@live.com.au)

### German Interest Group

We have had a number of speakers at our research group in 2016 which has been wonderful.

On the 27th November 2016 Stella Brosing is going to do a short talk on the customs and food in Germany at Christmas time. Lesley has had a number of discussions with Stella and feel we will really be entertained.

Please bring a plate of food (German if possible) to celebrate the end of 2016. I believe we are going to receive some authentic recipes from Stella to take home. It should be an interesting get together and there should be plenty of time to ask questions about your individual research.

### Writing Group

The Writing Group's final meeting for 2016 is scheduled for 16 October. The agenda is being finalised and will be circulated to Writing Group members.

Members are invited to bring a small plate to share over morning tea to celebrate the end of another successful year.

Doors open at 10am. The meeting lasts from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Members are welcome to stay for lunch/informal discussions/private research until 2pm.

Further details from Pauline on [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com).

### Military Interest Group

The final meeting of the Military Interest Group is Saturday 26 November commencing at 10am.

The discussion will be around Australian military terminology including a discussion on what is meant by battalions and regiment etc. We hope to see you there as all GSQ members are welcome. The doors will open at 9.30am and morning tea will be provided.

Please come along.

