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## HOURS

Monday	Closed
Tuesday	10am - 3pm
Wednesday	10am - 3pm
2nd & 4th Wed	6pm-9pm.
Thursday	10am - 3pm
Friday	10am - 3pm
Saturday	12noon - 4pm
Sunday	— Interest Groups only

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### From the President

You have all heard the term “a perfect storm”, I dare say? Well, it seems that GSQ is suffering one right now. A combination of circumstances has occurred in recent days and GSQ has been left struggling to cope with the outcomes.

What it boils down to is that GSQ needs more volunteers to assist with the services provided by the society. There just aren't enough to go around at the moment, and the current volunteers are, in many cases, being asked to take on an unfair share of the workload.

The editors of both Generation and e-News have had to step down due to individual medical issues. The Management Committee is preparing the June issue of Generation, due out as I write this piece. This situation may continue for some time, or until a new editorial group is finalised. If you have any experience as, or a desire to act as, an editor; or if you are a good proof-reader spotting errors large and small; or if you enjoy writing about your family history or articles in general, then GSQ needs to hear from you. Soon.

This e-News is being done by a member of the TAG (Technical Advisory Group). If you feel like editing e-News – which consists of this piece I am now writing (which I always do) and a few other pages of news on upcoming events at GSQ and GSQ branch happenings and some other news snippets from the internet: then again, GSQ needs to hear from you now.

The TAG team also needs more members. If you like tinkering with computer and network settings then there is a spot for you. GSQ recently received 14 new computers to replace the current member machines. These all have to be installed over the next few weeks. Where computers are concerned, there is always something that needs doing.

Of course, GSQ always needs more Library Assistants to help visitors to the Resource Centre find their way around the wonderful range of resources held there. Being volunteers we are all prone to going off on holidays to all parts of the Australia and the world. Sometimes several are away at once which leaves large gaps to be filled in the roster. I am in New Zealand right now and from August to October will be in UK, Ireland and Canada. Luckily the Vice-President can stand in for my Presidential duties, but who will take my spot as “last person to call” for Library Assistant stand-in when no-one else is available?

GSQ is coping at this very moment, but much more help would be greatly appreciated from the membership. At our recent Volunteer Thankyou Day, our Patron Jennifer Harrison said, prophetically, “Those who can, do! Those who can do more, volunteer!”

Can you do more to help GSQ? If so, please contact [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au) with your details.

Geoff Doherty





## BRANCH & INTEREST GROUP NEWS

### 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.

The next meetings for 2017 will be held on Friday June 2 and then Friday July 7.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings.

### Redlands

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 14 June at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12:15 pm. The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Judy Lofthouse with a presentation titled *Life in a Workhouse*.

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

The Society has organised a visit to *New Guinea Volunteer Rifles and Papua New Guinea Volunteer Rifles Ex-members Association Military Museum* at Wacol on Wednesday, 28 June.

### Beaudesert

Meetings are held at our rooms (15A William Street, Beaudesert) on the 4th Wednesday of each month, commencing at 10:00 am.

The library is open each Wednesday from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm.

Visitors are very welcome.

### Monday Morning Natters

This month (Monday June 5 10am -12 noon) we are having *Finders Cafe* come again. Look at their website at <https://www.finderscafe.com/>

Please make a free account for yourself before Monday and take a note of your log in. Bring along an old photo (preferably as a digital file, but if not, then we can scan it on the day).

This site is an interesting way of saving your old photos but also for making contact with others who may be interested in those photos. Note that the photos can not be downloaded as the original from the website unless you give permission. If it is downloaded from the site without your permission it will be covered in watermarks. This is certainly a good way of protecting your photos.

We will be using GSQ's computers but if you have a laptop then it could be useful for you to use.

Gold coin donation for morning tea please.

### Wednesdays @ GSQ

Wednesday evening 28 June

7:00 – 8:00

Naming Brisbane presented by Beryl Roberts



The author of the very popular book "Naming Brisbane" will delight you with her research on local place names.

Doors open at 6pm for research with the presentation commencing at 7pm.

Gold coin donation.





## INTEREST GROUP NEWS

## German Interest Group

The German Group's next meeting is on the 30th July from 10:00. We will be having a very informative talk on Succession Planning. What will happen to the results of your years of research? I am sure a lot of you must have given some thought to where all your work will end up. I know I have and really would like to know that it is in safe hands. So come along and find out how to safeguard your research.

The Group's plan to go to the German Club for lunch in late August has been overtaken by circumstances but put the 17th September 2017 in your calendars to join us at Zum Kaiser. Great food and good company is guaranteed.

## Writing Interest Group

The Writing Group next meets on 18 June when we will have a guest speaker from SLQ on the topic of copyright.

Doors open at 10:00 am with the meeting from 10:30 to 12:30. This leaves time for lunch, a chat, or research before the doors close at 2:00 pm.

Contact Pauline Williams on [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com) for more information.

## Military Interest Group

On Saturday 22 July, Military Group we will have two special presentations by members. Donna Morgan will present on the story of Egersland Harbour in *Norway during the Second World War*. Elaine Lucas will also present on the same day on the *19th Century British Army*. This is a very broad topic with Elaine having researched various periods during her research.

The doors of GSQ open at 10am on meeting days and the meeting will commence at 10.30am. Everyone is welcome so come along and join us for morning tea and discussions on military matters.

## Convict &amp; Colonial Group

Convict and Colonial Connections next meeting is on Sunday 11 June. The Group meets on the second Sunday of even-numbered months with minimal formality.

Everyone is welcome as no doubt we are all interested in our early colonial history.

Doors open at 9:00 am. Meeting commences at 11:00 am. Hope to see you there.

## Legacy FT Users Group

Participation in our recent meeting can best be described as small but enthusiastic. (We must do something about having Mothers' Day moved in 2018!) Notes on our discoveries among the new features in Legacy version 9 will be emailed to those on the list in the next few days. GSQ members not receiving our emails can request to be added (by a message to [fortiter@live.com.au](mailto:fortiter@live.com.au)).

By the time we meet next on July 9, some of the "features" of the new version will have become more obvious. If you have a topic for the agenda, send it to the address above.

Has everyone been keeping up with the patches being released for the new version? (I have just noticed that 9.0.0.182 became available on May 23.) If something seems not quite right, a very good starting to your troubleshooting is to go to the Legacy Home tab and check your Update status. You may be about to complain about a problem that has already been fixed.

## Scandinavian Interest Group

At the next Scandinavian group meeting 16 July at 12:30, our guest speaker will be the Danish historian Robert Jensen. He will be showing photos of the migrant ships that came from Hamburg to Queensland in the 1800s.



## INTEREST GROUPS & NEWS

### English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish group will meet again on Sunday 4th June where we will continue our tour around various English, Welsh and Irish counties. For the counties of the day (Warwickshire in England and Clare in Ireland) one of our group members has prepared information about the county and how to search for ancestors in that county.

All members of GSQ are welcome to attend the meeting which will start at 10.30a.m. GSQ is open from 10 o'clock until 2.30p.m. for individual research outside the meeting time. Bring along your lunch and a gold coin donation and enjoy a few hours of interesting discussions and chats about English and Irish research. See you there!

### Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group due to take place at GSQ is on Sunday 2nd July when the library will open at 0900 am. Our normal meeting beginning at 1000 will include a help session for those with research problems. A computer & projector will be available to catch up on the latest changes to the Scotlandspeople website. One of our members will give a talk on their county of choice.

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.

### FTM Users Group

The FTM User Group will begin at 1030 am on the 9th July, 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. All members should have received their Mackiev 2017 upgrade. The GSQ library has Wi-Fi access but it is not suitable for downloading the new Mackiev upgrade.

People with laptops should bring them along so the participants can help solve your particular problem(s). GSQ members and researchers contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome to attend our meeting. Advance notice to the convenor on [mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au](mailto:mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au) of your problem(s) will assist in setting the meeting Agenda.

Any GSQ members and researchers contemplating purchasing a family history programme, are welcome to attend our meeting.

### GSQ at your local BCC Library – Free but bookings required

Library	Topic	When	Phone
Chermside	<i>Enhancing you family tree with Google</i>	Wed 7 June 2017, 1:00-3:00pm	3403 7202
Bulimba	<i>Introduction to Family History</i>	Sat 10 June 2017, 10:00am to 12 noon	34078223
Sunnybank Hills	<i>Exploring Findmypast</i>	Sat 15 July 2017, 1:30-3:30pm	34070571
Garden City	<i>How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788</i>	Thu 20 July 2017, 10am -12noon	34037745
Hamilton	<i>How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788</i>	Wed 2 August 2017, 10:30am-12:30pm	34031050
Mt Ommaney	<i>Choosing a Family Tree</i>	Sat 2 September 2017, 9:00-11:00am	34077010
Stones Corner	<i>Queensland Family History online</i>	Sat 9 September 2017, 10:30am -12:30pm	3407 1940



## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

**Saturday 17 June 9:00–11:30**

### My ancestor was in Victoria

Presenter: Janice Wellard

A hands-on session (limited to 16 participants) looking at what records are available for people who lived in Victoria and how to access them.

Cost: \$25 (members) or \$35 (non-members).

**Sunday 25 June 9:00–12:30**

### Introduction to family history

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

Cost: \$35 (members) or \$45 (non-members)

### Bookings are essential

for all GSQ education sessions and courses.

Use the Events button on the website [www.gsq.org.au](http://www.gsq.org.au).

You can make payments online, in person at Stackpole Street, or by cheque posted to PO Box 1467 Carindale Q 4152.

Email [info@gsq.org.au](mailto:info@gsq.org.au) or phone 33496072 for further information.

Note that there is onsite parking available at all venues.



**Saturday 1 July 9:00–12:30**

### Evidence & Citation: proving your research

Speakers: Dr Jennifer Harrison  
Janice Cooper  
Pauline Williams

The speakers will discuss establishing proof; documenting evidence and other related issues and provide hints on finding the correct ancestor.

Venue: Queen Alexandra Conference Centre,  
347 Old Cleveland Road, Coorparoo

Cost: \$25 for members and \$35 for non-members.

Time: 9am (sharp) to 12.30pm

Light refreshments provided; booking essential.

**Monday 3 July 1:30–4:00**

### Evernote - organise your research and boost your genealogy productivity



Presenter: Helen Connor

Hands-on session - limited to 6 participants

This session is for people just getting started with using Evernote for genealogy. It will explain how to use Evernote for genealogy and help you discover the many tips and tricks available to get better value from Evernote.

Cost: \$25 (members) or \$35 (non-members)



## INTERESTING LINKS AND INFO

### Volunteers Welcome Here

The Presidential Ponderings on page 1 refer to the difficulties the Society faces when the number of pumps to be operated exceeds the available hands. Yet we always seem to stay afloat (although the apprentice publisher has soggy feet at the moment).

No member should be concerned that their particular contribution might not be needed. If you have a skill then GSQ will find a way to use it. If you have no particular expertise but boundless enthusiasm, then we will help you to develop the skills for a role that you might never have imagined yourself taking on.

Just join the queue of eager applicants by sending a quick email to [volunteers@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteers@gsq.org.au).



In particular this month, we are looking for more members to undertake Library Assistant training so that we can ensure there is always adequate support for researchers seeking assistance.

Perhaps your interests are in the use of Social Media. Could you help GSQ raise its profile on Facebook or Twitter?

When you make a discovery in a digitised and indexed record do you silently thank the people who made it possible? Why not become one of them? You can even undertake some parts of the task at home.

When we have more volunteers, the Society will be able to do more while making fewer demands on each individual. And then we can each apply our new enhanced expertise to some of our personal research roadblocks.



### Family History Fair

Do you remember the grand opening of our Stackpole Street premises in February 2016? Well, August 2017 promises to be bigger and better.

Mark the date Saturday 5 August in your calendar and begin to countdown the sleeps till the big event. Or better still, send a message to [volunteers@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteers@gsq.org.au) asking what job you can assist with in the preparation process or on the big day.



### Will you be at Congress next March?

The 15th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry will be hosted by the Society of Australian Genealogists at the International Convention Centre in Darling Harbour, Sydney from 9-12 March 2018.

Although that may seem a long way off, early bird registrations have already opened. (And will close on 30 September.)

Visit <http://congress2018.org.au> to learn more.

### Next Issue

Our apologies and thanks to those individuals and groups who reforwarded their contributions (without complaint) as responsibility for this issue moved from one member to another. All items for future issues of the eNews should be emailed to the (new) address [enews@gsq.org.au](mailto:enews@gsq.org.au).

To assist with our aim of getting e-News into each member's inbox as early in the month as possible, the closing date for items to appear in July will be 24 June.

