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| Thursday   | 10am - 3pm      |
| Friday     | 10am - 3pm      |
| Saturday   | 12noon - 4pm    |
| Sunday     | Interest Groups |

\* (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed of month)

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### From the President

It is an interesting time, technology wise, at GSQ. The NBN roll-out went past in August and the Management Committee made the decision to sign up right away. When we did so, Telstra told us the connection would take up to three months to process! However, they called back and said the connection would be done in September – and it was.

GSQ is now connected to “Super-Fast” broadband. How fast is that? I do not know, as I have not experienced it as yet (written in New York, still on holiday). But I have been told that members are working away on their research on the GSQ computers quite happily, and not complaining about slowdowns, and/or dropouts. This is a good sign, but time will tell.

You will also know that by the time you read this, you will no longer be able to order LDS microfilms or fiche. The LDS decided to stop supplying microform records some three years before they finish their digitization project of all the films in their huge mountain repository. But as is often the way in these types of cases, when something is taken away with one hand, something else is offered with the other.

And so it is here. The LDS has offered GSQ the ability to access digital images of their records directly from GSQ computers. But it is not quite the same access as the microfilms offered, as explained in the following extract from the LDS notification email:

*If you choose to have your library participate in this new digital image service, your patrons will have increased access to most of the FamilySearch images previously limited to viewing only in family history centres. By contract with some of our information providers, FamilySearch does not have rights to share all images with our affiliate libraries.*

*The extension of this service to your library will add exclusive access to approximately twenty-five percent of the 1.5+ million rolls of microfilms already converted to digital images. This new access, together with existing FamilySearch microfilm collections, enables affiliate libraries to continue as valuable providers of FamilySearch content the same as with the microfilm services.*

As you can see, access is only granted to 25% of the current total of LDS digital images. That is still a lot of images and it is better than no access at all, as was the case with the cancelling of the microfilm ordering service. Plus, access will be instant – no waiting weeks or months for a film to arrive.

GSQ is currently going through the set-up process for this new service, so stay tuned for further notifications in this regard.

That's all for this month.

Geoff Doherty

President.

## Meetings of Branches

### North Brisbane Branch

The Branch 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 meeting for 2017 will be held on Friday October 6.

Visitors are welcome at our meetings.

### Beaudesert Branch

Meetings are held in our rooms at 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 25 October 2017.

### Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be on Wednesday, 11th October at the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. Guest Speaker will be Peter Ludlow with a presentation about *Family History Begins at Home*.

Visitors are welcome. \$2.00 admission.

Volunteers will be on duty in the Cleveland Library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings (9.30 am – 12.30pm) and on Saturday afternoons (12.30pm – 3.30pm) to assist with family history queries.

For further information phone Kevin (3824 3533).

## GSQ presentations at BCC Libraries

Although most activities run by GSQ are principally for the benefit of members, we do engage in activities intended to encourage more people to take up family history as an activity; and thereby grow our membership.

GSQ members are most welcome to attend any of these sessions conducted for the general public in Brisbane City Council Libraries. There is no charge but you must book a place in advance through the relevant phone number listed opposite.

### Choosing a family tree program

|       |                              |
|-------|------------------------------|
| WHEN  | 30 October 2017, 10am – 12pm |
| VENUE | Garden City Library, Garden  |

Bookings required. Phone Garden City Library on 07 3403 7745 to reserve your place

## Meetings of Interest Groups

### Meeting this month

01 October English-Irish Group  
 08 October Convict Connections  
 15 October Writing Group  
 29 October DNA Group

### English/Irish Group

The English/Irish group meets on the first Sunday of October – October 1st.

The doors to the GSQ Resource Centre will open at 9.30 a.m. and the library will be available for research until 2.30 p.m. for those wishing to stay after the meeting, which commences at 10.30 a.m.

Come along and learn how to go about research in one English and one Irish county. Then join in a wide-ranging discussion of all things genealogical, with an emphasis on research in England, Ireland and Wales.

All GSQ members are welcome to attend (gold coin donation). We hope to see you at the meeting.

### Writing Group

The final Writing Group meeting for 2017 will be held on Sunday 15 October. We will review our progress during the year, discuss topics to be covered in 2018, and participate in some writing activities. A detailed agenda will be circulated to group members closer to the meeting.

Members are invited to bring a small plate to share over morning tea. Doors will open at 10am with the meeting from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Members are welcome to stay until 2pm for personal research, and/or a chat over lunch.

### Convict Connections

Convict and Colonial Connections meets on the second Sunday of the 'even' months with minimal formality. Doors open at 9:00am. Meeting will be held at 11:00am. Hope to see you there on October 8.

### DNA Group

The DNA Interest Group has proved so popular that Management Committee has scoured the GSQ calendar to find space for additional meeting times. As a result, the remaining dates for 2017 will be:-

Sunday 29 October (9am - noon)

Sunday 19 November (9am - noon)

Saturday 16 December (9am - noon)

Any enquiries to the group can be emailed to our group [atdna@gsq.org.au](mailto:atdna@gsq.org.au)

The winner of the raffle run by the DNA Group during our recent Open Day Fair was Ann Goninon a GSQ member from North Brisbane.

### Coming up in November

|             |                         |
|-------------|-------------------------|
| 5 November  | Scottish                |
| 12 November | Family Tree Maker Users |
|             | Legacy Users            |
| 19 November | DNA                     |
|             | Scandinavian            |
| 25 November | Military                |
| 26 November | German                  |



## Meetings of Interest Groups

### Scottish Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group is due to take place at GSQ on Sunday 5th November 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 upon 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.

### Family Tree Maker Users

The FTM User Group meeting will begin at 1030 am on the 12th November, 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 be using their Mackiev 2017 upgrade by now and received their backup DVD. We will explore the new FTM 2017 version links to both Ancestry and the LDS Family Search.

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. The GSQ library has Wi-Fi access but it is not suitable for downloading the new Mackiev upgrade. 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.

### Legacy FT Users Group

Our next meeting will begin at 1:00 pm on Sunday 12 November. We hope to have several members report on their investigation into the "Hints" feature introduced in Version 9.

How have you used the (orange dot) hints? Does it matter if you have a My Heritage tree or not? What if the person being investigated is in your Legacy tree but not your My Heritage account? In this new area, there are no experts and we are all learning together. So come along and contribute your experience.

### Scandinavian Group

The Scandinavian Interest Group aims to provide assistance to members researching their Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Finnish or Icelandic ancestors.

The Resource Centre opens at 12.30pm and closes at 2.30pm. The meetings usually commence at 12.30pm and take the form of discussions or guest speakers about Scandinavian research, migration or customs. The next meeting will be on 19 November.

### German Group

Our next meeting on 26 November will be the last for the year, so we will spend some time helping each other again. We all bring a plate of German food or your favourite snack along and celebrate a very successful and busy year.

We welcomed four new faces to the group at our September meeting - Evelyn, Margaret, Kim and Verena who met with success and surprises.

Doors will open 10am for research, lunch at 12.30 and close 2.15pm. Do come along and help us enjoy our Christmas Cheer.



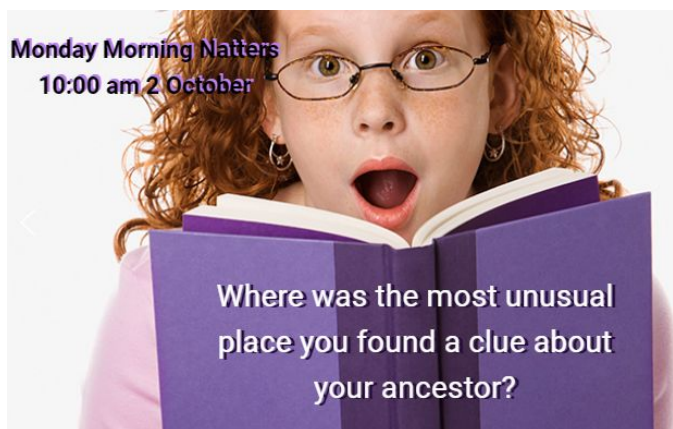
## Informal members' gatherings

### Monday Morning Natters

Is your idea of the best setting for doing family history to be relaxed in good company with a cuppa, and a choc biccie or a slice of apple tea cake? Then you are looking for Monday Morning Natters.

On the first Monday of each month, we meet at Stackpole Street at around 10 for 2 hours of low-key learning about the theme for the month and a chance to chat about whatever else may be puzzling or fascinating you in the world of genealogy.

There is no need to book; just roll up with a gold coin contribution for the morning tea jar. You will be most welcome.



We then plan to cover:

November 6 – Dating photos

December 4 – Hunt for hidden treasures in the GSQ Library & then celebrate Xmas

Family history research can be interesting and valuable without being rigidly formal. Come along and have a natter about it.

### Wednesdays@GSQ

Our headquarters at Stackpole Street are open two evenings per month (2nd and 4th Wednesdays) from 6:00-9:00 pm particularly for those unable to research during working hours.

On the fourth Wednesday, from approximately 7:00 pm there will be a speaker who will address a topic that is a little different to our main educational opportunities. These sessions are open to all members for a gold coin contribution with no need to book.



25 October 7:00 - 8:00

### Workhouses

Find out more about what it was like in workhouses with a particular focus on the Ripon Workhouse, now retained as a museum. Our speaker, Judy Lofthouse, will use images captured on her visit to the UK to give you a sense of what life was like for any of our ancestors who fell upon hard times.

The 2017 schedule for Wednesdays@GSQ concludes with:

22 November Sharyn Merkley returns to examine the December 1864 fire that destroyed an entire block of the Brisbane CBD

## Education Opportunities

## Hands-on Workshops

The next two Hands-on Workshops are now fully booked. If you have already reserved your spot for

- Monday 2 October ***Exploring Trove***
- Saturday 14 October ***Photo Restoration***

then check your diary to ensure you do not miss the event.

If you missed out on a place in an October workshop, it is not too soon to be looking at the Events Calendar for November. You can book now for

- 18 November ***Find My Past***  
(presented by Judy Lofthouse)
- 2 December ***My ancestor was in Wales***  
(led by Pauline Williams)

## Seminars

Our Annual Seminar will be held on Saturday 28 October at the Queen Alexandra Centre at Corrparoo. This full-day seminar has a Scottish focus under the title ***Far Hiv we cum ben fae : Scotland's place in family history.*** (If your Doric is a little rusty, the translation is Where have we come from?)

Details of the program and speakers are on a full page flyer at the back of this eNews. Cost is \$50 for members and \$60 Non-Members.

Bookings should be made in advance at the GSQ Shop <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-shop/annual-seminar-scotland/>

## STOP PRESS

There will be a lucky door prize of an *Ancestry DNA Kit* drawn at the seminar. Here is your chance to find even more scottish cousins to include in the family tree.

## Scrapbooking

Unfortunately, the *Close to My Heart* session on Monday 18 September had to be cancelled and another one has been rescheduled for Monday 30 October.

All other details remain as published in the September eNews. Or see <https://www.gsq.org.au/create-family-keepsake-album/> for more information and a link to the GSQ Shop to make your booking,

## Introduction to Family History

**Sunday 22 October 2017**

**9:00 am - 12:30 pm**

**Stackpole Street**

This course provides participants with the foundations for undertaking their own research into their family history. Topics include:

- Introduction to genealogy/family history/GSQ
- Parish Records
- Civil Registration (BMDs)
- Census Records
- Immigration
- Help and Guidance

The course focuses on research in Australia, England, Ireland and Scotland but Janice can provide guidance on research in other regions if required.

Participants need to bring their own lunch, a notebook and a USB stick if they wish to stay to do further research using GSQ's resources including subscription databases. Janice will be available to assist participants with their individual research.

Cost for members is \$35 (\$45 for non-members). Bookings are essential <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-shop/introduction-to-family-history-october/>

## Society News

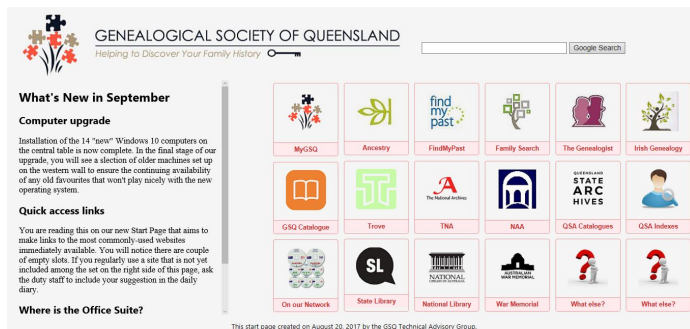


## TAG Talk

*Why can't they just leave things alone?*

Members using the computers at Stackpole Street have coped with a lot of change recently. First we switched to Windows 10, then we connected to the NBN by cable; and now "those TAG people" keeping messing with the desktop setup!

We plead guilty as charged because we are aiming to offer every member an easy-to-understand experience without loading up each workstation with a lot of stored files that confuse other users and slow down the machine's performance. And we believe we are getting very close to that goal with the new "start page" that appears each time you open the Edge browser.



On the right-hand side are icons that link to the websites that most commonly had shortcuts (somewhere) on the desktop of the old machines. On this page, you should always know where they are. If a site that you search regularly is not already there, talk to the volunteer on duty and ask them to leave a note in the diary. We will see how we can add it.

The left hand side of the screen is reserved for important news; usually about technology things but always important. For example, did you know that Microsoft Word (and Excel) is now available on all new workstations. You would have if you read the Start page News.

## Why must I book?

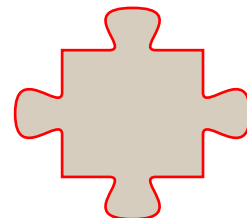
GSQ offers two types of gatherings with an educational focus.

The very popular **Monday Morning Natters** and **Wednesdays@GSQ** are open to any member for a gold coin donation (to contribute to catering) with no requirement to book. These events are planned to accommodate as many members as arrive on the day (the more the merrier).

But our workshops and seminars are designed to ensure that every participant has access to the resources required. That means that we need to know in advance how many people are coming, and may need to close off bookings. So, it is simply not possible for you to "roll up" on the day and expect to squeeze into the group.

Please read the description of each event carefully. If it is labelled "Gold Coin Donation", then you can certainly leave it to the last moment before deciding to attend. When there is a "Book Now" button, you must have completed that process before the event or you will not be admitted.

Bookings are made through the GSQ Shop (without any need to log in). If you do not wish to pay online, you may record a code (like a booking number) and pay over the counter at Stackpole Street the next time you visit.



The **Annual General Meeting** of the Society will be held from 10 am to 12 noon on Saturday 4 November at our headquarters in Stackpole Street. Watch for more information including the call for nominations for Management Committee positions.



## Of general genealogical interest

## Obituary Writing

All family historians love obituaries, but do you understand what goes into writing a good one?

Tim Bullamore is an award-winning British obituary writer for publications such as *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Guardian*. In a career spanning 24 years, he has written obituaries of the good and the bad, the rich and famous, the quirky and unusual, as well as household names, royalty, celebrities and establishment figures.

Join Tim for an entertaining discussion covering the history of obituary writing and tales and anecdotes from the field at Brisbane City Library

**Meet Tim Bullamore: The art of obituary writing** – Sunday 15 October 11am-12noon.  
Book by calling 3403 4166.

## Indigenous Ancestry

**Finding Your Mob** is an updated publication from PROV that describes the types of records held in the collections of both Public Record Office Victoria and the National Archives of Australia and offers advice about how to get started with family history research.

It also explains the Koorie Reference Services available to Aboriginal people. Online tools and resources are listed together with other organisations that may be able to help people reconnect with their history.

<https://www.prov.vic.gov.au/finding-your-mob>

## Deutscher Familienhistoriker?

Take a close look at the Call for Conference Papers by GAGHA appended to this eNews. In August 2018, you could be presenting at an international conference in Adelaide.

## Scottish RC Parish Registers

*Find My Past* has announced the addition of an extensive collection of Roman Catholic Parish Registers from Scotland.

Users can browse through more than 1,000 volumes of sacramental registers of baptisms, marriages and burials spanning the years 1736 to 1942. This extensive collection contains records from all eight Scottish dioceses: Aberdeen, Argyll & The Isles, Dunkeld, Galloway, Glasgow, Motherwell, St Andrews & Edinburgh, and Paisley.

## Leeds Tithe Maps

Do you have ancestors in Leeds in the mid-nineteenth century. Would you like to compare the Tithe Maps of 1837-51 side-by-side with modern maps of the same area?

Then you need to explore *Tracks in Time: The Leeds Tithe Map Project* which is online at <http://tithemaps.leeds.gov.uk/>

The smarts underpinning the project are based upon a project by *Chelsea Archives and Local Studies* that can be viewed at <http://maps.cheshire.gov.uk/tithemaps/>

Contributions for *Generation*

The closing date for articles in the next issue of **Generation** (the Society's Journal) is 1 November.

If you have promised the editor that you would write something, then now is the time to begin tidying your manuscript and checking the citations.

As always, any member with an interesting idea that they think may be suitable is urged to send an email to the editor to discuss how you too can become a published author.



# Far Hiv we cum ben fae : Scotland's place in family history

Saturday 28 October 2017

Queen Alexandra Centre, Coorparoo

## Seminar Program

8.30 – 8.55      **Registrations**

9.00 – 9.05      **Welcome**

9.05 – 9.50      ***Military and militia – a Scottish historical perspective: Ken Nisbet (speaking live from Scotland)***

Ken will discuss the available resources to carry out research on your relatives who served in the British Army of the 18th and 19th centuries. He will explain what is available online and how to interpret the information and what information is not online. Ken will also discuss the Scottish Regiments and how they fitted into the British Army and in what way they differed to English regiments. He will also look at the role of the volunteer and militia forces and what information is available on these non-regular units.

10.00 – 10.45      ***Scotland's people and places: What's in a name?: Dr Jennifer Harrison***

The focus of Jennifer's presentation is directed towards forenames, surnames and place names indicating traditions, cultural identifications, origins and naming patterns, all from a Scottish perspective. A person's name identifies not only a particular man or woman but also their membership of a larger group – a family or a clan. Similarly, place names distinguish a precise locality often within the borders of an even larger geographical region. Occasionally these two elements came together when a person's name referred specifically to a place name either of residence or birthplace.

10.50 -11.10      **Morning Tea**

11.10 -11.55      ***The inexhaustible source - the Register of Deeds: Alistair Henderson***

12.00 – 12.45      ***Scotland and Ulster – a shared inheritance: Cathie Sherwood***

Who were the Scots who left Scotland in the early 1600s and travelled across the Irish Sea to Ulster? Why did they leave and what impact did this mass migration have on both Ireland and Scotland? Cathie will discuss the migration of Scots from before and after the time of the Ulster Plantation and endeavour to dispel the myths that these Scots were both Protestant and wealthy landowners.

12.45 – 1.30      **Lunch**

1.30 – 2.15      ***Preparing for your family research trip: strategies and pitfalls: Pauleen Cass***

How do you prepare for your journey to ancestral homelands in Scotland (or other places)? How do you maximise the benefits of your time "on the ground"? Come with Pauleen as she prepares for a research trip to Scotland, shares the strategies that have worked for her and warns you of the pitfalls. This will be a fly-over of libraries, archives and strategies in advance of your trip and to help you once you arrive.

2.20 – 3.05      ***Using Scotland's People web site: Bob McAllister***

Scotland's People has the unfortunate reputation for being difficult to use, expensive or both. This is now unwarranted. In its latest incarnation, the site makes it easy to identify the correct certificate through free searching and then to purchase it in digital form for significantly less than a corresponding Queensland record. And it stores all your purchases for later (no-cost) re-use.

**Book through <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-shop/annual-seminar-scotland/>**

## About the presenters



### **Ken Nisbet**

Ken Nisbet has been a keen family and military historian for over 40 years. He is Secretary of the Scottish Genealogy Society and of the Scottish Association of Family History Societies and is on the User Group for the Family History Centre in Edinburgh. He is a regular lecturer to Scotland's Family History Societies. He has written a number of books all of which are published by the Scottish Genealogy Society and tutors some of the classes the society runs.



### **Jennifer Harrison**

For 22 years Jennifer Harrison was the Queensland researcher for the *Australian Dictionary of Biography* with the Australian National University and for even longer with the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry at The University of Queensland. One of her main research interests has been nineteenth century immigration to Queensland including the 13% who originated in Scotland. She had a Scottish grandfather and has researched this line and other family connections both in Australian sources and during many long visits to Scotland.

### **Alistair Henderson**

TBA



### **Cathie Sherwood**

Passionate about history and addicted to family history, Cathie has an Ulster great-grandfather, described by her mother as a 'north of Ireland Scotchman'. On her father's side, she has a Scottish grandfather who was born in India, educated in Scotland, emigrated to Australia and married the daughter of an Irish immigrant, a genealogy scenario shared by many Australians.



### **Pauleen Cass**

Pauleen Cass has been researching her family history since 1986. She has searched for family history documents in archives and libraries in Australia and overseas, and "walked the ground" in her families' homelands. When Pauleen stands on the shores of Loch Fyne in Argyll she feels the call of her ancestors.



### **Bob McAllister**

Like most Australians, Bob traces his family lineage from across a broad sweep of Europe. His family name reflects his roots in Ulster, but Bob likes to claim a special link to his great great grandfather, John Cameron, who was a Glasgow spirit salesman. Although the appreciation of a fine single malt is no doubt embedded in his genes, he was introduced to the nectar by someone from his Welsh-German line reflecting our cross-cultural influences. The origin of his wife's interest in piping is a complete mystery.



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# **Media Release**

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## **Call for Conference Papers**

The German-Australian Genealogy and History Alliance (GAGHA) is proud to announce its inaugural conference to be held at the University of Adelaide, 17-19 August 2018. Themed “Australisches Deutschtum: Reconnections-Recollections-Resilience”, the conference will have presentations, lightning talks and workshops from speakers across Australia on a wide range of topics related to German speaking migrants to Australia and their descendants, from 1788 to the present.

“Whether it’s Prussian Lutherans in the 1840s or the Jennings Germans in the 1950s, German speaking people have made a mark on the Australian landscape” says GAGHA Executive Officer Ben Hollister. “This is a chance to share our stories with each other, Australia and the world.”

GAGHA is currently calling for submission of proposals for conference papers that reflect and explore the story of German-Australians. Whether a family history, social history, museum, heritage project or cultural project, we encourage anyone with an interest in or link to German-Australia to consider submitting.

A link to the 2018 conference website can be found at [GermanHeritage.org.au/conference](http://GermanHeritage.org.au/conference). Submissions close 31 December 2017.

For more information, visit [GermanHeritage.org.au](http://GermanHeritage.org.au) or contact Executive Officer Ben Hollister at [info@GermanHeritage.org.au](mailto:info@GermanHeritage.org.au).

### **About GAGHA**

The German-Australian Genealogy and History Alliance, formed in August 2016, is a co-operative network of societies and organisation across Australia who have an interest in maintaining and promoting the history and cultural heritage of migrants from German-speaking regions of the world. Our members commit to the following:

- share research and research strategies as freely as possible
- help develop working relationships between organisations and individuals
- contribute to a central catalogue of research and resources
- actively promote the field of German-Australian Genealogy & History research & the work of the Alliance

GAGHA welcomes membership from any organisation interested in supporting the above.

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