



## Issue 137 MARCH 2018

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### 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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From the President

March 2018

It seems that 2018 is Marching on – both literally and figuratively!

And March 2018 means that it's time for the 15th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry.

I know that many of you are making the trip to Sydney to attend Congress, and I can't wait until Darling Harbour is infused with our excitement and passion for family history. We'll have an amazing opportunity to learn about a wide range of topics and to meet with other like-minded people whose pursuit of ancestors is equalled to our own.

With our impending visit to Darling Harbour, I began to think that this greater area of Sydney will have a direct mention in, or indirect impact on, many of our families' histories with the arrival of our ancestors into near-by ports. In doing some quick research into Darling Harbour, I found this terrific historical snapshot of the area that includes an excellent array of graphic depictions: <http://www.darlingharbour.com/learn-explore/history-and-heritage>. Please have a look if you're interested.

Here's my favourite image from the page: Cockle Bay, now known as Darling Harbour. A hand-coloured aquatint published in London in 1823, Major James Taylor c1819-20. SLNSW.



With so many of us Queenslanders in Sydney, I thought it would be great opportunity for GSQ Members to get together during Congress to swap notes and stories, and perhaps chat about the State of Our Origins! If you'd like to join us, please go to the Esprit Noir Lobby Bar on the ground-floor of the Sofitel Hotel (next door to the Convention Centre) for a coffee or champagne immediately after Saturday's last session.

And if you're not able to make it to Congress, but would like to get an overview of what happened, let me know via [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au) and I'll organise a morning tea so you can catch-up with some Congress attendees.

Yours with relative flair, Sally

**BRANCH NEWS****Beaudesert Branch**

Our rooms open each Wednesday from 10am to 2pm for research and our general meeting is held on the 4th Wednesday of the month commencing at 10:00 am. Rooms will open at other times by appointment only.

The March meeting is on Wednesday March 28 at 10:00 am.

**North Brisbane Branch**

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 meeting will be on Friday March 2, 2018.

**Redlands Branch**

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

Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Greg Cope from National Archives of Australia, topic TBA.

All welcome. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize.

**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.

**Monday March 5 Topic:**

*What unusual headstones have you found? Bring along photos or digital ones on USB so we can all see them.*

**INTEREST GROUPS****Scottish Interest Group**

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group due to take place at GSQ on Sunday March 4. The library will open at 0900 hrs. Our AGM will replace the normal meeting beginning at 10:00 am. It will be followed by 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. 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

**Legacy Family Tree Users' Group**

The next meeting is on Sunday March 11 at 1pm.

This month Trish Sampson has kindly volunteered to lead the group. Do come along with your questions and the group will try to answer them for you. If you have a laptop then bring it along as it is easier to solve the problem if you have it with you.

**Scandinavian Interest Group**

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

The meetings usually commence at 12:30 pm and take the form of discussions or guest speakers about Scandinavian research, migration or customs. The next meeting will be on Sunday September 11.

**Meetings This Month**

Mar 4	Scottish Group
Mar 11	Family Tree Maker Group (am) Legacy Family Tree Group (pm)
Mar 18	DNA Group (am) Scandinavian Group (pm)
Mar 25	German Group
Mar 31	Military Interest Group

## Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will begin at 10:30 am on Sunday March 11, 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 backup USB stick and those who ordered a copy of the FTM 2017 Companion Guide for Windows should have received their copy from Mackiev. Members are now beginning to find faults with the new programme as they become more familiar with it. We will explore further the FTM 2017 version and its 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). 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

## Military Interest Group

The next meeting is on Saturday March 31 at 10am at the GSQ library. A new convenor for the Military Interest Group will be required if this group is to continue.

We will look at the use of the Regiment & Battalion War Diaries to supplement the information shown in an individual's service records. If you require help with your military research come and see what help other members can offer. You may find some new source to assist in your research

## DNA Interest Group

The GSQ DNA SIG are now meeting monthly and had another successful meeting in February with two presentations.

The even month meetings (9am-2pm) will have the format of a presentation aimed at those new to DNA research from 9am and then a second presentation starting around 11. The odd months (9.30-12) will have a presentation and on March 18, it will be on GEDMatch an excellent third party tool for genetic genealogists. Everybody welcome for a gold coin donation.

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Do you know that GSQ has a blog? You can access the blog from the GSQ Home page or at <https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/>

## German Interest Group

We had a great introduction by Eric Kopittke in Jan. to our new selection of "The Map guides to German Parish Records". Many more volumes to be acquired as funds permit.

At our next Meeting on Sunday March 25, we will have the pleasure of having Keith Treschmann - sharing with us how he found alternative methods of finding his 9 generations.

Doors will open at 10 am - and the talk will commence at 10.30am, followed by morning tea and then the remaining time can be used to pursue your research until doors close at 2.30pm. Looking forward to catching up with you all."

## English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish group usually meets on the first Sunday of even numbered months -February, April, June, August, October and December.

This year the first Sunday in April is Easter Sunday. The GSQ Sunday calendar is full with no alternative date available. Because of this there will be no meeting of the English/Irish group in April. The next meeting of the group will be on Sunday June 3.

## Writing Group

After a successful meeting on February 18, the Writing Group will next meet on Sunday April 15. More details will be provided in the April newsletter.

For further information contact Convenor, Pauline Williams, on [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com).

## Convict Connections Group

Convict and Colonial Connections meets on the second Sunday of the 'even' months with minimal formality.

Doors open at 9:00 am. Meeting will be held at 11:00 am. Hope to see you there on April 8

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**MyHeritage** has made contacting DNA Matches available to all MyHeritage DNA users for free. This remains free for people who uploaded DNA data to MyHeritage, and, for the first time, is also free to users with MyHeritage DNA kits who do not have a subscription plan.

The full announcement is at: <https://blog.myheritage.com/2018/01/contacting-dna-matches-is-now-free/>.

## Joan Reese Memorial Writing Competition

The 2018 Joan Reese Writing Competition will for the first time have a cash prize to the value of \$100. The prize is partly funded by the GSQ Writing Group, as a way to encourage members to write up the results of their research. Previously the prize has been for a credit note with the GSQ shop.

The topic for 2018 is "My ancestor was a ..." and provides a wide scope for stories about ancestors that may shed light on, for example, their occupation or calling; religion; nationality or origin. Your ancestor may have been a pioneer or explorer, a sporting hero or a decorated member of the armed forces. You may choose to write about a female ancestor or a male member of your family.

### Deadline for submissions

Entries must be received no later than **10 May 2018** (no entries will be accepted after that date).

Entries to be emailed to [info@gsq.org.au](mailto:info@gsq.org.au) with "Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition" in the subject line

Further information may be found [HERE](#).

**Open Day**

**Saturday March 24**  
**10:00 am - 2:00 pm**  
**25 Stackpole Street, Wishart**

The open day provides an opportunity for members to become reacquainted with the GSQ Resource Centre and to make contact with the convenors of the various interest groups.

This is an opportunity for members to introduce friends and family to the Society,

For non-members, as admittance is free, you can view the holdings of GSQ's extensive library and take some time to research your family using the online access to subscriptions sites such as Ancestry and Find My Past.

Contact GSQ on 07 3349 6072 or email [info@gsq.org.au](mailto:info@gsq.org.au) if you require further information.



### QLD Births, Deaths & Marriages

March 19 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Cost: \$15 - \$20

Presenter: Ryan Vasquez, QLD Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages

Discover what records are held by the Registry of Births, Deaths & Marriages, which ones you can access and how to get the most out of your searches.

For more information about GSQ Webinars & to book click [HERE](#).

Please note that the time slot for all webinars is based on the time zone for Brisbane, Australia.



Wednesday night @ GSQ

March 28 @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Topic: Australian women on the Serbian front line

WW1 histories and commemorations have focussed, in these centenary years, primarily on Australians who fought at Gallipoli and the Western Front. Conflict was also fierce in Serbia and a number of Australian women served on the front line in medical and associated capacities. This session highlights the experiences of some of these women, including Lilian Violet Cooper, Mary Josephine Bedford, Agnes Bennett and Olive Kelso King, all of whom were presented with awards in the Order of St Sava for their services to the Serbian people.

For members only on payment of a gold coin.

Presenter: Pauline Williams



## GENEALOGY COMMUNITY NEWS



### UK Government news

The Home Office has said it will support a private member's bill, which aims to allow the names of the mother (as well as the father) on marriage certificates in England and Wales. Couples in Scotland and Northern Ireland are currently asked for the names of both parents on marriage records, as are those entering a civil partnership across the UK.

The full text of the bill, and its progress through Parliament, can be found at:

<https://services.parliament.uk/bills/2017-19/civilpartnerships-marriagesanddeathsregistrationetc.html>

### Additions to the CWGC Archive Catalogue

The *Commonwealth War Graves Commission* (CWGC) has added over 650 reports written by the Commission's Principal and Assistant Architects to the CWGC Archive Catalogue. The newly available material, comprising more than 650 reports written by the Commission's Principal and Assistant Architects after the First and Second World War, provides an insight into the architectural vision of the Commission and the views of the great architects themselves. The records include reports and correspondence written by key architects including Sir Edwin Lutyens, Sir Herbert Baker, Sir Reginald Blomfield, Sir Hubert Worthington and Sir Edward Maufe. The Commission launched the new CWGC Archive Catalogue in November last year, initially making more than 600 items available, including digitised copies of the first 572 Commission Meeting Minutes from 1917 to 1987, and 97 Commission Annual Reports.

<http://archive.cwgc.org/>

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, part of the City University of New York, has compiled the **first index of slaves and their owners in New York state**. The index dates back to 1525 and can be searched online at <https://nyslavery.commonsgc.cuny.edu/>.

*The Journal of Genealogy and Family History* (published by the Register of Qualified Genealogists, a not-for profit company, and supported by the University of Dundee, the University of Strathclyde and by Genealogists.com) was launched around Easter last year as a peer reviewed, scholarly publication with a world-wide remit. It exists purely online. It is free to read and free to publish in. Offers of good quality papers are always welcomed and can be submitted through [www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/ojs/index.php/JGFH](http://www.qualifiedgenealogists.org/ojs/index.php/JGFH).

*Caring for God's Acre* <http://www.caringforgodsacre.org.uk/> has been awarded a £586,700 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for its Beautiful Burial Ground Project. This project aims to create the first national database of all the natural and manmade treasures of burial grounds across England and Wales.

The *Imperial War Museum* has launched the new IWM website <http://iwm.org.uk> and is launching the WomensWork100 programme, a programme of exhibitions, events, creative responses and digital resources, recognising and celebrating the working lives of women during the First World War. When IWM was established in 1917, the museum formed a female-led committee tasked with collecting material that recorded women working in new roles. This became the Women's Work Collection. Uncover new stories of women who joined the workforce in diverse roles during the First World War, and explore the important Women's Work Collection, all online: [www.1914.org/womenswork100/](http://www.1914.org/womenswork100/)

If you have any genealogy tips or news you would like to share, just email [enews@gsq.org.au](mailto:enews@gsq.org.au) by the 24th of the month.

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

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 below.

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone number
Hamilton	Introduction to Family History	Wednesday 28 March	10:30am -12:30pm	3403 1050
Sandgate	Queensland Family History online	Thursday 19 April	11am -1pm	3667 6021
Ashgrove	Finding Grandma	Saturday 21 April	11am-1pm	3407 1940