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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

April 2018

We've had a big month here at GSQ having been on ABC Radio Brisbane as well as hosting the first of our Open Days for 2018.

Dr Jonathan Richards entertained ABC Radio Brisbane audiences and seminar attendees alike with his often-humorous stories regarding "Stupidity as a Cause of Death".



Dr Richards combed through records held at the Queensland State Archives, originally from the Office of the State Coroner, to ascertain some of the more 'interesting' deaths which often involved outrageous quantities of alcohol and/or daring. And sadly, or maybe it's gladly, can I tell you they were all blokes!

Dr Jonathan Richards being interviewed by Katherine Feeney on ABC Radio Brisbane

We also held a terrifically successful Open Day on Saturday 24 March with about 50 visitors and 10 new members joining. While Helen Smith was barely able to draw breath representing the DNA SIG and Steinar Johansen had a queue of people wanting help with finding their Scandinavian ancestors, the most popular activity was of course the computers and the online genealogy programs. We had visitors who were absolute beginners starting their genealogical research that day, to previous members of GSQ who have decided to come back and re-fertilise their family tree.



GSQ Volunteers helping Open Day visitors with their family history research

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the GSQ volunteers who helped make the day so successful – your time and effort is very much appreciated.

Sally



Speaking of volunteers...

Next month we are hosting a special 40th Birthday Afternoon Tea to celebrate the amazing work of our volunteers. So please put Saturday 26 May at 1.30pm in your diary and come along to GSQ if you are a volunteer, or if you can help us celebrate our volunteers.

BRANCH NEWS

Beaudesert Branch

Our President Robyn has participated in a writers group which compiled stories about our area. This book will be launched on 6th April and will be available for purchase.

Many of our members are researching and writing stories about our ancestors who settled in the Beaudesert district. These stories are being collected by David Mason and will be entered into a data base and if possible will be published. This enables settlers' stories in the Beaudesert District to be shared and remembered for many years to come.

Our Branch meets on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 10 am and our library is open for research each Wednesday between 10 am and 2 pm.

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 Sickfield 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 6th April 2018.

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on Wednesday, 11 April, commencing at 12.15pm at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Sharyn Merkley with an address titled *Brisbane Burns*, based on a book written by Sharyn which describes how the great fires of 1864 shaped a city and its people.

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

Happening This Month

Apr 7	<i>Referencing your stories</i> workshop
Apr 8	Convict Connections Interest Group
Apr 15	Writing Interest Group
Apr 20	Webinar - The National Archives (UK)
Apr 21	<i>Griffiths Valuation</i> workshop
Apr 22	DNA Interest Group
Apr 28	<i>Writing your family history</i> seminar
Apr 29	<i>Introduction to Family History</i> course

INTEREST GROUPS

Scottish Interest Group

At our Annual General Meeting held on 4th March, Alastair Henderson kindly stepped forward and was endorsed as our new President. A very big thank you to Les McFadzen for his 10 year service as our previous President.

Ian Hunt has offered to chair any meetings when Alistair is unable to attend due to work commitments. Hugh Smith also kindly agreed to be our new newsletter editor.

Another big thank you to Mavis Dimick for carrying on this role for many years in addition to being our Treasurer. Mavis will continue as Treasurer, and Helen Bourne as Secretary of the Group.

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group is to take place at GSQ on Sunday, 6th May 2018.

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

The next meeting is on Sunday May 13 at 1pm.

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

Please note that the Scandinavian Group will have a new time for the May meetings. For May only, we will start at 2:30 instead of 12:30. That is because the May meeting always coincides with the Norwegian Club's celebration lunch for Norway's National Day. The new time will apply to every May meeting. The other meetings will be at 12:30 as usual.

Monday Morning Natters

No Monday Morning Natters in April as the first Monday is Easter Monday.

Monday May 7 Topic:

Any books that mention your family or where they came from or a historical fact which relates to the time in which your ancestors lived-sickness, war, political etc.

If you choose to stay at home during the Commonwealth Games, you can use that time to have a look and see what you can find...

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

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will begin at 10.30 am on Sunday 13 May, although the library will be open from 09.00 am. 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.com or VicGUM. 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). 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 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.

DNA Interest Group

The DNA SIG was present at the recent Open Day and Helen was kept occupied answering DNA research questions. The next meeting Sunday 22 April 9am-2pm will have firstly, a talk on Y-DNA followed by Judy Lofthouse talking on *Using the Visualisation Tools from Shelley Crawford's blog Twigs of Yore*.

The GSQ DNA group has its own Facebook page which is where you can ask questions in a friendly environment and keep up with DNA news. It is a closed group restricted to GSQ members. You can find it on Facebook by searching for GSQDNASIG and then you need to answer the questions asked which include your GSQ membership number.

Military Interest Group

The Military Interest Group will next meet on Saturday 26 May from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

If you are interested in the Military Special Interest Group, please email info@gsq.org.au to express your interest.

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

German Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on May 27. This one is for "Annoying Absent Ancestors" - so we put our heads together with our problems and put the day to good use and hopefully solve some of them or at least find a way forward.

The doors open at 10am followed by a brief meeting at 10.15 am and then we attack our problems with a cuppa to wash them down. Doors close 2.30pm.

Looking forward to seeing you.

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish group will not meet in April, as the first Sunday of that month is Easter Sunday this year.

The group will meet again on the first Sunday in June (and then in August, October and December).

Writing Group

The Writing Group will next meet on Sunday 15 April.

Janice Cooper will guide us through some basics for the presentation of our writing – book sections such as index and glossary, using a style guide to cover the use of abbreviations, capitals, etc., and various aspects of the referencing/citing of sources.

Doors open at 10am with the meeting lasting from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Members are welcome to stay until 2pm for informal discussions, lunch and private research. Gold coin donation appreciated.

More information from Pauline on 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.

BLOG

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/>

EVENTS

**Referencing your stories**

April 7 @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$35 Members & \$50 Non-members

Presenters: Janice Wellard, Sharyn Merkley & Janice Cooper

This is a very practical workshop. There will be three short presentations, each of which will give an overview of aspects of referencing and citation. Participants will then practise the referencing of their work, using their own family stories. Attendees may bring their own laptop or use the computers at GSQ.

You can find out more information on the Referencing Your Stories [HERE](#).

**Writing your family history**

April 28 @ 12:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Cost: \$35 Members & \$50 Non-members

Presenters: Janet Few from Devon by webcast. Janet won the 2017 Gold Rock Star Genealogist award for England, Scotland and Wales and is the keynote presenter. Also speaking is Pauleen Cass, well known researcher, blogger and author. Sharyn Merkley, author of *Brisbane Burns*, will also present.

The final session will be a Q&A session.

More information on the mini seminar *Writing your family history* can be found [HERE](#).

**The National Archives (UK)**

April 20 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Cost: \$15 Members & \$20 Non-members

Presenter: Cathie Sherwood

Discovery is the one stop catalogue for the millions of records held by the National Archives with almost 9 million available for download, many of which are free. This webinar will look at some advanced search techniques, how to understand your search results and sorting and filtering them.

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.

**Griffith's Valuation**

April 21 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Cost: \$25 Members & \$40 Non-members

Presenter: Bobbie Edes

Bobbie will cover Griffith's Valuation of Ireland in depth with a hands on approach during this session. After the talk, there will be step-by-step instructions to take each member through to the location of one of their farming ancestors at the time of Griffith's valuation. Ancestral homes in villages may also be able to be tracked in some circumstances. If you are feeling left out because you aren't sure which ancestor is yours, then still come along so that you can learn the process and get to know the 'lie of the land' in your nook of the woods! This talk is particularly handy for those planning an Irish odyssey in the future, but for those not able to, there is always the chance to view it if Mr Google has driven by.

Numbers will be limited and participants are asked to bring their laptops if they have one, or if not, then to indicate when they book that they will be using a GSQ computer.

To book click [HERE](#).

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WRITING
competition

Oral History Basics Workshop

Venue: Wynnum Library, Wynnum

Date: Saturday, 14 April 2018.

Time: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Oral History Queensland is running a workshop which covers the basics in recording oral histories including interviewing techniques, ethics, transcribing. The workshop will be run by Lesley Jenkins, a very experienced oral historian, Churchill Fellow and Life Member of Oral History Queensland.

Cost: \$100.00 for OHQ members, \$120.00 for non OHQ members.

Bookings essential. Suzanne Mulligan, Oral History Queensland at mulligan53@iinet.net.au or phone on 07 3376 1865.

The 2018 Joan Reese Writing Competition will for the first time have a cash prize to the value of \$100.

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 with "Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition" in the subject line.

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



Introduction to family history

April 29 @ 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Cost: \$35 Members &
\$50 Non-members

Presenter: Janice Wellard

This course will cover using all the main genealogy records such as BDMs, census, immigration, parish registers and others and is suitable for both new and experienced researchers.

For more information and to book click [HERE](#).



New Australian series commences on SBS on Tuesday 17 April 2018 - put the date in your diary.

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
Sandgate	Queensland Family History online	Thursday 19 April	11am -1pm	3667 6021
Ashgrove	Finding Grandma	Saturday 21 April	11am-1pm	3407 1940

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

UPDATE

At a recent meeting, three new members were welcomed on to the Management Committee and a Vice-President was nominated. The current team is:

Sally Romano President
Jan Bimrose Vice-President
Claire Rodwell Secretary
Cath Maris Treasurer

General Members

Bob Dean (New) Helen McKinnon (New)
Lorraine McMahon Trish Sampson (New)
Cathie Sherwood Hugh Smith
Janice Wellard



Change to the sending out of eNews & Generation

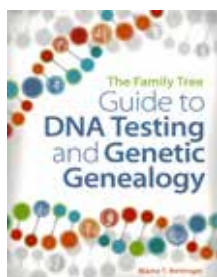
GSQ is trialling the sending out of eNews and Generation using a single email marketing

program. In the past two providers have been used but due to the number of 'bounced' emails to BigPond addresses in particular, it has been decided to limit GSQ's use to one provider to see if that rectifies the problem.

We apologise in advance if you have unsubscribed from either eNews or Generation or both in the past, but still receive this email. Please select **unsubscribe** again.

In the GSQ Bookshop

The GSQ Shop has just received another shipment of this very popular book on DNA. If you are just starting out on your DNA journey, or need a handy reference, then this is the book for you. Order online via the GSQ web site or buy your copy at GSQ.



While you're browsing, check out other books by GSQ members:

Brisbane Burns Sharyn Merkley
My Name should be Melano Leonie Ryder
Chinchilla's Communal Settlers Veronica Dawson
Glorious! Exploring Tasmania in 1914 Margaret Deacon

NEW SEMINAR VENUES

The Management Committee has decided to trial new venues this year for the mini-seminar in April and the annual seminar in October. All other events will still be held at GSQ as advertised.

While the Queen Alexandra Centre at Coorparoo has been a wonderful stalwart, a change was needed to cater for the increasing use of live streaming of presenters from around the world. The poor acoustics of the beautiful old building made it difficult for attendees to hear these presenters. We look forward to receiving your feedback on these two new venues.

Mini seminar

The mini seminar, *Writing your family history*, will be held in the seminar room at the Holland Park Library, 81 Seville Road, Holland Park. This room is air-conditioned, holds up to 40 people, has disability access, an electronic whiteboard and internet connection as well as a small attached kitchen. There is plenty of on site parking as well as parking in the quiet street.



Annual seminar

The venue for the annual seminar will be the Nazareth Lutheran Hall at 12 Hawthorne Street, Woolloongabba. There are almost 30 on site parking spaces as well as street parking. There are no restrictions on parking in the street on Saturdays and there are no events at the Gabba on the day of the seminar. The building is fully air-conditioned, has a lift to the top floor, which is carpeted, there are plasma tvs for viewing of presentations and an excellent kitchen for catering.





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Image: Supreme Court, King Street, Sydney (NSW). Digital ID: 4481_a026_000411

State Records of NSW

New index: Criminal Indictments

The new Criminal Indictments Index is now available to search on SRNSW website.

It has been compiled by our volunteers from NRS 13492 Registers of criminal indictments, and contains 15,700+ entries.

It includes criminal cases tried before the Supreme Court at Sydney and on Circuit for the period 1863-1919. The index records: trial number and where tried, name of defendant, offence, date of trial and Judge, verdict and sentence.

Click [HERE](#) to search the Index.

State Records of NSW

Photographs of Doctors project

The Medical Board of New South Wales required doctors who were applying for registration as medical practitioners to submit signed photographs prior to their appearance in front of the board. These photographs have survived as series NRS 9873 [Photographs of Doctors](#). We will be adding more digitised images from this series to our online catalogue Collection Search.

The University of Sydney will be using a large number of the photographs as part of their [Beyond 1914 — The University of Sydney and the Great War project](#), which is an extensive, searchable database of biographies and archival information about members of the University community involved in the First World War. Over 600 doctors from the University of Sydney were involved in the First World War. Many of those doctors had previously submitted photographs which survive as part of the State Archives Collection.



British India and South-East Asia Special Interest Group

This newly formed Special Interest Group is designed for GSQ members who are researching their family history in British India between the time of the Royal Charter granted to the East India Company on the 31 December 1600 and Indian Independence in 1947. It will also include other British colonies and protectorates in South East Asia around the same period of time eg Singapore, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Burma (Myanmar), Ceylon (Sri Lanka) and Persia (Iran).

Come along and share your stories about your family members and their lives in this unique part of the world. Discover the records that will reveal their lives.

The first discussion on the 21 May will be open to GSQ members and non-members.

Subsequent meetings will be for GSQ members only with guest speakers at most meetings. Members may research in the Resource Centre until 2pm.

If you are interested in attending the May meeting, can you please advise the Convenor, Cathie Sherwood, on:

webcoordinator@gsq.org.au for catering purposes.

Dates for 2018 are:

Monday 21 May 9:30am-11.30am Open to the public

Monday 16 July 9:30am-11.30am

Monday 17 September 9:30am-11.30am

Monday 19 November 9:30am-11.30am

