

# GSQ e-NEWS

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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

June 2018

The Management Committee (MC) is working really hard at the moment on strengthening the performance of GSQ so as to ensure a bright and prosperous future.

At our last MC meeting, we identified four key areas that require immediate attention:

1. Volunteering
2. Membership
3. Income Generation
4. Information Technology

These seem to be of a perennial nature so no surprises here...

However, we realise the ongoing nature of these challenges mustn't dampen our efforts in developing innovative solutions to these problems.

To give you a quick overview, the major difficulties we're facing with each of these four performance areas are:

#### Volunteering

- we have a devastating scarcity of volunteers; so we need to determine how best to attract and retain our volunteers.

#### Membership

- while our membership is steady, we continue to struggle with growing it; so we need to determine how to do this.

#### Income Generation

- to date, our income has been burdensomely based on membership fees and that creates an income pressure point; so we need to develop revenue opportunities through services such as retail, research and digitisation.

#### Technology

- information and communication technology has become more and more operationally critical with each passing year and any form of outage affects our membership greatly; so we need to develop the means to ensure continuity of service, together with future-proofing them.

With the new, strategic focus in the management on GSQ's growth, we will establish working parties for each of these key areas and would certainly welcome active participation from you, the members. So in short, **WE WANT YOU!** In fact, **WE NEED YOU!**

We know that you've built a wealth of skills and knowledge over your lifetimes and we'd very much like you to share some of your experience and expertise with us.

You can offer a little or a lot, but the diversity of ideas and skills can only help make GSQ a stronger organisation.

If you can help us in anyway, even if it's for just an hour or two a month, I'd love to have a chat with you to see how you can be involved in an area that suits you.

As many of the volunteers will tell you, myself included, helping GSQ is very rewarding, and offers a great sense of community in working with, and helping, others.

Call the volunteering hotline now on 0438 122 340 (also known as my mobile!) if you'd like to become more involved with GSQ.

Sally

## News from the Management Committee



**Reminder!**

### General meeting for members, Saturday June 02, 9.30-11am

All GSQ members, but particularly those who have joined in 2018, are invited by the GSQ President, Sally Romano, to a general meeting. At this meeting, Sally will discuss the future direction of the Society and outline the activities being undertaken by GSQ and its various subcommittees.

The resources in the GSQ Library will be showcased and there will be a demonstration of the databases available to members in MyGSQ.

Come along and meet the Management Committee and take the opportunity to ask questions about YOUR Society.

### The GSQ Bookshop

More copies of *The Family Tree Guide to DNA Testing & Genetic Genealogy* by Blaine Bettinger have been purchased as they are flying out the door.

GSQ sells the book for considerably less than what it can be purchased elsewhere.

**AGM** 2018  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

### New AGM date

Please note that the GSQ Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 6 October**, commencing at 10am. All members are welcome to attend. Please note the change of date from the originally published one of 03 November.

### Digitisation projects

GSQ continues to digitise as many of its records as possible and the digitisation team is currently working on the Alex Gow Funeral Director's records for 1986/87. These digital records are freely available to members in MyGSQ. More volunteers are needed to help with indexing these records for searching purposes and to scan the documents. If you can help, please email the GSQ Secretary, Claire Rodwell, at [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au).

### Generation

The June edition of *Generation* will be out in the next few weeks so look out for your copy in your email. It promises to be another bumper issue with a focus on war.



### New library layout ideas

The GSQ Management Committee is looking for your ideas! Tell us how the the library layout could be changed as the current setup may not offer the best arrangement for some groups, activities and events that are held at the end of the resource centre. To make the library more user-friendly, we are inviting members to:

- Make suggestions and comments
- Advise what works for you and what doesn't
- Submit a proposed library layout plan.

Please leave any feedback in the gold box on top of the reception desk or email the GSQ Management Committee on [reception@gsq.org.au](mailto:reception@gsq.org.au).

### Storage area clean up

A clean up of the downstairs kitchen area has been organised to maximise the storage space and sort the records into a semblance of order to help with locating them.

## BRANCH NEWS

## Beaudesert Branch

The month of May has seen our treasurer and her husband once again travel to the United Kingdom on family history business. They will spend several weeks in England and Scotland researching the Antcliff and Veivers families. On a previous visit they came across a problem common to us all, a variety of ways of spelling the same name. We wish them every success in their latest venture.

A reminder to members, on the **10th June** we will be participating in the Annual Community Fun Day in Jubilee Park. This event is sponsored by Scenic Rim Regional Council in collaboration with Beaudesert Rotary. We are hoping for a fine day as rain caused the cancellation of the event last year. Please come along and lend your support.

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 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.

There will be **no meeting at 23 Sicklefield Street Alderley on Friday 1st June**, as our members are going on an excursion. The next meeting there will be on **Friday 6th July**

## Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 13 June** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

In place of a Guest Speaker it is proposed to attempt to solve various "*brick wall problems*" provided by members with the intention being that other members may be able to employ similar strategies in their research.

All welcome. \$2.00 entry with Lucky Door prize

## INTEREST GROUPS

## Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group is to take place at GSQ on Sunday, 1st July 2018.

Please bring along a photograph or item of your first Scottish ancestor to arrive in Australia as we will have a round table discussion.

The meeting will commence at 10 am. The library will remain open until 2 pm for those Group members wishing to undertake research.

Anyone with Scottish ancestry or with an interest in Scotland is welcome to attend.

## Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday July 8** at 1pm.

The May meeting we had a smaller group because of Mother's day but we had personal tuition for individuals. 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 next meeting is on **Sunday July 15** at 12:30pm.

The Scandinavian Interest Group aims to provide assistance to members researching their Swedish, Danish, Norwegian, Finnish or Icelandic ancestors. Meetings are held on the third Sunday of the odd months of the year, unless otherwise advertised. 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, migration or customs..

## Monday Morning Natters

The next Natters is on **Monday 4 June from 10 am - 12 noon.**

**Monday June 4 Topic:**

*Topic for June is Find an interesting blog*

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

Unfortunately the FTM User Group due to begin at 10.30 am on **Sunday 8th July**, will have to be **cancelled** due to the Convenor being unavailable for medical reasons.

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.

The meeting due on **Sunday 9th September** should go ahead as programmed. 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.

## DNA Interest Group

The DNA SIG celebrated their third birthday on Sunday 20 May. Guest speakers Michelle Patient (NZ) and Louise Coakley (Cairns DNA SIG Convenor) presented to an enthusiastic group followed by a palatial spread of goodies. 28 May GSQ has a webinar on DNA for Beginners presented by Helen Smith (still a few places available).

Next meeting is on **Sunday 24th June** and the main presentation topic is DNA Painter followed by discussion

## Military Interest Group

The Military Interest Group will next meet on **Saturday 28 July** from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

If you are interested in the Military Special Interest Group please email [info@gsq.org.au](mailto:info@gsq.org.au) to express your interest.

## 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 **Sunday June 10th**.

## German Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday 29th July 2018**. We will have a speaker - Ian Stehbens will be giving us a talk on the History of Maryborough and the German migrants that settled there. He is a very interesting speaker and the author of *From the Edge of Oblivion* so come and join us.

The doors open at 10am and the talk will start at 10.30am followed by morning tea and then you are free to research until 2.30pm when the Library will close.

Looking forward to seeing you

## Writing Group

The next meeting for the Writing Group is on **Sunday 17 June** from 10.30am to 12.30pm when we will continue the theme of finalising and polishing our written work. Topics include referencing and editing. An agenda will be circulated to members closer to the date.

Doors open at 10am and members are welcome to stay until doors close at 2pm. More information is available from convenor, Pauline Williams, at [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com).

## English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish Special Interest Group will meet again on **Sunday 3rd June**, with the doors of the GSQ Research Centre opening at 10 o'clock. The meeting itself will start at 10.30a.m. and will involve a focus on one Irish county (Kilkenny) followed by a "Brick Wall" session.

Bring along your English, Irish and Welsh research problems and allow the members of the group to offer their expertise.

All members of GSQ are welcome to join the English/Irish Group to share the highs and lows of our research journeys - all for only a gold coin donation. Funds collected will be used towards the purchase of resources with an English/Irish focus.

Following the meeting the Research Centre will remain open until 2.30p.m. We look forward to seeing you there.

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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/>

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## Volunteer's afternoon tea and 40th birthday party

What a wonderful afternoon! I am sure that those of you who could not make it will be pleased to hear that the afternoon was a great success, not at all dampened by the rain. Jan Bimrose, the GSQ Vice-President stood in admirably for GSQ's President, Sally Romano, who unfortunately had to miss the party as she was in Victoria for family reasons. Jan reflected on the 40 year history of GSQ and how honoured she was to be part of the organisation and proud of what GSQ offers to members and others – a sentiment shared by all.



40th birthday cake



Dr Jennifer Harrison cutting the 40th birthday cake

Jan also read out an appreciative email from a member, Jennifer Lentell, who expressed her thanks to the library volunteers - *All of you are doing a marvellous amount of work for everyone and everybody should be proud of all your effort.*

Dr Jennifer Harrison, GSQ's patron, was at her oratorical best when she spoke about volunteers and the theme for this year: *Give a little, change a lot!*



Highlights of the afternoon included a certificate presentation to the volunteers who do give so freely of their time – many of them quite a lot – and they make changes for the betterment of GSQ. Geraldine Lee was finally presented with her Joan Reese Award for 2017. Geraldine has been unable to receive it on a number of occasions so she drove up from the Gold Coast especially for the occasion.

## British India and South-East Asia Group

The inaugural meeting of the British India & South-East Asia special Interest group was held on Monday 21 May. There was a good turnout including four non-members, one of whom drove up from the Gold Coast and another who joined GSQ after the event. Attendees gave a snapshot of their family: surnames and their lives – all incredibly interesting and varied with one having researched his back to 1751! The consensus was the group should continue at least for this year and be reviewed again in the new year.

The next meeting will be from 10am-12pm on **Monday 16 July**. All are welcome.

EVENTS



**Using FamilySearch**

**June 16, 9.30-11.30am**

Familysearch.org is a free web site which holds millions of records worldwide. You can access this freely at home (but do need to have an account). Did you also know that, when at GSQ, additional records become available to you which are inaccessible on your home computer?

Come along to see how you can make best use of this great resource both at GSQ and at home. Limited spaces available as computers will be used. Bring along family names to use for practice on the day.

**Wednesday night @ GSQ**

**June 27 @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

GSQ is open on the 2nd and 4th Wed night each month. On the 4th Wed night there will be a guest speaker.

**Topic: Your ancestors in contexts of time and place**

You can learn so much more about your ancestors by learning about the people they spent time with – at work, in community organisations, at school and more.

For members only on payment of a gold coin.



**Asylums in Queensland: Where to find the records**

**June 30, 9-11.30am**

Most of us know that Queensland’s main mental health facility was based on the banks of the Brisbane River near Goodna. The Woogaroo Lunatic Asylum was established in 1865 as, prior to that date, mentally unstable people were sent to Sydney. Did you also know that there were other Queensland asylums including the Dalby Sanatorium and Dunwich Benevolent Asylum? Dr Jonathan Richards will outline what records are available, how to search them and other unusual sources



**A Poldark in your family? Tracing Cornish ancestors**

**Monday June 11, 10-11am**

Annalies Nutley will use a case study of Cornish tin miners, the Pascoes from Wendron, to outline the available records for Cornwall and where to find them.

**PAST EVENTS**

**Family history using educational events**

Dr Geoff Morgan had the attendees engrossed for the whole of his session on using educational records. It was a very comprehensive and illuminating presentation as Geoff outlined the terminology to help with searching, provided an overview of schooling in QLD and examples of student and staff records, such as admission registers. He also included information and examples on other types of records to search such as Police Gazettes, school magazines and local and school histories.

**Wednesday night presentation**

Beryl Roberts gave an interesting talk about the Petries. Andrew Petrie brought his family to Brisbane in the early 1830s and proceeded to use his building skills to build or repair some of the iconic buildings in Brisbane, namely the GPO and the Tower Mill.

**Webinar: DNA for beginners**

As usual, Helen Smith gave an excellent and quite comprehensive overview of DNA and tips and things to know before you test and once you have your results. Her handout, combined with the presentation, meant all attendees should come away with sufficient information to get them started with DNA. I am sure that most will be back for the advanced course on DNA in October.

**Bring out your news!**

Have some great genealogy tips or news to share? We would love to include it in eNews! Just email [enews@gsq.org.au](mailto:enews@gsq.org.au) by the 24th of the month



The GSQ Education Coordinator is calling for expressions of interest from members who would be interested in presenting an education event. We are looking for people who have ideas/stories/skills to contribute to join our current group of wonderful presenters. If you have always wanted to share the research tips you've gleaned over years of researching, if you can demonstrate a computer program that will help family historians, if you have particular insight to a set of records in any archives e.g. Tasmania convicts, post office directories or have knowledge about topics like north QLD settlers, then we want to hear from you. ALL topics suggested will be considered and if you want some assistance with your presentation, then we can help with that too.

If you would like to offer your services or just have a chat (no obligation is required) or have ideas for education events you would like to see offered in 2019, please email: Cathie Sherwood [cathie.sherwood@gmail.com](mailto:cathie.sherwood@gmail.com).

## GENEALOGY COMMUNITY NEWS



### NSW ACT Association of Family History Societies Annual Conference

Date: 14 to 16 SEPTEMBER 2018

Location: Batemans Bay Soldiers Club

For more Information: [www.sailingintohistory.org.au](http://www.sailingintohistory.org.au)

Do you know about the new GDPR? James Tanner has written about the **GDPR & Genealogy**. You can read his informative post [HERE](#).

### The National Archives (Kew)

Merchant Navy records available online

Explore the Merchant Navy records from our collection, available to search and download now.\*

> Merchant seamen's campaign medal records 1914-1918 (BT 351 & MT 9)\*

> Merchant seamen's campaign medal records 1939-1945 (BT 395)\*

> Merchant shipping movement cards 1939-1945 (BT 389)\*

### State Records of NSW

#### Joan Reese index electronic version in Reading Room

One of the most used externally-produced finding aids to our collection, is Joan Reese's NSW Colonial Secretary's In-Letters Index, 1826-1895. The correspondence of the Colonial Secretary is one of the most valuable sources of information on all aspects of the history of the Colony and the State of New South Wales. The Colonial Secretary was closely associated with all aspects of the administration of NSW from involvement in the convict system to the granting of land and other indulgences. The correspondence includes letters of people from all walks of life, whether Government officials, convicts, clergy or free.

Previously only available on microfiche, the 'Joan Reese index' has recently been converted into an electronic field-searchable index which is available on CD-Rom or USB, and is now free to use on the computers in our Reading Room.

#### SRNSW Webinar program 2018

Our very successful webinar program continues in 2018. Register now for the following free webinars:

- Asylum records in NSW - Thursday 14th June, 10am-11am
- NSW Professions and Occupations - Tuesday 14th August, 10am-11am
- NSW Colonial Secretary's Correspondence - Thursday 18th October, 10am-11am
- Sources for Marriage in NSW - Wednesday 7 November, 10am-11am

Our previous webinars are all available to view for free online, Webinars are a fantastic way to increase our reach to audiences outside of Sydney and beyond. Our live webinars are free and bookings can be made on our website. The webinars are recorded and loaded to our library of webinars for viewing anywhere, any time.