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### OPEN

Monday • Closed  
Tuesday • 10am - 3pm  
Wednesday • 10am - 3pm  
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Friday • 10am - 3pm  
Saturday • 12noon - 4pm  
Sunday • Interest Groups  
2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month • 6pm-9pm.

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### From the President

August 2018

Well, August is Family History Month in Australia so now is a good time to focus on your research.

If you haven't done any research for a while, dust the cobwebs off, and reignite your work. It's so easy to put our research on the back-burner, but how about you use the month of August to progress your family tree? Why don't you dedicate 31 minutes a day for the next 31 days of August? Now there's fun challenge and we're here at GSQ to help you achieve it.

To get you started, can I suggest that you concentrate on one activity at a time – decrease the size of your task to increase the chances of success.

Here's my top three ideas for you...

1. Select one line, or one person within that line on which to focus. Have a look at the information you have and develop a list of the information you'd like to gather. What are the key events in their life/lives that you want to know about, and what are possible sources you need find and reference?
2. Select a learning resource and fill some of your knowledge gaps. Do you want to know more about DNA, Ireland, colonial Australia... and find a webinar, seminar or book to help you learn more about that subject area.
3. Select an organisational task that you've been meaning to get to such as filing, citations, tidying-up your research space etc – make a plan, chunk it down and get started. Maybe even create a reward system for yourself for each step that you achieve.

At GSQ, we can help you achieve your family history goals – no matter what they are. We're the experts and we're here to help.

If fact, we can help you kick-start your month with our **40th Birthday Open Day** being held on **Saturday 4th August** from 10am to 2pm.



We've been fortunate enough to garner support from some of the biggest names in the industry such as Ancestry, FindMyPast, Family Search, My Heritage and Legacy Family Tree who have given us gifts and prizes for those who attend.

We also have some very special guests attending – for the first time ever, Queensland Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages will be attending our Open Day and will be able to answer any questions you have. We also have State Library of Queensland, National Archives of Australia and Queensland State Archives coming along to help you in your quest.

We'll also have refreshments and lunch available so come and make a day of it.

Yours in relative flair, Sally

## Join Our 'Who Do You Think You Are' Team

We now have a regular spot on ABC Radio Brisbane which is a wonderful opportunity for GSQ to help Brisbane people learn more about genealogy and assist them in their family history quests.

The President, Sally Romano has been asked to be a regular guest on ABC 612 and will appear with Kat Feeney on a fortnightly basis to chat about family history. The format will involve callers ringing in with questions, and that's where you come in...

We're looking for our very own 'Who Do You Think You Are' Team to come in every second Friday afternoon at 2pm to listen to the callers' questions and then rally together to see if you can find relevant information so that we can share the discoveries on-air.

It's going to be fast-paced and a whole lot of fun and will provide a unique opportunity to research in a team environment – and afterwards, you can sit down, have a chat and a glass of wine.

So if you're a fan of the 'Who Do You Think You Are' show, come and join our 'Who Do You Think You Are' team.

Email Sally on [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au) if you're interested, or would like more information

The GSQ annual seminar is fast approaching! Check out the speakers and book your spot as soon as possible

### TOPIC: Top sources for family history research: The expert's guide.

**WHEN:** 9am-3.00pm on Saturday 27 October, 2018

**WHERE:** Nazareth Lutheran Hall, 12 Hawthorne St, Woolloongabba

**COST:** \$60 for GSQ members and \$75 for non-members

Morning tea and lunch are included in the price.

Books and raffles will also be on offer.



*My favourite*  
**SOURCE**

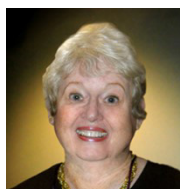


### TOPIC: NSW Colonial Secretary's In Letters Index 1826-1895

#### Dr Jennifer Harrison

Jennifer Harrison has been a member of GSQ almost since the beginning and is proud to have been patron since 2009. She

is a research fellow in the School of Historical and Philosophical Inquiry at The University of Queensland. She is closely involved with SLQ's project on the Moreton Bay series within the NSW Colonial Secretary's correspondence.



### TOPIC: The 1939 Register

#### Stephanie Ryan

Stephanie Ryan has been the research librarian specialising in family history at the State Library of QLD for over 22 years. She has participated in radio and television programs and been interviewed for newspaper and magazine articles in this capacity. She contributes to the State Library of Queensland's blogs and writes articles on family history from time to time.



### TOPIC: Australian Probate Records Online

#### Shauna Hicks

Shauna Hicks has been tracing her own family history since 1977 and worked in government for over 35 years in libraries and archives in Brisbane, Canberra and Melbourne. Since retiring, she has written numerous family history guides and is a regular speaker at genealogy cruises, conferences and seminars.



### TOPIC: The UK Gazettes: London, Edinburgh, Belfast & Dublin

#### Jenny Joyce (by webcast)

Jenny has been a genealogist for the past 35 years, first as a hobby researching her own family, and for the past ten years as professional researcher, lecturer, teacher and writer. Since 2017 she has been one of the official Ambassadors for the Rootstech conference in Utah. Jenny is the President of the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society, and a member of their family history committee.



### TOPIC: Brisbane City Archives: researching home & suburb

#### Annabel Lloyd

Annabel Lloyd is the City Archivist for Brisbane City Council and was responsible for the establishment of the City Archives in 1994 and has been actively working in Archives and the professional Archives community since 1984. In addition to managing the City Archives Annabel has delegated responsibility for the management of Council's records appraisal operations.

## 40th Birthday Family History Fair

*we're part of*



**NFHM**  
National Family History Month

**Family  
History Fair**

### 40th BIRTHDAY FAMILY HISTORY OPEN DAY

On **Saturday 4th August**, one of Australia's leading family history organisations, the Genealogical Society of Queensland, will be hosting its annual Family History Open Day – which is particularly special this year as it also marks the Society's 40th birthday.

This is a must-attend event for budding and experienced family historians alike and forms a part of Australia's Family History Month offering visitors access to GSQ's vast resources – all for free.

Highlights of the Open Day include:

- Free access to online genealogy sites;
- Ancestry, FindMyPast, Roots Ireland, The Genealogist, British Newspaper Archive, and Biographical Database of Australia;
- Experienced researchers to help you start, or progress, your family tree;
- Several experts covering a range of genealogical topics such as DNA available to chat;
- A range of great stalls;
- Excellent raffles to win;
- Refreshments and lunch available.



### EVENT DETAILS

**Saturday 4 August 2017**

**10am to 2pm**

**GSQ, 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart 4122**

**Free**

**07 3349 6072**

### Cake Stall – GSQ Open Day 4th August 2018

Calling all bakers – our cake stall would really appreciate any baking treats for our stall.

*Cakes, muffins, slices, biscuits, treats, sweet or savoury*

Must be packaged for sale listing name of item, ie Date, Type of Cake and if it is Gluten, Nut, Dairy Free etc.

To assist there are foil containers for baking small bar cakes, plastic containers and cellophane bags for packaging at GSQ.

Baked items to be delivered to GSQ by **Friday afternoon 3rd August 2018**.

For further details please contact:

Cath Maris [finance@gsq.org.au](mailto:finance@gsq.org.au) 0421 697 550





## BRANCH NEWS

### Beaudesert Branch

Beaudesert Branch held its Annual Meeting on the 25th July. All office bearers have accepted renomination. Our treasurer has recently returned from a trip to the United Kingdom chasing ancestors. She and her husband were surprised to find more about the McVey family than they had anticipated, so were very pleased with the result, and hope to return to the UK again as time permits.

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 August meeting** as the branch is going on an excursion.

### Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 8 August**, commencing at 12.15pm at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting is to be *Andrew Gildea from Finders Cafe*. Andrew's presentation will focus on what exactly is Finders Cafe and how it is useful for family historians.

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

### 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 August 12th**.

## INTEREST GROUPS

### Scottish Interest Group

Members who attended our last meeting were asked to bring along a photograph or item of interest belonging to their first Scottish ancestor to arrive in Australia. We enjoyed viewing the photographs and documents and hearing the stories of emigration some long ago and some quite recent. Thank you to everyone for their efforts.

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group is to take place at GSQ on **Sunday 2nd September 2018**, commencing at 10 am. There will be a presentation on Renfrewshire outlining its social history and genealogical resources.

### Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday September 9** 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

The next meeting is on **Sunday September 16** 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.

### British India and South-East Asia Group

In September, come along to hear guest presenter, Dr Leonie Ryder, speak about her ancestors in the East India Company. Spend some time doing your research and chat with others who share the same research interests

The next meeting will be from 10am-12pm on **Monday 17 September**. All are welcome.

## Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet at 10.30 am on **Sunday the 9th September**. The library will be open from approximately 9.00 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 June free update from Mackiev.com.

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 Group next meets on **Sunday August 26 @ 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**.

The meeting (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.

Everybody welcome for a gold coin contribution.

## Military Interest Group

The August meeting of the Military Group opened with a review and confirmation of our purpose and format, and some exciting ideas for future meetings. This was followed by short presentations by attendees and plenty of helpful discussion. Because of the recent media storm over a politician's military medal, a member brought his own medals for us to examine and we agreed the confusion was understandable.

We enjoyed hearing about two soldiers with interesting if not outrageous histories – it's amazing what can be found in service records if you take the time to look. A different story was that of Commander Eric Feldt who set up and co-ordinated the Coastwatchers in WW2, recorded in his book *'The Coastwatchers'* and explained to us by his grandniece. Reviews of several other books showed the broad range of what is available.

Books are an excellent way to discover more about our ancestors who served, and also the effect wars had on their families and communities, but with so many now written, we were cautioned to choose well-researched books by recognised authors.

## German Interest Group

We had a wonderful turnout for Ian Stebhens Talk on the History of Maryborough on Sunday. Many thanks to all who attended.

It is with much regret that we have received notice that the German-Australian genealogy and History Alliance Tour for Brisbane, at the German Club, has been cancelled due sadly, to lack of numbers. The Adelaide conference is still going ahead and the streaming. If anyone has paid for the Brisbane Tour tickets, that can be put towards getting the streaming if you wish to take that option.

**Our next meeting was due on 30th Sept. is also having to be cancelled** due to unforeseen circumstances for which I am very sorry. We will plan a luncheon at the German Club - probably mid-Sept. We will notify as soon as arrangements have been made. The November Xmas meeting will go ahead as planned at this stage. I hope next year is a better one for all of us.

## Writing Group

The Writing Group next meets on **Sunday 19 August**, when we will focus on the many and varied structures for a family history/story. An agenda will be distributed to Writing Group members closer to the date. Doors open at 10am, the meeting is held from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Doors close at 2pm. Gold coin appreciated. Contact convenor, Pauline, at [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com) for more information and to be added to the group mailing list.

## English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish group will meet again on **Sunday 5th August** at the GSQ Resource Centre.

Doors to the Resource Centre will open at 10 o'clock, with the meeting scheduled to start at 10.30a.m. There will be plenty of time for general discussion before and after the meeting, during which we will explore resources for research in two English/Irish counties.

Bring your lunch and stay on for more discussions or to pursue your own research interests until 2.30p.m.

All GSQ members are invited to join us for interesting discussions about English and Irish resources for the cost of a gold coin contribution. See you on Sunday 5th August.

## GENEALOGY COMMUNITY NEWS

**Oral History Basics Workshop**

**Venue:** Pine Rivers Heritage Museum, Old Petrie Town, 901 - 949 Dayboro Road, Whiteside Qld 4503

**Date:** Friday, 24 August 2018.

**Time:** 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Description: 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. This is a "hands-on" workshop which will provide practical experience.

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

Contact details: Bookings essential.

Suzanne Mulligan, Oral History Queensland, at  
[mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@iinet.net.au) or phone on 07 3376 1865.

**GSQ TAG TEAM**

**What do we do?** We are interested members who look after the upgrading and working of the computers.

**What are we doing?**

One thing we decided to do for 2018 is to go through all the CDs and check that they are either available on the network through the app Genealogy Resources. As some of them have an earlier operating system, we are putting them on computer 5, which is the computer next to the printer.

Please check out Genealogy Resources which have so much information that is not on Ancestry, Find My Past, etc.

If you have a problem with the CDs or want to know how to use them please ask a library assistant!

*Did You Know?*

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

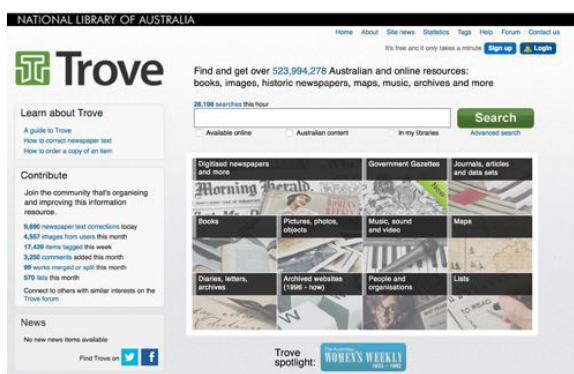
Although most activities run by GSQ are principally for the benefit of members, we do engage in activities intended to encourage more people to take up family history as an activity; and thereby grow our membership.

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
Fairfield	Exploring FindMyPast	Thursday 23 August	10 am - 12 noon	3403 8615
Bulimba	Using Newspapers for Family History	Saturday 15 September	10 am - 12 noon	3407 8223

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The next two months are looking to be busy for GSQ with a number of events and presentations. Always check the Events calendar for the times and locations or to see if there have been any cancellations.



**Monday 6 August @ 2-4pm**

### **Exploring TROVE**

Hands on computer courses are limited to 14 and these usually book out very quickly. Get in early and secure your place in this course (book and pay) which will show you how to get the most out of that most wonderful resource, Trove.

**Saturday 18 August @ 9 - 11am**

### **Discovering maps and their value in historical research**

Kaye Nardella from the Department of Natural Resources, Mines and Energy will introduce a historical map viewer that assists in finding maps to locate your ancestor.



**Monday 13 August @ 10 - 11 am**

### **Webinar: QLD Soldier settlements**

Following WW1, across Australia, returned soldiers were offered land for farming at reduced rates. Queensland had a number of settlements and Jane Harding will discuss who took up the land and the success rate. Where can you find the records to see if your ancestor is one of those fortunate or unfortunate (depending on the land offered for sale) soldiers?



**Saturday 25 August @ 9am - 12 noon**

### **Breaking through brick walls: Finding your Aunty Maud**

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/finding-aunty-maud/>

Start preparing for this practical workshop NOW so that you can send in your brick wall query to the panel of experienced researchers who will help you to problem solve your ancestral barrier. The four researchers, Dr Jennifer Harrison, Elaine Lucas, Janice Wellard and Christine Meehan, will each help you with a particular aspect of your problem, bringing their own unique perspective. *There are only a few places left in this course so book your spot today!*

## **Wednesday night @ GSQ**

**Wednesday 22 August @ 7-8pm**

What objects do you have that hold special meaning for your family? Janice Wellard and Sharyn Merkley will discuss why researching the objects which belonged to ancestors extends our understanding of the people who owned them.

## **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.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Google

is my [family history] friend!



Go beyond the basics:  
Look behind the front page of Google  
and discover the hidden wonders  
for family history!

**Monday 3 September @ 2-4pm**

**Google is my (family history) friend**

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/google-family-history-friend/>

Look behind the front page of Google and discover the hidden tools ideal for family history, for example, books, YouTube, maps, newspapers. Bring along family names to search on the day. Limited number of registrations due to the need to use computers.



FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE & FAIR  
24 – 26 May 2019

See the conference website [HERE](#)



**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)

### Monday Morning Natters

The next Natters is on **Monday 6 August from 10 am - 12 noon.**

**Monday August 6 Topic:**

*An Inquest that added information about your ancestor.*

There is no need to book; just come along with a gold coin contribution for the morning tea jar and meet new members. You will be most welcome.

### Shipping & Immigration Records Online

Finding an ancestor's arrival in Australia can be difficult, but there is an increasing number of ways to track them. Together, the National Archives of Australia, Queensland State Archives and State Library of Queensland hold the major Australian shipping records for the 19th and 20th centuries.

This is an opportunity to hear staff from all these organisations discuss their records and how to use them effectively.

**Fri 3 August, 10am–12noon**

**FREE**

slq Auditorium 2, level 2

State Library of Queensland, Cultural Centre, Stanley Place,  
South Bank

Bookings: [slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on](http://slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on)

Enquiries (07) 3840 7810

### Happening This Month

Aug 4	Family History Fair Open Day
Aug 5	English/Irish Special Interest Group
Aug 6	Monday Morning Natters
Aug 6	Exploring TROVE
Aug 12	Convict Connections Special Interest Group
Aug 13	Webinar: Qld Soldier Settlements
Aug 15	GSQ Treasure Hunt
Aug 18	Discovering maps & their value in historical research
Aug 19	Writing Group
Aug 22	Wednesday night @ GSQ
Aug 25	Breaking through brick walls: finding Auntie Maud
Aug 26	DNA Special Interest Group