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Sunday • Interest Groups
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From the President

July 2018

How many of you have joined a club, or a gym, and then only gone a couple of times? You have the best intentions, but then life gets in the way. I think we can virtually all plead guilty to this!

But, do you know what you're missing out on?

I'm here to encourage you to come along to GSQ as there are treasures aplenty waiting for you and I want to tell you two amazing stories to inspire you.

The first one relates to our member Jenny Daniel who came along to an Open Day and made a fabulous discovery...

One of our volunteers was showing Jenny around the library and during their conversation, Jenny was shown one of our books, the Catholic Record Society's Lancashire Registers. To her delight and surprise, there in black-and-white, sitting on our shelf, was her elusive 7x great grandfather, Christopher Butler!

And more recently, one of our cherished volunteers, Kaye Cameron, had a surprise of her own.

As Kaye regularly does, she offered to help someone who had come in to do some research. The lady, Yvonne O'Shea, was a new member and needed some assistance.



Kaye asked Yvonne where she needed help so Yvonne showed her a family tree that she'd been working on. To Kaye's enormous surprise, she realised it was her own family's family tree!

As fate would have it, GSQ introduced Kaye and Yvonne who are third cousins once removed!

GSQ is a treasure trove of information and family tree connections so why don't you come along to the library and make a discovery of your own.

To help you in your ventures, I'm very excited to announce that I'm hosting a monthly 'Treasure Hunt' to help you navigate the treasure map that is GSQ's collection.

These informative, and social occasions will focus on one element of our repository each month – and the first Treasure Hunt, being held this month, is focussing on our vast collection of books.

The Treasure Hunts are particularly relevant for our new members who want learn more about our amazing resources, but also members who haven't ventured too much further than the computers, or need a refresh about our collection.

All members are very welcome (in fact, are encouraged!) to come along and join us.

Event: Treasure Hunt

Venue: GSQ @ 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart Date: Wednesday 18 July 2018

Time: 10am – 12pm Bring: A plate to share RSVP: secretary@gsq.org.au

PS. And if you have any amazing discovery story of your own, please let me know at president@gsq.org.au or 0438 122 340 so we can share the good news.

Yours in relative flair

Sally

News from the Management Committee

Renewing your GSQ membership

We all know how difficult it can be to remember the many things in our life that need to be renewed on a regular basis – car registrations, insurance, the cat and dog etc – so we send you timely reminders when it comes time for your GSQ membership to be renewed.

You could receive up to three email reminders: the first is sent out about one month prior to your expiry date, a second is sent about a week before the membership expires and a third is sent about one week prior to the expiry of your 30 day grace period. Try not to leave your renewal until the very last day as you may be charged the \$15 administration fee

Renewing is very easy and needs to be completed online but you **MUST** know your user name and password. If you joined after January 2017, then your user name and password will be whatever you chose. If you joined prior to that date, then your user name is (usually) your first and last name joined together, all in lower case eg fredsmith. A password was allocated to each person in January 2017 but many of you have changed it since then.

To renew, simply log into the GSQ web site using your user name and password. Select Renew Membership from the Membership menu. Select the number of renewal years (1 or 3 years) and click on the Submit button. On the next screen, nominate how you would like to pay. You can choose to pay by credit card, direct bank transfer, cheque by post OR at GSQ using any of the previous payment choices as well as cash.

REMEMBER: You do not have to pay online but you **MUST** complete the online renewal order.

Completing the online renewal form online is essential as it enables your membership to be correctly updated once payment is received. If you need help to renew, then you can always call GSQ on 07 3349 6072.



WRITING
competition

We have a winner!

The winner of the Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition for 2018 is Russell Fraser with his story Socialist Ross Island. Russell will be presented with his prize at the Annual Seminar in October.

Congratulations Russell!

Forgot your password?

Did you know that you can reset your own password if you forget it or can't find where you recorded it?

On the login screen, Click on the Lost Password link in blue.

A second screen will appear where you will enter either your user name or your email address. A link to change your password will be emailed to you. If you do not receive an email with a link to change your password, please contact the GSQ Web Coordinator (webcoordinator@gsq.org.au) to check that your email address is correctly recorded in the system.

Just remember to record the new password somewhere handy!

News from the Management Committee

Meet the new GSQ Membership Officer



While on the subject of all things relating to membership, you will soon receive emails (if you haven't already) from Helen McKinnon who is now the Membership Officer. You would have read Helen's profile in the recent edition of *Generation*. Helen is a member of the GSQ Management Committee and she and her husband Howard are regular researchers at GSQ.

Cathie Sherwood would like to take this opportunity to thank the GSQ members for their support and help over the last 18 months, especially their patience as GSQ transitioned to the online membership system. It was a wonderful experience to get to know so many of GSQ's members. Cathie is continuing as the Education and Web Coordinator and looks forward to chatting to you either at GSQ or outside events, on the phone or by email.

Continue to use the membership@gsq.org.au email address for any queries you may have about your GSQ membership.



Remember to attend the Special Interest Groups

GSQ has 11 Special Interest Groups (SIGS) covering interest areas ranging from British India to writing to family tree software with regional areas like Scandinavia, Scotland, Ireland and England covered as well.

To attend any of the SIGS, you must be a current financial member of GSQ. If your membership has expired or you are in your 30 day grace period, then you are not eligible to attend.

A gold coin contribution on the day is also very much appreciated as it enables the SIGS to purchase resources for GSQ.

GSQ name badges

Would you like to have your own personalised GSQ badge to wear when you visit the Resource Centre or attend courses and meetings? The badges, which measure 8cm x 3cm approximately, are now available for all members to purchase for only \$12. Each badge consists of a white printed plate set in a black plastic frame and the badge plate has a clear resin dome over the surface with a magnetic clip on the back for fixing to clothing – no pins in this badge!



If you would like to order your own badge, contact GSQ on 07 3349 6072 or visit the Resource Centre and provide the name you would like on the badge. Badges must be collected from GSQ.

Monday Morning Natters

The next Natters is on **Monday 2 July from 10 am - 12 noon.**

Monday July 2 Topic:

Newspaper article that relates to your family, for example, an obituary, sporting results, etc. Have fun finding an article to bring along.

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 & LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE & FAIR
24 – 26 May 2019

See the conference website [HERE](#)

BRANCH NEWS

Beaudesert Branch

On the 10th June Beaudesert Branch participated in a Community Fun day in Jubilee Park. This proved to be a very successful day for the Branch. We received several enquiries from members of the public hopefully this will translate into new members. We also make some sales of books written by the scenic Rim Writers Group. The proceeds of these sales were donated to the Branch. The new financial year is fast approaching and we look forward to our Annual Meeting and election of office bearers.

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.

The next meeting there will be on **Friday 6th July**.

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be conducted on **Wednesday, 11 July** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Cleveland.

The meeting will be preceded by the Annual General Meeting which will commence at 12.15pm to be followed by a break for a cuppa.

The July monthly meeting will follow on. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door prize. All welcome.

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 by the 24th of the month.

INTEREST GROUPS

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group is to take place at GSQ on **Sunday September 2** at 10am.

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.

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. 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.

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 of your problem(s) will assist in setting the meeting Agenda.

DNA Interest Group

Next meeting is in **Sunday 15 July** at 9:30 am - 12 noon.

Lachlan Douglas is going to come and speak to us regarding the work they do tracing family for people who have been in institutions.

This will involve a mixture of family history research and DNA work so should be interesting. Mark it in your calendars so that you can make it.

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 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 August 12th**.

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

We had another successful meeting on 17 June looking at issues such as referencing, editing and proofreading, and touched on how best to structure a family history/story.

In August we'll focus on the many and varied structures for a family history/story.

Contact convenor, Pauline, at pstirland@hotmail.com for more information and to be added to the group mailing list.

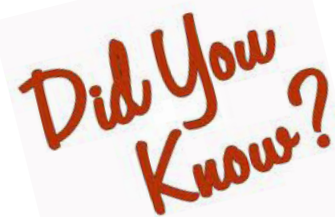
English/Irish Interest Group

The members of the English/Irish group enjoy lively discussions when they meet on the first Sundays of even months.

The next meeting will be on Sunday 5th August. The doors of GSQ open at 10 o'clock in preparation for the meeting to start at 10.30a.m. At the August meeting we will be exploring resources for research in one English and one Irish county.

All members of GSQ interested in English or Irish research are invited to join us at the meeting. Following the meeting the GSQ Resource Centre will remain open until 2.30p.m. for those who want to do their own research or continue discussions with other attendees. Attendees are expected to make a gold coin contribution, which is put towards the purchase of resources to benefit the group.

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/>



Did you know that if you need transport to come to GSQ, then there are alternatives to catching a bus, taking a taxi or relying on friends and family?

STAR Community Services

STAR Community Services has a personalised transport service for those who are not able to access public transport and/or do not have access to a private vehicle.

It is a door-to-door transport service for all non-urgent needs, including:

- Social and medical appointments
- Everyday tasks such as shopping, banking etc
- Visits to family and friends, social activities, day trips
- Visits to gym, swimming, library
- Non-urgent doctor's appointments
- Available 6 days a week, except on Public Holidays
- The service is mostly subsidised but also involves a co-payment by a client and their carer to cover the cost of the service

Those who are not subsidised are welcome to access STAR as private passengers.

Call 07 3821 6699 for more information.

TRANSITCARE (Community Flyer)

TransitCare Ltd is a not-for-profit organisation providing Community Transport and support services to eligible clients in the Brisbane South and Logan areas, which includes the Redlands.

Community Flyer

Community Flyers make travel easy for the transport disadvantaged. The fleet of fully customised vehicles includes cars, wheelchair accessible vehicles and buses. Taxis are also integrated into the service.

Clients can access the Community Flyer for any number of transport reasons, such as:

- Visiting friends or social functions
- Running errands
- To attend local medical appointments

The Community Flyers meet the needs of eligible clients who have difficulty travelling to appointments because they no longer drive or safely use public transport but are still able to travel independently or with their carer and can travel in shared transport with others.

Call on 1300 463 593 (1300 GO FLYER) for more information.



Saturday 4 August

Open Day @ GSQ 10am-2pm

August is Family History Month across Australia and GSQ kicks off the month with its Open Day. Invite all of your friends, relatives and neighbours and encourage them to join GSQ. There will be prizes on the day as usual as well as other goodies on offer.

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

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.



Tuesday 17 July @ 10 -11am

Records relating to the Moreton Bay islands

Listen to Peter Ludlow explain what records are available and where to find them – all in the comfort of your own home. This will be a fascinating presentation as Peter is very involved with research into Peel Island, in particular, and has in-depth knowledge of the records available for research.



Saturday 21 July @ 9-11am

Organising your family history

Pauline Williams will take you through the many options for making sure that your family history research is well-organised.

Wednesday night @ GSQ

Wednesday 25 July @ 7-8pm

Fort Lytton

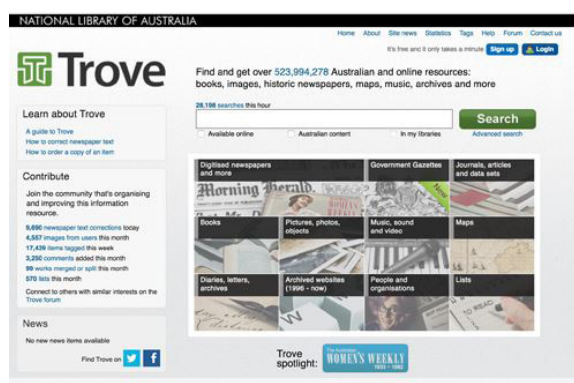
Did you know that Fort Lytton was Brisbane's first point of defence from colonial times until after WW2? Greg Jones from the Fort Lytton Historical Association will discuss the role of that organisation and what can be seen at Fort Lytton.



Sunday 22 July @ 9.30-11.30

Irish ancestry? Jump in now!

There is a common misconception that Irish ancestry is difficult to trace. While there are gaps in the records, there are alternatives to finding those elusive Irish. Bobbie Edes will take you through some of those alternatives and help you break down your brick wall (or two).



Mondy 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.

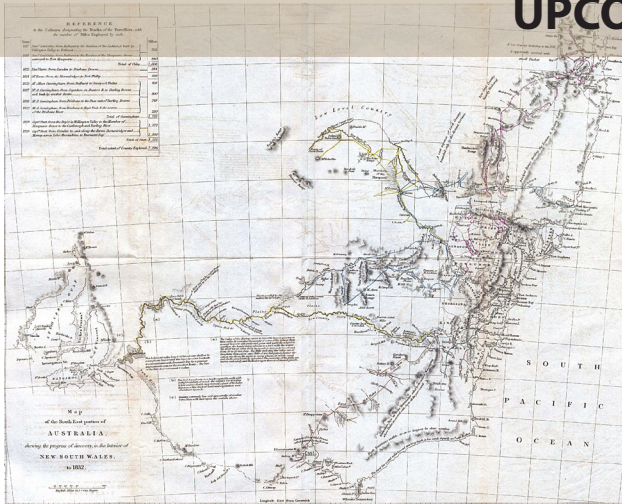


Monday 13 August @ 10 - 11 am

Webinar: QLD Soldier settlements

Following WW1 and WW2, 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?

UPCOMING EVENTS



Monday 20 August @ 10 - 11 am FREE

Webinar: The GSQ Resource Centre

If you are new to GSQ or simply want to know more about what resources are available at GSQ, then this is the webinar for you.

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.

New Records Online at FamilySearch		
	DENMARK	15.1 Millions
	FINLAND	11.4 Millions
	SWEDEN	16.9 Millions

Of interest to our Scandinavian Group members

FamilySearch adds 135 Million records from Denmark, Finland, and Sweden.

An update from our friend James Tanner on Organising your genealogy. Perhaps you could read this before you attend the **Organising your family history workshop** on Saturday 23 July. You can read James' update [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

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.

Happening This Month

Jul 2	Monday Morning Natters
Jul 2	Learning Ancestry
Jul 8	FTM Group CANCELLED
Jul 8	Legacy Group
Jul 15	DNA Group
Jul 15	Scandinavian Group
Jul 16	British India & SE Asia Group
Jul 17	Records relating to Moreton Bay Islands
Jul 21	Organising your family history
Jul 22	Irish ancestry? Jump in now!
Jul 25	Wednesday night @t GSQ: Fort Lytton