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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

October 2018

For those of you who have visited the library lately, you may have noticed a little difference – well, a big difference really!

Through the great work of Trish Sampson, Bob Dean, Ian Hay, Howard McKinnon and Bob Thompson, the library has been rearranged giving us soooo much more room and flexibility.



Ian Hay (L) and Bob Dean (R)

We haven't quite finished yet as we still need to move some books around and create some labels for the shelves, but the biggest component of the project has been completed.

And what a great result our team of members have created.

The new layout of the library will give us many more opportunities for our educational program because we can now have a larger theatre-style seating plan. We also have plans to

move the projector screen to the middle of the library so that it can be used for an expanded theatre-style setting, as well as being used for the practical how-to computer courses.

We've been focussing a lot of time and energy on the library and our collection, so I'd also like to thank Hugh Smith for his time in looking at ways we can improve access.

And of course, where would we be without Kaye Cameron and Kay Aberdeen who work tirelessly behind the scenes in the library?

Speaking of behind the scenes, I'd also like to give another shout-out to Bob Dean and Howard McKinnon who make Mr Sheen look like an amateur. These two have completely decluttered and cleaned out GSQ's storage facility downstairs and the storage cupboard in the kitchen. And bless them, they whiz around on their broomsticks to clean the library every Thursday to ensure it's spick 'n' span for each of us to enjoy when we're at the Society.

So please come in and visit the library to have a look .

Yours in relative flair, Sally



The new GSQ library space

GSQ's annual seminar

The experts' guide to genealogical sources

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



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.



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: Australian Probate Records Online

Sauna Hicks

Sauna 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 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: 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.



Guest presenters, via video, include:



Judy G Russell
The Legal Genealogist



John Grenham
Author



David Rencher
CGO, Family Search



Cora Num
Founder,
CoraWeb



Fiona Brooker
Genealogist



Angela Packer McGhie
Genealogist & researcher



Michelle Patient
The Patient Genie

News from the Management Committee



The Annual General Meeting of the Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc will be held on Saturday 6 October 2018 at 10:00 am sharp.

All financial members of GSQ are invited to attend, hear what has happened in the last financial year, and what is proposed for 2018-2019 financial year. Come along and meet the new Management Committee & enjoy morning tea after the meeting.

If you wish to register an apology for the meeting you may do so by email to the Secretary, Claire Rodwell at secretary@gsq.org.au.

Nominations for the Executive and Management Committee

| POSITION | NOMINEE | NOMINATOR | SECONDER |
|--------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| President | Sally Romano | Hugh Smith | Claire Rodwell |
| Vice-President | No nomination | | |
| Hon. Treasurer | Catherine Maris | Sally Romano | Janice Wellard |
| Hon. Secretary | Claire Rodwell | Sally Romano | Janice Wellard |
| Committee Members | | | |
| 1 | Annalies Nutley | Claire Rodwell | Catherine Maris |
| 2 | Hugh Smith | Claire Rodwell | Sally Romano |
| 3 | Cathie Sherwood | Claire Rodwell | Helen McKinnon |
| 4 | Wanda Fernando | Sally Romano | Catherine Maris |
| 5 | Helen McKinnon | Cathie Sherwood | Claire Rodwell |
| 6 | Lee English | Claire Rodwell | Sally Romano |
| 7 | Robert Dean | Helen McKinnon | Cathie Sherwood |

BRANCH NEWS

Beaudesert Branch

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.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 24 November** at 15A William Street, Beaudesert.

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 5 October**.

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 10 October** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

The Guest Speaker is to be Col Sutcliffe with the interesting topic, "*Education of Outback Children from 1901*".

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 14 October**.

Monday Morning Natters

October Natters is in **Monday 1 October** @ 10am -12 noon

Topic for October is *Find a map that shows where your ancestors lived or a map of a historical event that was in the time of your ancestors*. Come along for a chat and a cuppa and meet more members. Gold coin for morning tea please.

INTEREST GROUPS

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish Interest Group is to take place at GSQ on **Sunday 4 November 2018**, commencing at 10 am.

One of our members, Russell Fraser, will present an overview of the Scottish Council area of Perth and Kinross outlining its social history and genealogical resources.

Anyone with an interest in Scottish genealogy is welcome to attend.

Legacy Family Tree Users' Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday 9 November** 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.

Bob Thompson will be leading this meeting.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday 16 November** 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

This Special Interest Group is designed for GSQ members who are researching their family history in British India between 1599 and Independence in 1947.

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 final meeting for 2018 for the BISEA SIG will be held on **Monday, 19 November commencing at 9.30am**. Please note the time change from the previous meeting.

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet again until 10.30 am on **Sunday 11 November** which is the last meeting date for 2018. 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. Group members should have received their June free update from Mackiev.com. We will look at how to enter details about mixed (?) families and reports based on custom reports not normally used.

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

DNA Interest Group

The DNA Group next meets on **Sunday 28 October @ 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 next meeting of the group is on **Saturday 24 November @ 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

The aim of the Military Special Interest Group is to assist members with their research into their military ancestry through discussion, guest speakers and acquisition of resources. The Resource Centre is open for research from 12 noon to 4:00 pm after the meeting. Guest speakers may be invited to the meetings from time to time. The meetings are informal as our members prefer to have general discussions in a friendly and open format. This gives us the opportunity to share knowledge and glean information from helpful hints provided by other members. Suggestions regarding workshops and guest speakers are always welcome! The group can help beginners and more experienced researchers overcome any problems they face locating information on their military relatives

German Interest Group

Our last meeting for the year will be on **Sunday 25 November.** We all bring a plate and have our Christmas Lunch. Doors open at 10 am and close at 2.15pm.

Ann-Maree Byrne and Lesley Roebig have come up with the following idea to discuss: *"Did one of your German Ancestors live in the Brisbane Area. Is the residence still standing or do you have an old photograph of the original residence? Perhaps they worked somewhere in the Brisbane area and that building is still viewable."*

We would like members to bring if possible a photograph and a brief story about their ancestors. When they came to Australia and a brief outline in regards to the building or area where they lived. Hopefully, this will lead to a tour of the city or area.

Members of GSQ and not just the German Group may be interested in the following. Currently, for German Week, the Brisbane Greeters are running a *German Settlement Tour* which is on from **1- 14 October 2018.**

I am definitely going perhaps you would like to join me?

Writing Group

The Writing Group next meets on **Sunday 21 October** when we will discuss issues of privacy and ethics.

This timely topic was raised during the recent Unlock the Past Alaska cruise as well as in a magazine article, and is particularly relevant to how we deal with results of research using DNA.

Contact Pauline Williams on pstirland@hotmail.com for further information and to be added to the group's email list.

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish Special Interest Group will meet again on the first Sunday in October – **Sunday 7 October.**

The GSQ Resource Centre will be open from 10 o'clock until 2.30 for individual research, with the meeting scheduled to start at 10.30 a.m.

Come along and find out more about your English, Irish and Welsh ancestors.

This meeting is open to all GSQ members for a gold coin contribution towards the purchase of further suitable resources, which are added to the GSQ collection.

GENEALOGY COMMUNITY NEWS



Saturday, 13 October 2018 from 09:00-16:00

Queensland State Archives, 435 Compton Road, Runcorn, Brisbane 4113

Delve into nearly 200 years of Queensland history by visiting Queensland State Archives.

With records dating back to the Moreton Bay Penal Settlement of 1824, the collection contains rare documents, registers, maps, plans, drawings, AV material and even 3D models



Missing photo

Have you seen this photo? The last time the owner recalls having it out was at the "Finders Cafe" talk last year. One of the girls in it is her late mother so she is anxious to find it. If you found the photo or know someone who may have picked it up, please return it to GSQ office so the owner can collect it. Thank you.

Happening This Month

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| Oct 1 | Monday Morning Natters |
| | Exploring FindMyPast |
| Oct 6 | Annual General Meeting |
| Oct 7 | English/Irish SIG |
| Oct 14 | Convict Connections Group |
| Oct 17 | GSQ Treasure Hunt |
| Oct 21 | Writing Group |
| Oct 24 | Wednesday Night @ GSQ |
| Oct 27 | GSQ Annual Seminar |
| Oct 28 | DNA SIG |
| Oct 29 | Webinar - I have my DNA results, what now? |



See the conference website [HERE](#)

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/>

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 # |
|-----------------|---|---------------------------|------------|-----------|
| Banyo | Using Newspapers for family history | Saturday 13 October 2018 | 10-12 noon | 3403 2200 |
| Toowong | Irish Immigration-why they left Ireland and where they went | Saturday 27 October 2018 | 10-12 noon | 3403 2590 |
| Sunnybank Hills | Queensland Family History online | Monday 26 November 2018 | 1-3pm | 3407 0571 |
| Hamilton | Family History research in action | Wednesday 5 December 2018 | 10-12 noon | 3403 1050 |

UPCOMING EVENTS

The next month is 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 <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/2018-10/>.

Exploring find my past

Exploring Find My Past

October 1 @ 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Presenter: Judy Lofthouse

Did you realise that Find My Past has records from Ireland, USA as well as the UK and Australia? Come along to learn how to search the many records. Bring along family names to use for practice on the day. Limited number of registrations due to need to use computers.



Webinar: I have my DNA results. Now what?

October 29 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Presenter: Helen Smith

There have been millions of DNA tests sold. Ancestry alone has sold around 8 million tests. What do the results mean, how do you contact matches and analyse results, what is the best way to organise them and what do you do next?

Wednesday night @ GSQ

October 24 @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Topic: Families of the Royal Brisbane Hospital and WW1

Presenter: Jeanette Wiley, Nursing Museum

Find out more about families involved with the Royal Brisbane Hospital during World War 1.

For members only on payment of a gold coin.

GSQ Treasure Hunt

Wednesday October 17

@ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM



Come along to GSQ on the third Wednesday of each month to:

Learn & Discover what's in the GSQ library

Enjoy & Share your discoveries with other members

Bring a plate to share.

RSVP by the Monday prior to the Treasure Hunt.



Halloween researchathon

Wednesday October 31 @ 7:00 PM - 11:00 PM

Have you wanted the opportunity to spend four hours following family history threads at GSQ, but can't make it to the Research Centre on week days or Saturdays? If so, we have the answer for you – a Researchathon with the last one for the year to be held on Halloween. So come along and spend the evening from 7pm until 11pm doing the family history research that you have always meant to do at GSQ. Bring your notepad and/or computer, your notes, your comfortable clothes and spend some relaxed time doing research or come along for a social evening with others who enjoy family history research. Light refreshments provided. If you want to bring some extra goodies to eat please feel free.

For members only on payment of a gold coin.

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.