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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

September 2018

Well it's September and we all know what that means... spring has sprung, we can 'spring' into action, we all have a 'spring' in our step, and.... as it turns out, we're looking for some 'Spring Chickens'!



Okay, forgive the poor segue, but it's that time of year when we really are looking for new members for our Management Committee.

So what's involved in being on the Management Committee you ask? Do you need to be 'plucky' you ask? Well, let me tell you, it's an egg-cellent opportunity to help make a difference to the future of GSQ.

Here's what's involved:

- We hold a Management Committee meeting once a month
- We predominantly discuss nine key outcome areas: Membership, Volunteers, Education, Repository, ICT (Information & Communication Technology), Finance, Governance, Marketing & Income
- We have developed a strategic plan to increase our impact while decreasing the time required
- We keep discussions nimble with a limit of 11 people on the Management Committee
- We all have a variety of backgrounds and encourage the diversity
- We have a great sense of pride in building the resources that help others pursue their genealogical pursuits
- We work hard and we have fun.

So does that sound like something you might be interested in?

In particular, if you have an IT or web services background, we'd really love to hear from you. While we have some good intel in this area, we would be very grateful to have more.

But you need to act quickly, as we have our AGM on Saturday 6th October and we need to finalise details before that time.

So please think about joining the Management Committee and please feel free to email me at [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au) or call me on 0438 122 340 if you'd like any more information.

Yours in relative flair, Sally

## News from the Management Committee

## ABC RADIO RESEARCH TEAM

Join Our 'ABC Radio Research Team'

**Friday 14 September and Friday 28 September at 2pm and then fortnightly**

The President of GSQ, Sally Romano, now has a regular spot on ABC Radio Brisbane and 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 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 very own version – the 'ABC Radio Research Team'

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



GSQ was also in the news last month with coverage of its 40th birthday celebrations on the Open Day in early August. The following article appeared in the Southern Star on the 23 August.

08 News  
questnews.com.au/southeast

Southern Star | Thursday, August 23, 2018

## Scene Out

### Anniversary celebrations at Wishart

THE Genealogical Society of Queensland celebrated its 40th anniversary this month. The GSQ hosted an annual Family History Open Day at Wishart to celebrate the milestone. The society has more than 600 members from across Brisbane, Logan and Moreton, with member ages ranging from 20 to late 80s. About 100 people attended the event and one of the society's members, Cathy Palmer, found a set of great-grandparents that she'd been searching for for years. Visit <https://bit.ly/2wemle0>



Veronica Thomson, Alsa Corlett, GSQ DNA Special Interest Group convenor Helen Smith, Joanne Addley and Colleen Peut discussing DNA. PICTURE: QUEENSLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



Tina Louise and Robyn Dean working on their family trees.



Cathy Palmer showing her newly-found great grandparents. Gwyn Butler, Judy Lofthouse and Lesley Roebig.



Cathy Palmer showing her newly-found great grandparents to Gwyn Butler, Judy Lofthouse and Lesley Roebig.



GSQ's Military Special Interest Group convenor Les McFadzen helping Kym Cunningham.



National Archives Australia assistant director, Gregory Cope, with Andrew Broughton.



GSQ vice president Jan Blmrose and president Sally Romano.



## 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 26th September** at 10 am.

## 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 7th September**.

## Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 12 September**, commencing at 12.15pm in the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting is to be Cara Downes from the National Archives of Australia (Brisbane Branch) with a presentation titled *History of South Sea Islanders in Australia*.

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

## Monday Morning Natters

October Natters is on **Monday 1st** from 10am -12 noon.

Topic for October is *A Description, photo, map of the area, city, town where your ancestors came from*.

Come along for a chat and a cuppa and meet more members. There is no need to book, just come along.

Gold coin for morning tea is appreciated.

## INTEREST GROUPS

## Scottish Interest Group

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

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 September 9th** 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 September 16th** at 12:30pm.

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 next meeting is on the **17 September**, from 10am-2pm. Dr Leonie Ryder will present on *My Ancestors in the East India Company*.

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

## Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet at 10.30 am on **Sunday September 9th**. 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. We will look at how to produce calendars 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). 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

The next meeting will be on **Sunday September 16th** beginning at 9:30am.

Ailsa Corlett will be presenting at our September meeting, the title is "*Gedmatch, and the new charting companion for DNA*".

## Military Interest Group

The Military Interest Group will next meet on **Saturday September 22 nd** 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 October 14th**.

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/>

## German Interest Group

We apologise that our meeting at the end of September had to be cancelled, but we have decided to have a luncheon at The German Club at 416 Vulture St. East Brisbane on **Sunday September 16th**. The doors open at 11am and orders for lunch commence at 12noon until 2pm, There is parking provided on site and plenty of on-street parking on surrounding streets.

If you wish to attend please ring me on 0438901672 or by email - [dwandmmnicholson@gmail.com](mailto:dwandmmnicholson@gmail.com). *If you could let me know by the 13th it would be appreciated.*

Looking forward to seeing you all.

## Writing Group

The Writing Group had an interesting meeting in August considering the many and varied ways of structuring a family history. We next meet in October when we will discuss issues of privacy and ethics. More details to be provided in October eNews.

Contact Pauline Williams on [psirland@hotmail.com](mailto:psirland@hotmail.com) to be added to the group's email list.

## English/Irish Interest Group

The next meeting of the English/Irish SIG will be held on the **first Sunday in October, Sunday 7th** commencing at 10.30a.m.

The GSQ Resource Centre will be available for members for research before the meeting from 9.30a.m. and after the meeting until 2.30p.m. At this meeting we will investigate resources in one county, as well attempt to help members who have a "brick wall" in their research due to an elusive English, Irish or Welsh ancestor.

All members of GSQ are welcome at these meetings for a gold coin contribution, which is used towards the purchase of resource relevant to the group. We look forward to seeing you on 7th 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.

## EVENTS



**Google is my (family history) friend**  
**September 3 @ 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM**

Presenter: Judy Lofthouse

Look behind the front page of Google and discover the wonders for family history hidden behind that white page. Bring along family names to use for practice on the day. Limited number of registrations due to need to use computers.



**Getting started with family history**  
**September 23 @ 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

Presenter: Janice Wellard

Are you just starting out on your family history journey? Have you recently joined a family history society? Perhaps you have been researching your family for a little while but need some guidance on where you look for additional records.

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

Participants need to bring their own lunch, a notebook and a USB stick if they wish to stay and do further research using GSQ's resources including subscription databases, with help if needed.

Morning tea supplied.



**Toowong Cemetery – graves, gentlefolk and rabble**  
**September 17 @ 10am - 11am**

Presenter: Dr Hilda Maclean

Want to know more about cemetery records in general and Toowong Cemetery in particular? This webinar will take you through what records are available and the best way to find graves/headstones.

Please note that the time slot for all webinars is based on the time zone for Brisbane, Australia.



**An Invitation to GSQ's TREASURE HUNT**  
**September 19 @ 10am - 12 noon**

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.



Please note that the GSQ Annual General Meeting will be held on **Saturday 6 October**, commencing at 10am. All members are welcome to attend.

## Happening This Month

9 Sep	FTM Interest Group
9 Sep	Legacy Family Tree Interest Group
16 Sep	DNA Interest Group
16 Sep	Scandinavian Interest Group
17 Sep	Webinar - Toowong Cemetery
17 Sep	British India & South-East Asia Interest Group
19 Sep	GSQ Treasure Hunt
22 Sep	Military Interest Group
23 Sep	Getting started with family history
26 Sep	Wednesday night @ GSQ
30 Sep	German Interest Group



## ***Motives and profiles of family historians' study***

Want to be part of a study to find out what makes family historians tick?

The aim of this study is to examine the motives that drive amateur family historians and explore whether interest in this field is associated with particular life experiences or family profiles. The study also explores the psychological processes of amateur genealogists as they chart their family trees. What kinds of insights and experiences have you had?

You can take part in this study by completing an anonymous online survey that will take about 30 minutes of your time. Find out more (and start the survey if you wish) by clicking on this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/familyhistorystudy>

The survey is being conducted by social researchers Emeritus Professor Susan Moore ([smoore@swin.edu.au](mailto:smoore@swin.edu.au)) from Swinburne University and Emeritus Professor Doreen Rosenthal ([d.rosenthal@unimelb.edu.au](mailto:d.rosenthal@unimelb.edu.au)) from The University of Melbourne. You can contact us at our email addresses if you would like further information.



## **Sailing into history**

### ***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)



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

The Waves in Time Family & Local History Conference & Fair is being held on the **24 – 26 May 2019** at the Lake Kawana Community Centre located at Bokarina on the beautiful Sunshine Coast.

Click [here](#) to find out more & register your interest in the conference.

## **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 #
Bulimba	Using Newspapers for Family History	Saturday 15 September 2018	10-12noon	3407 8223
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