

# 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

November 2018

We have had three recent significant occasions – our AGM in early October, a visit from our local State MP Corrine McMillan last week and the GSQ Annual Seminar (see Upcoming Events in this eNews).

Firstly, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce you to our new Management Committee (in first name alpha order):

**Annalies Nutley:** a brand new member to the team who has an enormous wealth of genealogical experience and her own genealogical research business

**Bob Dean:** joined the MC in February and brings considerable business acumen to the group as well as his hands-on approach to the maintenance of our premises

**Cath Maris:** a returning MC member and our stellar, superstar Treasurer

**Cathie Sherwood:** is a legend and our Education Officer and Web Coordinator

**Claire Rodwell:** a veteran MC member and our amazing Secretary and go-to person

**Helen McKinnon:** joined the MC in February and took-on the Membership Officer role shortly after and is doing it brilliantly

**Hugh Smith:** another veteran of the MC who serves valuably as our corporate memory and Repository Officer

**Lee English:** a brand new member to GSQ who has just joined the MC as our dynamo, super-organised Volunteering Officer

**Sally Romano:** yours truly is very excited about being elected as President and serving you for another year

**Wanda Fernando:** another brand new member to GSQ who has kindly joined the MC and brings her amazing dedication with her.



L to R Back: Ian Hay, Bob Dean, Cathie Sherwood, Lee English, Sally Romano, Matt McCoy,

L to R Front: Wanda Fernando, Claire Rodwell, Robyn Dean (no relation to Bob!), Corrine McMillan, Helen McKinnon

(Absent: Annalies Nutley, Cath Maris & Hugh Smith)

As you will see from the picture, we had a special celebration with the new Management Committee hosting Corrine McMillan MP, State Member for Mansfield at GSQ on 25 October. We also had some members researching at the library who were able to join in the fun. Christine Meehan researched Corrine's family and we presented that to Corrine who was thrilled with her pedigree chart, the photo, certificates and newspaper clippings that were collated for her. We enjoyed a terrific chat with Corrine who was very impressed with our Society and she indicated that she would be open to working with us more closely in the future.

Yours in relative flair, Sally

PS. If you'd like a copy of my AGM report, please email me at [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au).

### News from the Management Committee

#### Have you changed your address/contact details recently?

If so, please contact the Membership Officer on [membership@gsq.org.au](mailto:membership@gsq.org.au) - it's important that GSQ has your correct contact details so that we can keep in touch with our members & update you about events happening at GSQ & elsewhere.



#### ***The use of mobile phones in the Resource Centre***

While we understand that it is necessary at times to have your mobile phone with you and turned on, would everyone please be considerate of other attendees at the Resource Centre.

Please put phones on to vibrate only or turn down the call volume. Should you need to take a call, please step outside to take the call if possible or move to another section of the room, away from those who are researching.



The GSQ Resource Centre will be officially closed from the **16 December** and will reopen on **January 8, 2019**. The Management Committee wishes all members, volunteers & their families a Happy Christmas & a wonderful New Year of genealogy success in 2019.

#### ***Assistance during closing period***

However, if there are library volunteers who would be willing to open the Resource Centre during the closure period please advise Lee English, the Volunteer Coordinator on: [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au)



#### ***Christmas brunch for all GSQ members***

The GSQ Christmas brunch for volunteers and members will be held at the Resource Centre, 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart, at **10am on Saturday 15 December**.

A BBQ brunch will be provided free of charge and we are asking all to bring a plate to share. Tea and coffee will be provided but please feel free to bring your own drinks if you prefer.

For catering purposes, please **RSVP by Tuesday 11 December** to Claire Rodwell. Email: [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au) or Phone GSQ: 07 3349 6072.

*The Management Committee looks forward to meeting with members and volunteers.*



## 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 held on **Friday 2nd November**. Doors open at 8.30am for a 9am start.

## Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on *Wednesday, 14 November* at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

Guest Speaker at this meeting will be Helen Smith with the topic "*Investigating Photographs to Determine When They Were Taken*". \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door prize. All welcome.

## 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 9 December**.

## Monday Morning Natters

November Natters is in **Monday 5 November** @ 10am -12 noon

Topic for November: *Bring along war stories that might relate to your family.*

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 Users' Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday 11 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.

Judy Lofthouse will be leading this meeting.

## Scandinavian Interest Group

The Scandinavian Group will hold the last get-together for the year at a place that serves Scandinavian food. We will meet at Lokal + Co, 6 O'Connell Street, West End at 12:30 on **Sunday 18 November**. They serve Scandinavian style waffles, and also have the famous Scandinavian aquavit (strong liquor).

Let me know if you would like to come, so I can book at our table. You can bring a friend as well.

## British India and South-East Asia Group

The last meeting of the year for the BISEA SIG will be held on **Monday, 19 November** from 9.30am to 11.30pm. Please note the change of time from previous meetings.

At this meeting, a video will be shown which outlines in detail the British India collections in Find My Past. This will be followed by a Q & A session.

As it is the last meeting for the year, it would be wonderful to have as many members as possible come along for a chat and cuppa.

## 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](mailto:mcfadzen@bigpond.net.au) of your problem(s) will assist in setting the meeting Agenda.

## DNA Interest Group

The next meeting of the GSQ DNA group will be held on Sunday 18 November beginning at 9:30am when Michelle Patient will be our guest presenter. Michelle's talk is titled *An Unknown Way*.

Many of us have recent unknown parentage in our ancestry, be it adoptees, donor conceived, foundlings or more commonly an illegitimate christening. Join us as Michelle discusses the process she uses with DNA to help resolve the identity of these unknown relatives. As the Scandinavian group has planned an outside event for this afternoon, the meeting is extended to 2pm, for those who wish to stay longer.

## 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.

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## German Interest Group

On **Sunday 25 November** we will have our last meeting for the year - doors open at 10 am & the library will stay open until 2 pm.

This will also be my last meeting as Convenor of the group. I have decided that it best to give plenty of notice so that there is time for you all to decide how the group proceeds and who may be interested in taking up the challenge in January 2019. There is NO EXPERIENCE REQUIRED. I am living proof of that! I will be happy to help with the transition.

For our November meeting, could you bring a plate, German or otherwise, for our Christmas break-up? We will discuss ideas for next years topics and the names of any German places around Brisbane that others may not know that you have come across in your research experience.

Looking forward to seeing as many as possible to share their thoughts and food.

## Writing Group

The Writing Group had an interesting meeting on 21 October discussing issues relating to Privacy and Ethics. Our next meeting is not until **February 2019**.

We will have a guest speaker, Caylie Jeffery, talking about her book *Under the lino*. This is how the story of bank books and cash found under the lino during renovations played out.

More information will be available in the New Year.

## English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish group will next meet on **Sunday 2nd December**. As usual doors will open at 10 o'clock and the library will remain open for research until 2.30p.m. The meeting will commence at 10.30am.

One of our members will talk about research in the Channel Islands. Attendees are asked to bring a small plate for a shared morning tea as this is our last meeting for the year.

All GSQ members are invited to attend and enjoy our interesting discussions of all things English, Irish and Welsh. We look forward to seeing you there – for the cost of a gold coin donation.

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## Vale Carole Ann Williamson 1946 - 2018



Carole Ann Williamson was born on 16 November 1946 in Toorak, Victoria to Leonard and Gwenda Marsh, the middle child between her brothers Owen and Graham. Carole grew up in Frankston & had many happy memories of growing up near the bay. She married Peter Williamson on 14 October 1967 in Frankston. They had three children, one son and two daughters, Steven, Kerry and Jody. Peter passed away on 14 October 1995, their 28th wedding anniversary.

Peter was a meteorologist and worked for the Bureau of Meteorology. This took Carole & Peter to some interesting places: Halls Creek, Sale, Lord Howe Island, Moree, Mackay and finally Brisbane. While in Mackay Carole attended the same high school as her children and completed her HSC. Not content with this, she then studied for a Bachelor of Arts majoring in English Literature & History. Carole had always been interested in family history & her family history in Wales in particular. She shared many interesting stories about her Welsh family that emigrated to Tasmania & played a significant part in early Hobart society, in particular two maiden aunts.

Carole joined GSQ around 2012 and served on the Management Committee from 2013 - 2016 and Vice-President in the 2015-16 year. She also served as the media relations person during her time on the committee and the editor of Generation with me from March 2015 until September 2016.

Carole was a very organised person & worked as an Executive Assistant at Independent Schools Queensland for over twenty years. This organisational ability came to the fore when Carole - and her lists - managed the move of GSQ from East Brisbane to the current site at Wishart. Without Carole, the move from Fisher Street to Wishart would not have been completed. We shared many laughs and tears over the removal period and those memories are precious to me.

Carole passed away peacefully on 17 October after a debilitating illness and was farewelled on Thursday 25 October at Mt Thompson East Chapel with a simple and moving service. Rest in Peace Carole - you will be missed.

Helen Connor



Nov 4	Scottish SIG	Nov 19	British India & SE Asia SIG
Nov 5	Monday Morning Natters	Nov 21	GSQ Treasure Hunt
Nov 11	Family Tree Maker SIG - AM	Nov 24	Military SIG
	Legacy Tree Users SIG - PM	Nov 25	German SIG
Nov 17	Scandal in the family	Nov 28	Wednesday Night @ GSQ
Nov 18	DNA SIG - AM	Nov 30	Webinar - Genie Tips & Tricks
	Scandinavian SIG - PM		

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

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
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/2018-11/>.



### **Scandal in the family**

**November 17 @ 9:00 am - 11:00 am**

Presenter: *Helen Smith*

Family matters today, such as divorce, insanity, prison, desertion and illegitimacy, barely rate a mention, but were considered quite differently in the past. People, who for whatever reason did not conform to the social mores, were often “written out” of family memories by excuses such as “they died young” etc. Once we realise the family story has no truth then it is up to us to use the wide range of available resources to restore these members to our family’s history



### **Webinar: Genie Tips & Tricks**

**November 30 @ 10:00 am - 11:00 am**  
(Queensland time)

Presenter: *Sally Romano*

Find out how to make the most of your family history research. Learn about the tips and tricks used by genealogists to save time and money.

## **Wednesday night @ GSQ**

**November 28 @ 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm**

Presenter: *Janice Wellard*

### **Topic: Some Norfolk Island convicts**

The lives of a group of Norfolk Island convicts returned to New South Wales in 1839.

For members only on payment of a gold coin.

### **GSQ Treasure Hunt**

**Wednesday**

**November 21**

**@ 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.

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### **The Annual Seminar**

GSQ’s annual seminar on Top Genealogical Sources was held at the Nazareth Lutheran Hall, Woolloongabba, on Saturday 27 October.

It was a great success with over 70 attendees and a line-up of impressive speakers across the day. Local speakers like Jennifer Harrison, Stephanie Ryan, Shauna Hicks, Jenny Joyce and Annabel Lloyd are always popular presenters but the genealogy shorts provided by the international speakers, specifically for GSQ, also proved to be a big hit.

The catering was excellent, with exceptional support provided by a fabulous group of volunteers.

Russell Fraser was acknowledged as the winner of the *Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition*, for his story about his great great grandfather, Edward (Ned) Yule Lowry, who was a socialist. You can read Russell’s winning story in the September edition of *Generation*.

Thank you to the attendees, the volunteers and most importantly, to the speakers who gave so freely of their time. Over the course of the day, 13 genealogical record sets were discussed, with numerous links to additional resources – what more could a family historian want!

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### **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.