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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

December 2018

We'll look at that – it's December. The festive season is upon us. And what a glorious time of year it is...

We often take some time-out over December and January and spend it with family. We share food and drink together, but more importantly we share time together. We share laughs, we share stories. And, we share memories – all while making new ones.

The festive season is a wonderful time for all of us, but it's extra special for us genealogists – because it's the one time of year when our relatives are also focussed on our family and this gives us a unique opportunity to share-the-love of our shared history.

So how can we integrate family history into Christmas? Here's a few ideas for you ...

Christmas Messages

Whether you send a Christmas card or an email, include a snapshot of your family's year in your festive wishes. You can outline the major 2018 highlights and hurdles of your family as a whole, as well as showcasing each family member's major moments.

Not only does this bring extended family and friends up-to-date, it also enables you to capture 'historical' information for the past year that can then be incorporated into your research in time to come.

Christmas Gifts

We can use our genealogical findings and holdings as Christmas gifts.

You can print out lovely old photos of great grandparents and the like and give these as gifts. I know this isn't going to suit everyone, but I'm sure some of your rellies would love this!

Socks \$10. Bottle of wine \$15. Pedigree chart, priceless!

Christmas Recipes

If you have some old family recipes, prepare them and share them for your Christmas gatherings.

You may be able to make your grandmother's plum pudding, or maybe it's not even a traditionally Christmas-type recipe, but something that reminds you of a dear-old relative that you'd like to cook and share with other family members.

Christmas Heirlooms

And why not serve some of your Christmas goodies in some old family dishes if you have them?

Invite your ancestors to lunch or dinner and have part of them sitting at the table with you. This is another way to start great family history-related conversations.

So, as genealogists, we are so lucky that we have ways in which to make Christmas a little more special. We're in the unique position of being able to bring the past to the present; and offer the past as a present!

At this very special time of year, on behalf of the Management Committee and the GSQ family, I'd like to wish you a genealogically-infused, safe and happy festive season to you and your loved ones.

Yours in relative flair, Sally



News from the Management Committee



GSQ Christmas Closure

Closed from Sunday **16 December** and reopens on Tuesday **January 8, 2019**.

Special Opening Times

10am - 3pm Tues, Thurs
12 - 4pm Sat

Tuesday 18 December
Thursday 20 December
Thursday 3 January
Saturday 5 January



Please note that the special opening times are for **research only** as library assistants will not be available to assist members as is usual during normal opening hours.



Christmas BBQ brunch for all GSQ members

ALL MEMBERS AND VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

WHEN: **Saturday 15 December** from 10am to 11.30am.

WHERE: GSQ Resource Centre, 25 Stackpole, Wishart.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO BRING?

The yummy BBQ food is provided **FREE OF CHARGE**. This includes tea and coffee.

A plate of food, think salads, Christmas nibbles and goodies etc, to share would be greatly appreciated.

DRINKS ARE BYO although there will be a small selection of soft drinks available to buy.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

To ensure that everyone gets the yummy BBQ food, the deadline for telling us that you are attending is **COB WEDNESDAY 12 DECEMBER**. You can register at: volunteer@gsq.org.au

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



BRANCH NEWS

Beaudesert Branch

Beaudesert Branch had its final meeting for the year on **Wednesday the 28th November**. The meeting was followed by a luncheon.

Our rooms will close from the 13th December and reopen again in February. In preparation for our move to the Historical Museum site, our library is being catalogued to the Dewey System. This will enable both our staff and the staff of the Museum to search our holdings on line. This is a major undertaking, but has been necessary for some time.

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 Sickfield 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 7th December**. This will be the last meeting for the year and will be our Christmas break-up.

The first meeting for 2019 will be Friday 1st February.

Redlands Branch

The final meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday 12 December** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, starting with Christmas lunch at 12.15pm. There will be loads of fun and laughter.

The Society's December general meeting will follow lunch. All lunches have been pre-booked and members have made \$10.00 payments. Those attending are invited to bring a small wrapped gift for a multi Lucky Door Draw. Raffle Tickets will be on sale with multiple prizes. There will be no guest speaker at this meeting. A \$2.00 attendance fee applies.

Members of the Redland Genealogical Society wish all readers a happy and safe Christmas and a year of many genealogical successes in 2019. The first Society meeting for 2019 will be on **Wednesday, 13 February**.

INTEREST GROUPS

Scottish Interest Group

As there is no meeting of our group in December, we wish all members a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Our first meeting for 2019 will be our traditional Scottish Hogmanay celebration. It will be held on **Sunday 6 January 2019** at the GSQ Resource Centre.

Doors will open at 9.30 am and the meeting will commence at 10 am. Following the formal business, we will have our Hogmanay morning tea to welcome in the New Year. Please bring a small plate of food to share, preferably Scottish in recipe or origin. Members can stay on to make use of the library resources to further their research. The Resource Centre will close at 2.30 pm. New members are most welcome to attend.

Legacy Users' Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday January 11** 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 next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on **Sunday 20 January 2019** from 12.30 - 2.30pm. See January eNews for more details.

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**. This is the last meeting of the year, please bring a plate of goodies to share.



Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will not meet again until 10.30 am on **Sunday 13 January** the first meeting date for 2019. 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. We will look at the items removed from FTM by Mackiev in their latest version and decide whether it is still a viable programme for a family historian to use.

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 of our DNA SIG will be held on **Sunday 16 December** beginning at 9:30am to 2pm. After record attendances at our last meeting we're looking forward to another great session with Michelle Patient.

Join us as Michelle covers two topics. The first is something we can all help with: the *Commemorating the Missing Project - DNA and family history for the greater good*. This is a project to help commemorate the missing soldiers of WW1. Secondly, Michelle will demonstrate live on screen how she currently works with DNA matches including the various tools she uses.

Additionally both Helen & Michelle will be available to answer questions following the presentations.

This is a special Christmas meeting so please bring along a small plate of goodies to celebrate the season.

Military Interest Group

The next meeting of the group is on **Saturday 26 January** @ 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.

German Interest Group

As we look back over this past year we have had some wonderful speakers and our annual lunch at the German Club which is always a lovely day.

Unfortunately we had to cancel a couple of meetings which we very much regret and apologize to you all. Hopefully, we will have a better year ahead and a full schedule.

Our first meeting for 2019 will be on **Sunday 27 January**. Our speaker will be Peter Row who will present "Land of our Fathers" & "Krisanski Land".

We wish you all a wonderful Christmas and New Year.

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 SIG will meet again on **Sunday 3 February, 2019**. As usual the doors to GSQ will open at 10 o'clock and the library will remain open until 2.30 p.m. for those wishing to do their own research after the meeting.

All members of GSQ are invited to join us – all that is needed is a gold coin contribution.





Monday Morning Natters



December Natters is on **Monday December 3** from 10am -12 noon.

Topic for December: *Bring along an heirloom and talk about it.*

Come along for a chat and a cuppa and meet more members.

Gold coin for morning tea please.

DECEMBER Events



- Dec 3 Monday Morning Natters
- Dec 9 Convict Connections SIG
- Dec 15 End of year BBQ Brunch
- Dec 16 DNA SIG
- Dec 16 Closed for Christmas Break until Jan 8
- Dec 18 Library open for research
- Dec 20 Library open for research
- Jan 3 Library open for research
- Jan 5 Library open for research

A [FREE] service for GSQ members

On the fourth Wednesday night of each month, between 7 and 8pm, guest speakers are invited to GSQ to talk on a topic, usually one which is focused on local/social history. This is a service provided to GSQ members for the cost of a gold coin contribution for supper.

The GSQ Management Committee encourages **ALL** members to attend these free events because as one attendee put it, *I always learn something and get to talk to amazing speakers.*

It is important that members attend these events because if attendee numbers decline, then the service may no longer continue to be offered, or may only be offered on a few Wednesday nights each year.

Come along and check out the first Wednesday night session of 2019 on the Queensland Ambulance Service.

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.

Wednesday night @ GSQ

Wednesday January 23, 2019 @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Topic: *126 years of the QLD Ambulance (QAS): Service to the community*

Presenter: Dr Michael John (Mick) Davis AM, ASM – FPA, LMFP, FCHSM, LFAIES, MBA

The presentation will cover highlights of 126 years of ambulance services in Queensland – especially in area such as the origin of the service, the evolution of the pharmacology, clinical practices, education for paramedics, women in the service and various forms of ambulance transport over the years.

Click [HERE](#) for more information - no need to book.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Hamilton	Family History research in action	Wednesday 5 December 2018	10-12 noon	3403 1050



Join the Genealogical Society of Queensland for:



DNA Discovery Day

Discover more about your genetic genealogy

16 February, 2019

8.45am to 5pm

Nazareth Lutheran Hall

12 Hawthorne St, Woolloongabba

Hear Helen Smith, Maurice Gleeson, Michelle Patient, Louise Coakley and others



For more information and to BOOK:

www.gsq.org.au/event/dna-discovery-day



DNA @ GSQ in 2019

See the [GSQ Events Calendar](#) for details

DNA is a hot topic with genealogists and will only continue to grow in popularity as more people have their DNA tested and discover relatives across the world.

GSQ's DNA Discovery Day seminar is the first event of many, focused on DNA, to be offered throughout 2019. This seminar provides you with a unique opportunity to find out more about DNA and how it can help you with your family history research.

Other DNA activities for 2019 include:

DNA Drop-In Clinics

Come along to one of the three Wednesday night sessions in 2019 where members of the DNA Special Interest Group will help answer questions you may have, for example, which testing company should I use or what do my results mean?

Webinar

Helen Smith will take you through the third party apps you can use for DNA.

Hands on computer courses

Following on from the webinar, Helen Smith will show you how to use tools like DNAPainter to interpret your results.

One on one DNA consultations

Book time with Helen Smith for help with analysing your DNA. See the GSQ Shop under Services for details and to book.



Researching Scottish Ancestors Online **Saturday January 19 @ 9:00AM - 11:00AM**

Hands on (computers)

Presenter: Cathie Sherwood

Want to know what records are online for Scottish research, such as old parish registers, census records, deeds, Kirk Sessions, tax and land details etc and how you can access them and whether they are freely available or not?

Most people know about Scotlands People which is the major site to use when searching for Scottish ancestors. It is a subscription site but unlike others offers credits so you pay only for the records you need. You will find original records for census, civil registration, parish records and wills as well as other records. However, there are many other sites which also provide valuable information, many of them for free. For example, Scotlands Places is another site which provides access to place descriptions, tax rolls on horses, windows, watches etc as well as maps and associated images.

Click [HERE](#) to book & for more information.

Webinar Wednesday **Preparing for the Digital Dark Ages**

Wednesday January 30, 2019 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Presenter: Cathie Sherwood



What can you do when something goes seriously wrong with your computer and you lose years and years of your

family history research material? How can you make sure that your digital documents will last as long as paper? Is using cloud storage the answer?

Learn how to be prepared for the unfortunate and unforeseen event such as fires, data corruption or just mistakes in overwriting files.

Still away on holidays or can't make this day? You can still purchase your ticket to this event and you will then be sent the link to the recording following the event. The video can be downloaded to your computer and you can watch it as many times as you like.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

British India and South East Asia SIG

Please note that this Special Interest Group will not be offered in 2019 as there was no one able to take on the role of convenor.



Make a New Year's resolution **2019 will be my year for family history**

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