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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 Vice-President

March 2019

It is with regret that I advise the resignation, on 26 February, of Sally Romano from the position of President of GSQ and from the Management Committee. Many will have got to know Sally well and to appreciate her energy, her enthusiasm and her joy in enriching the family history research journey.

For the Management Committee, it is business as usual, to ensure that GSQ continues to offer to members and to visitors all the resources, assistance, and learning opportunities that we have all come to expect and to enjoy.

Jan Bimrose
Vice-President



YOUR SOCIETY NEEDS YOU!
**GSQ is looking for volunteers to staff
a table at the following events:**

Ormiston House Open Day Saturday 27 April 2-5pm

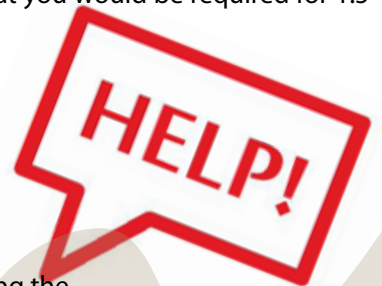
All you would need to do is sit at a laptop with internet access and answer queries from people about their genealogy and of course tell them about the many benefits of joining GSQ. (Depending on the number of volunteers, it is anticipated that you would be required for 1.5 hours.)

Waves in Time 3rd Queensland State Conference Bokarina Sunshine Coast 24 -26 May

(Anyone can volunteer but this may better suit those attending the Conference.) All you would need to do is staff the GSQ table, answer any queries about GSQ, promote the society and sell publications from the GSQ bookshop.

A roster of volunteers and times will be provided closer to the dates.

If you are able to help at either of these venues, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@gsq.org.au





Exploring the Past

**35th Annual Conference of the
NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies
11-13 October 2019 - (Friday to Sunday)
at Knox Grammar School, Pacific
Highway, Wahroonga
Hosted by the Ku-ring-gai Historical Society**

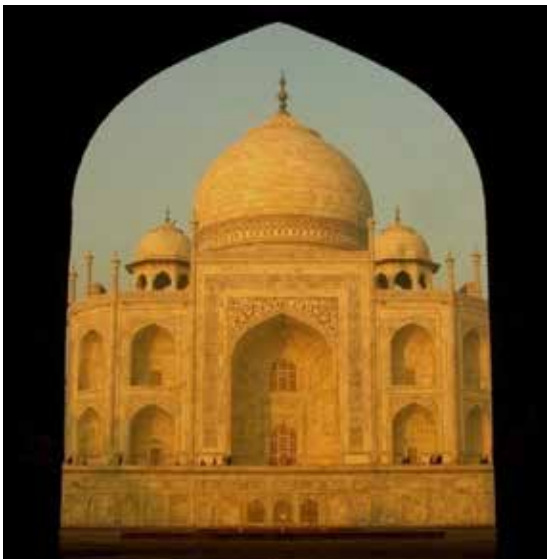
For more information on the conference, speakers, program etc. click [HERE](#).



Unlock the Past DNA Downunder & Roadshow with Blaine Bettinger 1 day Brisbane 14 August 2019 3 day Sydney 29 - 31 August 2019

A DNA themed roadshow to major Australian cities with an extended/in-depth 3-day conference in Sydney. Blaine Bettinger, leading international genetic genealogist, speaker and author, will be the principal speaker, with other Australian and international speakers also contributing.

Click [HERE](#) for further information.



GSQ members are welcome to join the QFHS Colonial India and the Far East special interest group

India, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), the Nicobar and Andaman Islands, Assam, Burma (Myanmar), East Pakistan (Bangladesh), Kashmir, Persian Gulf Residency

Meets at QFHS (Gaythorne) at 10:30 am second Sunday of even-numbered months, dates for 2019:

10 Feb 14 Apr 9 Jun 11 Aug 13 Oct 8 Dec

Enquiries: IndiaFE@qfhs.org.au

URGENT REQUEST + FYI

Does Queensland want to host the 2021 AFFHO Australasian Congress?

The AFFHO Congress takes place every 3 years and is usually a four day event promoting family, local, and social history, with international and national guest speakers, an exhibition and trading tables area, and social events. 76% of those surveyed after the last Congress 2018 said they would definitely or probably attend another one. If QLD does not host the 2021 Congress, it is very likely that there may not be another Congress to enjoy. Congress 2018 may have been the last.

Recent Australasian Congresses have been held in:

Sydney 2018 Canberra 2015 Adelaide 2012 Auckland 2009 Darwin 2006 Brisbane last hosted Congress in 1994.

If you:

- are interested in finding out more
- are interested in joining an experienced team
- are interested in working towards a single event
- have some ideas about setting the scene for a Queensland Congress

Then come to an Expression of Interest meeting chaired by History Qld & hosted by QFHS

When: 1 pm Sunday 3rd March 2019

Where: 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne 4051

Email: secretary@historyqueensland.org.au

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 10am and 2 pm.

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 27th March**.

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 1st March 2019**.

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 13th March** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

The Guest Speaker is to be Peter Dunn with the interesting topic of "*Military Locations in the Brisbane and Redlands Areas during World War II*".

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

Military Interest Group

The aim of the Military SIG is to assist members with their research into their military ancestry through discussion, guest speakers and acquisition of resources. The first meeting for 2019 was held on Australia Day, and after a very relaxed start we moved to general discussion, which centered mainly around books. One particularly interesting book was *The Battle of the Atlantic* (author Jonathan Dimbleby) about a long but vital WW2 campaign to protect Britain's supply route.

Our interests range across many eras and conflicts, some members having served personally, and we are always happy to share knowledge and help other GSQ members with their military research. The next meeting of the group is on **Saturday 23rd March** from 10:30am-12:00pm.

All welcome & gold coin donation please.

INTEREST GROUPS

Scottish Interest Group

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday 3rd March** from 9.30 am-2.30 pm. Following a short formal meeting at 10.00am, Alistair Henderson will give a presentation on the County of Renfrew.

Members can then take the opportunity to further their research by accessing the many resources held in the library and by speaking with other members who have experience with research in Scotland.

All GSQ members are welcome. A gold coin donation is appreciated.

On **Sunday 17th March** 3.00pm- 4.15 pm the Group will host a presentation by Graeme Mackenzie MA: *Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland*. See details this edition eNews.

Legacy Users' Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday 10th March** 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. Rob Thompson will be telling about how to use the sources feature of Legacy.

Convict Connections Group

Want to hear more about Colonial Australian History but don't have a convict ancestor, never mind you are still more than welcome at the Convict Connections Meeting on **Sunday 14th April, 2019**. The doors at the Resource Centre open at 09:00am and close at 3:00pm.

A short informal meeting is held at 11:00am followed by a talk on the Topic of the month.

The topic for the talk at this meeting will be "*The Norfolk Island Rebellions of 1834 & 1846*" presented by Lynne Thompson. Talk will be for approximately 30 minutes which leaves plenty of time for personal research - your choice- but we are there to help especially with Convict and Colonial research or maybe with a brickwall?

Look forward to seeing you there. For more information contact Lyn Caldwell at convictconnections@yahoo.com.au

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet at 10.00am on **Sunday 10 March 2019**. The library will be open from approximately 9.00am.

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 DNA Discovery Day was very successful with lots of members and non-members attending. Thank you to Cathie Sherwood for her excellent organisation and to all the volunteers on the day, from the presenters right down to the yummy catering, great kitchen help and sales folk at the GSQ table. The talks were well received and as one speaker said, it was a very positive interactive audience. Thanks go to Michelle Patient for her excellent presentations, especially after her home dramas in the preceding time prior to the event. We had a great panel of external speakers on ethics, who gave the audience some thoughts on wider possible future implications.

The Group has an exciting year planned. Michelle and Helen did a DNA Drop-In evening on 13 February and were kept busy all evening. *The next one planned is Wednesday evening 24 April from 7pm - 9pm where DNA questions can be answered.* Our next meeting after this will be on **Sunday 17th March** from 9:30am - noon.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on **Sunday 17th March**, 12.30 - 2.30pm.

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.

Monday Morning Natters

March Natters is on **Monday 4th March** from 10am -12noon

Topic for March: *Legacy family tree User Group*. See what you can learn at the group and find out about the Legacy software on GSQ's computers.

Gold coin for morning tea please. All welcome.

Writing Group

The Writing Group had a successful meeting in February with our guest speaker Caylie Jeffery talking to us about the Under the Lino project and the journey to the book she published in late 2018. Even more inspiration, if we needed it, to document our stories. See the GSQ Blog for a more detailed report.

The Group next meets on **Sunday 28th April**, from 12.30pm to 4.30pm.

Members are reminded of the change of date and time due to the Easter weekend. More details of the program will be in the April eNews.

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish SIG meets on the first Sunday of even numbered months. The next meeting will be on **Sunday 7th April** at the GSQ Resource Centre as usual.

Come along to further your knowledge about all things English and Irish.

German Interest Group

News from the German group is that we have Ian Stehbins returning to talk to us about his ancestors in the Bundaberg Area. He is the author of *"From the Edge of Oblivion"* which is about his ancestors in the Maryborough area. If you enjoyed his previous very informative talk come along on **Sunday 31st March 2019**.

Thank you to all who attended our last meeting where Mr Peter Row spoke of his Krzyanski family life in Germany and Australia using various sources in Germany and Australia. He was most helpful to our members and offered suggestions to further their research.



Wednesday night @ GSQ



Brisbane at war- military locations & using DNA March 27 @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Peter Dunn will show us details, including locations and numerous photos of many forgotten military camps in the Brisbane area. You will be amazed by the connections that a number of famous people had with these locations in Brisbane during WWII. He will also discuss the many children left behind by US soldiers and successful use of a DNA test to find a child of an American soldier. For members only with a gold coin contribution.



Tracing Your Ancestors in the Highlands of Scotland

Sunday 17th March 3 pm - 4.15 pm

Hosted by the Scottish Interest Group of
the Genealogical Society of Qld



Presentation by Graeme Mackenzie MA
Chairman Highland Family History Society
2007-2013

Graeme will examine the sources for genealogical research in Scotland and show how they are used, with particular reference to families of Highland descent and Issues regarding the use of Gaelic names.

Cost: GSQ Members \$15 Non-Members \$20

Bookings are essential as a limited number of places are available.

Please book at GSQ website at:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/tracing-your-ancestors-in-the-scottish-highlands/>

Once you have entered your details, you can choose to pay in one of the following ways:

Credit Card: You can pay using your credit card online or at GSQ
Direct Bank Transfer: Transfer the funds to GSQ using GSQ's bank details provided at the time of booking. **Payment must be received at least 2 days prior to the event**

Cash: in person at GSQ, 25 Stackpole St Wishart

Cheque: By post or in person at GSQ. Once payment has been confirmed, a ticket will be emailed to you. If you do not have an email address, it can be posted or provided to you on the day of event. The cheque must be received by GSQ at least 5days prior to the event.

If you have any queries, please phone GSQ on 07 3349 6072



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Intimate Stories, Challenging Histories

2019 Biennial Conference Of Oral History Australia in partnership with the State Library Queensland.

In our 40th anniversary year, *Oral History Queensland and Oral History Australia*, in partnership with State Library of Queensland, welcome proposals for our 2019 biennial conference in southern Queensland. Oral historians, in a variety of guises and combining age-old listening skills with dazzling new technologies, record intimate stories and create challenging histories. Our conference welcomes participants who use oral history in their work across the many fields and disciplines that contribute to community, professional and academic histories. We welcome presenters from across Australia, across the Tasman and around the world. We invite proposals for individual presentations, workshops, performances and thematic panels.

The main conference at State Library of Queensland will be on **Friday 11th and Saturday 12th October 2019**. Oral history training workshops will be held at a Brisbane venue on Thursday 10th October. Following the conference, on Sunday 13th October a selection of history walks and tours will introduce participants to the region's rich and diverse communities of memory.

In keeping with 2019 as the *Year of Indigenous Languages*, a Keynote plenary panel will focus on *Oral History, Oral Tradition and Indigenous History* (with invited speakers from Australia, New Zealand and Canada).

Further details at <https://www.oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/2019-conference.html>

Closing Date for Proposals: 1 March 2019

ONE-ON-ONE SESSION WITH HELEN SMITH

Have you had your DNA tested and need more intensive help with interpreting your results? Would you like some one-on-one guidance about your matches and how to find where they may be located on your family tree?

Help is available! You can have a 45 minute consultation with Helen Smith for \$25. What will be covered will depend on the problem being presented and it is preferable that you have had your DNA tested and received your results.

Bookings can be made via the GSQ Shop on the web site - go to GSQ Shop and then select Services. Once payment is confirmed, Helen will then contact you to arrange a mutually suitable time for the consultation.

This service is also available to non-members so if you have a friend or relative who is not a GSQ member, then they too can use this service. The link to the booking page is:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-shop/dna-consultations-one-on-one/>

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Coopers Plains	<i>Exploring Ancestry.com.au</i>	Saturday March 23	10 - 12 noon	3403 1530
Brisbane Square	<i>Brisbane Burns: How the great fires of 1864 shaped a city and its people</i>	Sunday April 14	10 - 12 noon	3403 9470
Annerley	<i>Australian Military Records</i>	Saturday April 27	10 - 12 noon	3403 1735



Irish ancestry? Jump in now!

Saturday March 9 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Presenter: *Bobbie Edes*

There’s an air of mystery surrounding Irish research, but why not ‘Jump in Now’?

In this presentation, Bobbie Edes will demonstrate the various online records now available as well as different ways to get around some of the issues of missing records.

Join Bobbie as she explains why you should Jump In Now and tackle that ‘too hard’ family line.

Following the talk, there will be a **hands-on session so numbers are strictly limited and pre-booking online is a must.**

Members are welcome to bring along their own laptops so they can bookmark some of the sites mentioned.



Webinar Wednesday: Creating your own family history map

Wednesday March 20 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: *Sharyn Merkley*

Why should you consider using maps, and creating your own, in your family history research?

By placing where they lived onto a map, you can identify migration patterns, perhaps view the land they owned in the context of others in the area and gain a better understanding of your ancestor in place and time. For example, have you ever wondered how close your ancestors lived to one another? Where exactly was your great-grandmother born? Seeing significant events from your family’s past on a map allows you to gain a clearer picture of your family’s journey.



Identification, restoration and storage

- 1 Learn about types of photographs
- 2 Identify period details to help date photographs
- 3 Repair torn, damaged photos & paper memorabilia
- 4 Safely store photos and paper for future generations

WHERE: GSQ, 25 Stackpole St, Wisnart
WHEN: 16 March, 9am-12 noon

Caring for old photographs

Saturday March 16 @ 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Presenter: *Cathie Sherwood*

Do you have old family photographs and/or precious family papers which have been torn or damaged? Would you like to be able to identify your old photos?

Then come along to this course and find out how you can:

- **Identify and date 19th and early 20th century photos.** In this first part of the course, you will identify different the types of photographs and the clothing styles of various eras – from daguerreotypes to ambrotypes and tintypes, carte de viste, cabinet cards, through to early 20th century images.
- **Repair torn, damaged photos and paper memorabilia.** Are your family memories stuck in old “magnetic” albums or trapped in decaying black albums and scrapbook pages? Learn tips and tricks to rescue family photos, albums, and scrapbooks and preserve originals in your home archive, plus techniques for working with damaged and fragile items. Hands-on practice will give you confidence to apply these archival techniques at home.
- **Store photos and paper for future generations.** Find out the best ways to store your precious photographs and important family documents to ensure that they last for many more generations to come.

Treasure Hunt in the GSQ Library

Wednesday March 20 @ 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn & Discover. Enjoy & Share. Find the treasures in GSQ’s library. Enjoy a cuppa and bring along a plate to share.

Please RSVP for organisation purposes.

Email: secretary@gsq.org.au



1. **Improve your results with a good research log.**

A research log serves many functions, but the key thing it does is improve the quality of your research - which means you get better, more accurate results. How? By keeping track of your searches and findings in one place, you'll eliminate redundant searches and be able to find what you've already accomplished.

2. **Keep track of what you don't find.**

Genealogists tend to focus on filling in dates, times and names on the tree. Research logs help you recognize what you don't find. Search results that come up negative can be just as informative as the information that makes it into timelines and pedigree charts. Your research log will reveal those missing details.

3. **Research log tricks from the pros.**

Thomas MacEntee advises that your log should keep track of what you did and what you found with a "to-do list with a little more flavor." His advice: keep your source citations in your research log for easy reference.

4. **Establish a workflow.**

If you really want to reap the rewards of a research log, you'll need to make it a habit. Build logging into your workflow every time you do a search. Once you start seeing the benefits, you'll find it easy to incorporate.



The National Archives (UK) has a huge family history offer on now. 20% off everything online. No code needed. Have a look at their offerings [HERE](#).

James Tanner of Generalogy Star fame posted an update on *Organising Your Genealogy* last June. I think we all need all the help we can get in organising our genealogy, I certainly do!

Click [HERE](#) to read his post.

GEDmatch Updates to Genesis: What You Need to Know

By: Shannon Combs Bennett

February 11, 2019

Last week, GEDmatch announced it had moved to a new platform, Genesis. So what does that mean for users? This post will break down what you need to know about the new interface—and how it may impact your DNA research.

Read Shannon's post [HERE](#).

FREE Family History Webinars from Legacy Family Tree

What is the cost: There is no charge to register and view the live webinar. **BUT**, the recording available to view for the next 7 days - for **free!** Watch it as many times as you would like, pausing and taking notes, during the free viewing period.

If you cannot make the live event, downloads of the recording are just \$9.95 each or yearly memberships give you access to everything.

Some March offerings:

March 5:

- Polled! Finding your Ancestors in New South Wales Colonial Muster and Census Returns by Carol Baxter.

March 6:

- A Guide to Third Party Tools for DNA Testing by Michelle Leonard.

There are more coming up in March & the rest of the year to view the PDF flyer of all webinars click [HERE](#). The Legacy Webinar website with more information is available [HERE](#).

John Grenham's latest post - How I got into this mess?

Meaning how he got into family history, he suggests the short version of my response is that he was cursed in my cradle by an evil fairy! A good read as all of John's posts always are.

Click [HERE](#) to access the post.

Remember!

You can download the GSQ full Calendar of Events for 2019 (not just the Education sessions) by clicking on this link:

[Download Calendar of Events 2019](#)

Alternatively, you can go to the Events page on the GSQ web site and select the download link there:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/>



Don't Miss

Saturday, 16 May
10am - 2 pm
All welcome

Open Day

Free access to Ancestry, Find My Past
and numerous other family history
resources

Plus raffles, food
& giveaways

AND
GENEALOGICAL
HELP

Save the
Date!

GSQ's first Open Day for 2019 is a wonderful opportunity for you to see what the Society can offer you to help with your family history journey.

There is free access to the Resource Centre for the day, numerous special interest groups and local archive on display plus experienced family historians to help you get started.

As usual, tea, coffee and yummy food are available at a very low cost.

We look forward to seeing
you there!



Christopher John (Chris) Edes 30 July 1946 – 4 February 2019.

GSQ member 1996-2019 and DNA SIG member

by Bobbie Edes

Chris was a post-war 'boom' baby born in Surrey, England in 1946. He joined the RN shortly before his 18th birthday and served 10 years including his posting as a crew-member of HMS Albion spending time in Asia in 1968. I'm a 5th generation Aussie. We met in Brisbane during Navy Week and after a quick six-day courtship, decided we would marry in England the following UK summer. Then he sailed away... In those days before the internet, having a distance relationship meant constant letters and lots of them, usually aerogrammes, both before and during our marriage.

Memories come back of various places we lived - our basement flat in Bath, our flat in Portsmouth where the upstairs flat couple had to walk through our flat to get to theirs. The bath in that one was in the kitchen and the loo outside (think about the UK winter) but thankfully we soon shifted into a relatively new two bedroom flat on the Navy Patch in Portsmouth. Having left the RN in 1973 he applied to join the RAN and together we flew to Melbourne in February 1974 to begin our life in Oz. Our life together was never mundane, never really straightforward, and never 'standard'. Initially he was a Radar Plotter but then transferred to the Coxswains branch in 1975 and moved through the ranks to Warrant Officer by 1988. Being in both those branches involved long sea drafts with short shore drafts in between.

Chris retired from the RAN in 1994 and as my family is Brisbane based, we purchased a 2 ½ acre bush block at Sheldon in 1987 and built our home there in 1992. In 1996 we both decided to take up genealogy and joined GSQ, which at the time was based in the old Woolloongabba Post Office building.

After my cancer diagnosis in 2006 we tackled our 'Bucket List' with enthusiasm enjoying many overseas holidays and travelling widely around Australia in our van. When overseas we tended to research at the various County Records Offices for two weeks at a time, he was an avid researcher and spent many hours of most days researching or reading non-fiction books. His other great love was cricket and he was a walking encyclopedia on that subject!

Chris was diagnosed with Oesophageal cancer in 2013 and following this operation developed Sepsis, so was in a medically induced coma for 8 days, with his life hanging in the balance. This admittance stretched to five months while he learnt to walk again etc. Four years later in August 2017 we received the news that he had metastatic cancer with a terminal diagnosis of months to live. He always remained positive about his diagnosis, and endured continual cycles of chemo with its' side effects. Above all else, he lived for his blonde grand-daughters who he loved to bits, equally his love of our girls and myself.

Unfortunately, he developed a liver bleed, and with his kidneys not working, he & I made the final decision to turn off life support on 2 February. On 4 February 2019, Chris had a peaceful end to a life lived to the full. His funeral was held the following Monday and attended by many of our GSQ friends and family. I'd like to pass on my thanks to all who have extended sympathy to myself and our family. Our chosen charity for the event instead of flowers, was 'Dreams2Live4' which sponsored Chris' fabulous day at a Gabba Test Match on 24 November 2017. His funeral raised a total of \$355 from donations on the day and to that we've added our family contribution. Thanks to those that made up this fantastic sum.

Rest in Peace Chris, your quirky sense of humour will be missed.

