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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

May 2019

As I begin to write these few words the news about the fire in Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris has shocked the world. How many of us have visited Paris and marvelled at the grand 'Dame!! Some good news stories have been released – the Organ may have escaped ruin, at least some of the stained glass windows are still intact and many of the artefacts are safe. I know that at least one GSQ member was in Paris at the time of the fire – she will, no doubt, have some unique stories to tell upon her return.

By the time this edition of eNews has been published we will have celebrated Anzac Day for 2019. It was only in recent years that I discovered that the concept of Anzac Day originated right here in Queensland – Church of England clergyman, Canon David John Garland, was an important figure in the creation of Anzac Day. His part in the very first Anzac Day, commemorated on 25 April 1916 is evidenced in a memorial in River Terrace Park at Kangaroo Point. The memorial is set in the highest part of the Park and adjacent to the beautiful St Mary's Anglican Church. Last month the United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) inscribed the minute book of the historic meetings of the Anzac Day Commemoration committee, cementing the significance of Queensland, and Canon Garland, in the development of Anzac Day commemorations.

Why not use Anzac Day 2019 to spur yourself on to research ancestors involved in military conflicts? More and more information is being released. Should you need assistance to do this, GSQ has a Military Special Interest Group, the next meeting of which is scheduled for the afternoon of Saturday, 25 May at GSQ.

The 2019 Federal Government Election has been called for Saturday, 18 May. There is, however, another very important event on that day – GSQ's Open Day! This event is timed to run 10.00am to 2.00pm and offers both members and non-members the opportunity to interact with fellow family historians, to research using GSQ's resources and to speak with representatives from the State Library, Queensland Registry of Births Deaths and Marriages and the Queensland State Archives. Representatives from many of GSQ's Interest Groups and the Redland Genealogical Society will also be present. There will be Raffles, Food and Giveaways.

By now you should be aware that GSQ is involved in talks with representatives of the Queensland Family History Society (QFHS) with a view to the possible amalgamation of GSQ and QFHS. Many thanks to all who responded to the first communique with regard to amalgamation. There will, I'm sure, be further documents in the coming months with requests for your input. I urge you to respond to these communications, when requested, so that GSQ's representatives on the Amalgamation Sub Committee are able to truly present the views of members.

Yours in Genealogy

Helen Veivers, President



GSQ Open Day - Saturday 18 May

The Power of the Past Seminar

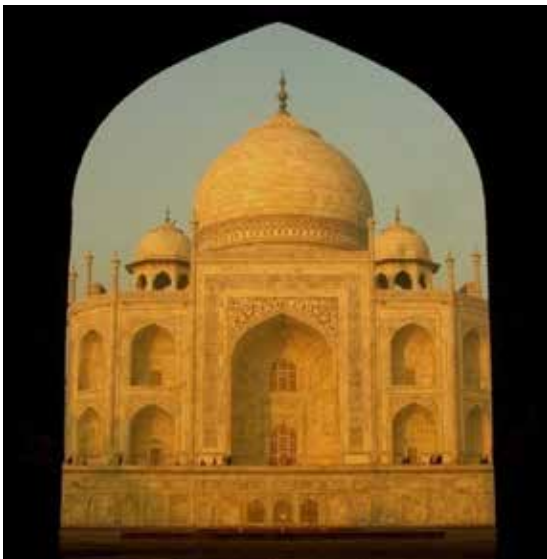
- Saturday 22 June



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](#).



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



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.



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 May offerings:

May 21:

- Valid and Unsound Assumptions: What Was She Thinking? by Jeanne Bloom, CG

May 22

- Google Drive: an Office in the Cloud by Dear MYRTLE & Russ Worthington.

May 24:

- Compiling a Military Service Record by Craig R. Scott, MA, CG, FUGA

There are more coming up in May & 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](#).

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 22nd April**.

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 3rd May 2019**.

Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 8 May**, at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm. In place of a Guest Speaker we'll be viewing some footage of Cleveland taken a number of years ago, with particular reference to Leona Kyling, a Cleveland pioneer. \$2.00 admission with Lucky Door prize. All welcome.

The Society is organising a trip to the Beenleigh Historical Village on **Wednesday, 26 June**. The cost of \$14 includes Admission, Billy Tea and Damper, a Video Presentation and the services of a Guide. Travel will be by way of car pooling.

If interested in participating, please contact the Society at redlandgs@gmail.com.

Military Interest Group

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.

The next meeting of the Military Group is on **Saturday 25th May 2019** from 10.30 to 12.

Scottish Interest Group

Due to the resignation of the current editor of *"The Thistle Times"* the decision was made at our March meeting to cease producing our newsletter, as we could not fill the position of editor. After the meeting Alistair Henderson gave an informative talk on Renfrewshire.

On 17th March we hosted an interesting presentation by Graeme Mackenzie MA, a well known Scottish researcher and historian.

Several of our members have recently checked the Scottish Collection against the Catalogue and shelved the books in their correct order.

Our next meeting will be held on **Sunday 5th May**.

Russell Fraser will speak on *Clackmannanshire research*.

Legacy User's Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday May 12 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 lead the discussion about using tags in Legacy. Want to split of a part of your tree for another member of the family? Tags make it easy.

Convict Connections Group

The Convict Connections Group was pleased to welcome two new members, Trish and Kim, at the April meeting and look forward to their continued attendance. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On Convict Connections Group meeting days the Resource centre is open at 9:00am and closes at 3:00pm. This gives members additional time to ask questions or do additional personal research

The next meeting for the Group is **Sunday 9th June, 2019**.

A short meeting will be held at 11:00am followed by a brief talk on the topic - *"The Fell Tyrant" - does this record reflect accurately the Governorship of Captain Logan at the Moreton Bay Penal Settlement*.

Look forward to seeing you at the June meeting

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The FTM User Group will meet on **Sunday the 12th May 2019** at 10.00 am. 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 and hopefully overcome any FTM problems they may face. We will also look at the reports and charts in more detail as there a number of new reports available.

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 SIG had another great meeting on Sunday 28 April with the focus for the morning being Y-DNA. Helen Smith gave an in-depth presentation explaining things in layman's terms so those of us who are dabbling into that, either with our own DNA or a sibling's etc., could begin to understand the science behind it better.

Bobbie Edes also did her Y-DNA presentation titled 'A Final Link' explaining how beneficial the Irwin Clan project at FTDNA has been to her in pin-pointing exactly which Irwin-Irving-Irvine clan her family descended from.

The seven-week 'Genetic Genealogy in Practice' course is on again this year - see details in event calendar & later in this eNews see page 6.

Our next meeting is on **Sunday 19 May** from 9:30am – noon sharp.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on **Sunday 19th May** from 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

Sadly Monday Morning Natters is **cancelled for May**.

The next MMN is on **Monday 3rd May 2019**.

Writing Group

The Writing Group next meets on **Sunday 16 June**.

Details will be provided in the June eNews. For more information contact Pauline Williams on pstirland@hotmail.com.

English/Irish Interest Group

The English/Irish Special Interest Group meets on the first Sundays of February, April, June, August, October and December. The next meeting will be on **Sunday 2nd June**.

As usual, the GSQ library will be open for research from 10 o'clock until 2.30p.m. that day, with the meeting commencing at 10.30a.m. At this meeting we will continue our ongoing discussions of research in various English, Welsh and Irish counties.

All members of GSQ are invited to join us for interesting discussions about all things English and Irish (and beyond) for the cost of a gold coin contribution. We look forward to seeing you there.

German Interest Group

Mr Ian Stehbins gave a most interesting and informative talk at our meeting in March . He impressed on us the importance of speaking to and recording oral stories from our relatives and any neighbours of our relatives and also recording the source and the date. He also encouraged us not to give up in our search for our Ancestors.

Remember there will be no meeting in May due to the Waves in Time Family and Local History conference and Fair 24-26th May at Bokarina Sunshine Coast.

The German group next meeting will be on **Sunday 28 July 2019**.



Morning tea extravaganza!

May 30 @ 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Come along to GSQ's morning tea event for our volunteers!

Thank them for the wonderful work they do to keep GSQ operating.



Meet GSQ's President

Helen Veivers brings a wealth of experience to the role of GSQ President as she has been President of the Redland Genealogical Society since 2013, and prior to that was Secretary of that organisation for a number of years. Helen's previous occupation was that of a primary school teacher, retiring in 2004 from Birkdale State School as Deputy Principal. Helen has two adult children and four wonderful grandchildren.

Helen has always had a keen interest in family history, but it wasn't until retirement that she was able to devote the hours required to this totally intriguing subject. Through these studies she and husband, Warren, have travelled extensively both in Australia and overseas visiting sites where their ancestors lived. One of the most memorable of these visits was to a cemetery in Holmestrand in Norway on a very miserably wet and cold day in October 2017. Fellow genealogists will fully understand how this could be exciting!

Helen is a member of the GSQ/QFHS Amalgamation Sub-Committee and is committed to achieving the very best outcome for all GSQ (and QFHS) members. She is looking forward to meeting many of you in the coming months.



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

**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, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@gsq.org.au



HOUSE HISTORIES SEMINAR Saturday May 18 Auditorium 2, Level 2, State Library of Queensland

The Brisbane History Group's latest publication, *Brisbane: Commerce, construction and controversy 1840s-2018* (BHG Papers No. 28), will also be released at this seminar at the special price of \$20.

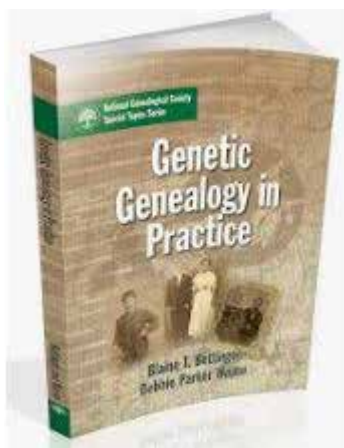
Cost: \$20 members; \$25 non-members. Light lunch provided.

Bookings essential for catering purposes.

RSVP by **10 May 2019** to:

Email: BHG4000@brisbanehistorygroup.org.au

Inquiries ph. 0423 761 278



Genetic Genealogy Course

The seven-week 'Genetic Genealogy in Practice' course is on again this year and **numbers are limited to 13.**

The cost for book (*Genetic Genealogy in Practice* by Blaine T Bettinger & Debbie Parker Wayne) is \$79.95 from Gould Genealogy or an eBook copy is \$11.99. Members can also purchase the book direct from the National Genealogical Society USA.

This book is a pre-requisite to participate in the course, which is a hands-on one, with exercises and homework.

Cost for the full course which will be held on a Tuesday week night at 6:30pm – 9pm from **4 June to 16 July** is \$35, and it will need to be booked through the GSQ Events. To book or for more info, click [HERE](#).

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Tracing Back in Time – a Family History Symposium

Logan River & District Family History Society Inc

Tracing Back in Time – a Family History Symposium will take place on **Saturday 15th June 2019** from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Bethania Community Centre, 88-118 Station Road, Bethania 4205.

Speakers are:

Eric Kopittke, family historian; Stephanie Ryan, SLQ; Cara Downes, National Archives Australia (Q); Ann Swain, family historian

Bookings are preferred but on the day attendance will be accepted. Please note that no eftpos facilities are available and payment may be made by cheque, bank transfer or cash. Further details can be obtained by phoning Esma on 07 3807 6450 and bookings made.

Morning tea and a light lunch is included in the admittance price for all attendees.

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ONE-ON-ONE SESSION WITH HELEN SMITH

New bookings for this session can not be made until further notice. If you have already booked with Helen, she will be in touch in the near future to arrange a time with you to discuss your DNA results.

GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Everton Park	Choosing a family tree program	Saturday, 18 May 2019	1-3pm	34037400
Indooroopilly	Dating old photos and caring for them	Saturday 15 June 2019	11am to 1pm	34070009

What's Coming Up in the Next Few Weeks?



Using Google to create your own family history maps

May 11 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Presenter: Sharyn Merkley

Following on from the webinar on using maps for family history, Sharyn will show how you can create your own custom family history maps using Google My Maps which can be shared with others and viewed on the web and mobile devices.

You will learn how to map specific locations, create custom icons, change the look and feel of your map, import location data, embed your maps on family websites and access them. Mapping your family history is a great way to physically locate your ancestor and help bring their stories alive.

To book & for more info, click [HERE](#).



Webinar Wednesday: DNA – using 3rd party apps

May 15 @ 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Presenter: Helen Smith

Now you have tested what tools are available to help in your research? GedMatch, Shared cM Project, DNA Painter and What are the Odds? are great tools to help in your DNA analysis.

This webinar will take you through some of the pros and cons of these tools to help you decide which one works best for you or whether you might use all of them. To book and for more info, click [HERE](#).

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/>

Wednesday night @ GSQ

Was your ancestor a slave owner?

May 22 @ 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Presenter: Sharyn Merkley

Surprising answers are waiting to be discovered in this database. In 1833 Britain abolished slavery in British Caribbean, Mauritius and the Cape. A new system of apprenticeships for the emancipated slaves resulted in free men and women tied to unfree labour for fixed terms. The British government (the tax payers) paid £20M in compensation to former slave owners, beneficiaries and agents acting for owners.

A recent project of University College London has resulted in the Legacies of British Slave-ownership Database which is freely available online.

For members only with a gold coin contribution.



Exploring our ancestors' occupations

June 1 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Presenter: Pauline Williams

Merchant, miner, tailor, tinworker, framework knitter, lace maker – which one do you have?

What did our ancestors do to earn a living? You may have discovered a particular occupation listed on a certificate or census record – but what did this actually mean? Mechanisation and industrialisation changed the way things were done and many specialised occupations of the 18th and 19th centuries no longer exist. The traditional journey from apprenticeship to master in a trade could be long and arduous and not all our ancestors took this journey. This course will highlight a range of resources for exploring our ancestors' occupations and look at how you can discover the kind of work your ancestors may have undertaken. To book & for more info, click [HERE](#).



Don't Miss

Saturday, 18
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!

The power of the past:

160 years of OLD
records, research &

stories

22 June, 2019

Nazareth Lutheran Centre
Woolloongabba
8.45am - 3.45pm



About the conference

Queensland has certainly come a long way since 6 June 1859 when Queen Victoria signed the Letters Patent which declared Queensland to be a separate colony from New South Wales. The first Governor was Sir George Ferguson Bowen and Government documents show the new colony started with nine pence in its Treasury! Things have certainly changed over the last 160 years.

This one-day conference offers a unique opportunity to put flesh on the bones of your Queensland ancestors – to take you beyond the documentary evidence and explore the social, political and economic contexts which shaped their lives. Find out how you can unearth evidence in maps and oral histories as well as the more traditional record sources. Listen to stories about houses, colonial borders, fires, pioneers, Chinese marriages and the pre-separation years and discover record sets and sources which may have been previously unknown to you.

Book your spot now as seats are limited!

There will be a lucky door prize and fabulous raffles.

Speakers

[In alphabetical order]

Dr Thom Blake *The house that Mary built - the pise house of Bedourie*

Dr Jennifer Harrison *On this day.... Where was your family?*

Joan Kelly *Oral histories*

Bill Kitson *Cane toads or cockroaches*

Bob McAllister *Miegunyah - a house full of history*

Sharyn Merkley *Brisbane burns: How the great fires of 1864 shaped a city and its people*

Sandi Robb *Chinese marriage and families 1850 - 1920*

Stephanie Ryan *Pre-1860 Moreton Bay records: Queenslanders' heritage*

For more information and to book, go to:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/the-power-of-the-past-qlds-160-years-in-focus/>

COST: \$60 for GSQ/QFHS members

\$75 for non-members

Morning tea and lunch are included.

If you have any queries, please email the
GSQ Education Coordinator at:

education@gsq.org.au

