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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

February 2020

Open Day Saturday 22 February – 10.00am – 2.00pm: It's time for Open Day again at GSQ – the day on which GSQ opens its doors to the general public, hoping, of course, that some of those who visit may be "bitten by the Family History bug" while there and join our wonderful organisation. On the day we'll have representatives from the State Library of Queensland, National Archives, State Archives and the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages. The latter will be providing 5 Certificates which we'll use as Lucky Door Prizes on the day. It's not a day recommended for research by members – you certainly couldn't do so in peace anyway!! We will, however require a number of helpers on the day to help make our visitors feel welcome. If you are able to assist, please consider in which area you would like to help – bear in mind that all the SIGs will have "stands", so you may be required there. We need Research Assistants to help our visitors get into research, people to assist at "the Café", Greeters and Raffle Ticket Sellers. We'll also need a supply of small cakes and slices for the café, If you are able to assist with any of the jobs listed, please contact either me at president@gsq.org.au or Secretary, Claire at secretary@gsq.org.au. (As you're aware, car parking at GSQ can be difficult to find – it would be great if we could have some spaces available for visitors when they arrive – perhaps you could arrange to share transport with somebody else who is attending, or park your car in the street parking, after unloading any goods you're bringing.)

Do you wonder what topics your Management Committee deals with at its monthly meetings? Here are a few from the January meeting: Amalgamation, new Bookstore Agreement, purchase of new computer for Reception Desk - this followed a request from the TAG group who, by the way, are doing a fantastic job of ensuring our computers are running efficiently, the uploading of 2020's Calendar to the website and purchase of Genealogist subscription to be paid for by Monday Morning Natters Group.

Would you like to join the Management Committee? Currently we have 8 members on the Committee and could increase this number to 11. Something to think about!! Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month, commencing at 9.30am. Contact me on president@gsq.org.au to find out more.

Helen Veivers, President



OPEN DAY@GSQ

Saturday 22 February 2020 from 10.00 to 2.00 pm.

Come along, bring a friend and join us for a cuppa.

Have a chat about how to connect with your family history no matter where they came from.

Check out our resources and special interest groups

See you on Saturday 22 February at
25 Stackpole Street, Wishart.

BRANCH NEWS

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.

There will be no meeting in January. Our next meeting will be on **Friday 7th February 2020**.

Redlands Branch

The first meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society for 2020 will be held on **Wednesday, 12th February** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting is to be Robyn Tennant, representing the Cleveland Local Ambulance Committee. Robyn will be providing information about and demonstrating CPR and the use of a defibrillator – something that is absolutely vital for us all to be knowledgeable about. Admission \$2.00 with Lucky Door prize. All welcome

Military Interest Group

Due to falling numbers of interested members, the Military Interest Group has decided to suspend its meetings in the short term. Should interest pick up in the future, the Group will continue.

Monday Morning Natters

February Natters is on **Monday 3rd February** 10am -12 noon

What newspaper sites do you use? Can you find others that may be a little less obvious? How did you find them? Enjoy a natter with like-minded people over a cuppa. Gold coin donation for morning tea appreciated.

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.

SIG's

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scottish SIG will be on **Sunday 1st March** from 9.30am to 2.30pm. More information in March eNews.

All GSQ members are welcome to attend and share their Scottish research and take advantage of the knowledge of others in solving a brick wall.

For more information or to contact the group, email GSQ at info@gsq.org.au.

Legacy User's Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday 8th March** from 1pm-2:30pm

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

Convict Connections Group

The Convict Connections Special Interest Group aims to provide a specialist forum for members with a particular interest in convicts and our colonial heritage, to share and exchange information, achieve a wider knowledge of our colonial beginnings and foster a greater appreciation of those who suffered the horrors of transportation. Convict Connections meets bi-monthly at the GSQ Resource Centre on the second Sunday of even numbered months. The Resource Centre opens at 10.00am and closes at 2.30pm.

The Annual General Meeting of the Group is held in February & the February meeting is on **Sunday 9th February** 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

"Family faces are magic mirrors. Looking at people who belong to us, we see the past, present and future." — Gail Lumet Buckley

Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The next meeting of the FTM User Group will be on **Sunday 12th January 2020** at 10.30 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 explore the changes in the new 2019 version as well as looking at the purchasing procedure for those users who did not take up the early purchase offer. We will also review the various Facebook sites available that offer help to FTM users.

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 lesmcfadzen@outlook.com of your problem(s) will assist in setting the meeting Agenda.

DNA Interest Group

The DNA group began their monthly meetings for 2020 on Sunday 19 January. There was a good attendance despite our Convenor Helen Smith being at Salt Lake City doing even more studies.

The theme for January meeting was 'Back to Basics' and with three new members present, it was good timing. Welcome to Judy, Margaret and Dianne, we hope you enjoy coming along to our meetings and learning all there is to learn about DNA.

After the various announcements Bobbie and Ailsa presented on the changes in DNA related sites since our last meeting in December. This also included various tips & tricks to help folk get the best out of each site. As Judy Lofthouse is overseas and has a brilliant presentation put together for her Brisbane City Council talks, Ailsa then ran through this PowerPoint presentation on Judy's behalf. This was followed by Greg Carlill talking to members about his current 'Clusters survey' on our Facebook site.

The GSQ Drop In Clinic was held on Wednesday evening 22 January when Ailsa helped five new members plus another DNA SIG member.

We hope to see the new faces at our February meeting to be held on **Sunday 23rd February** from 9:30am - 2pm. This meeting will be convened by Helen and feature two presentations plus our popular Mentoring sessions where we break up into small groups for more informal help from the mentors of each group.

Writing Group

The first meeting of the Writing Group for 2020 will be held on **Sunday 16th February**. The main focus of the meeting will be to discuss an exciting project for the Group in 2020. An agenda will be circulated to Group members ahead of the meeting. Anyone wishing to be added to the mailing list for the Group is invited to contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com.

English/Irish Interest Group

The first meeting for the English/Irish SIG will be held on **Sunday 2nd February 2020**.

All members of GSQ are invited to attend to learn more about researching their ancestors who came from England and Ireland. We look forward to seeing you there.

The library will open as usual at 10 o'clock and remain open until 2.30 p.m. for individual research.

Scandinavian Interest Group

For the Scandinavian Group, Steinar has updated PC 5 to have all Scandinavian records working correctly. They all work without a CD, except for the Swedish emigration records which will need a CD.

At the last meeting we discussed transfer of resources to GSQ. At our meeting in March we should have a guest speaker from the Danish Club talking about the history of The Scandinavian Club in Brisbane.

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Group will be on **Sunday 15th March 2020** from 12.30 - 2.30pm.

German Interest Group

The next Meeting is on **Sunday 29th March 2020** from 10:15 am - 2:30 pm.

All GSQ members are welcome to attend, and share their German research and take advantage of the knowledge of others in solving a brick wall.

For more information or to contact the group, email GSQ at info@gsq.org.au.



GSQ Notices

Getting Together Day for Research Assistants

Monday, 2 March 1.30pm

All Research Assistants (Library Helpers) are invited to get together for a Chat, a review of HIKE procedures and a refresher on recording new and renewing Memberships on Monday, 2 March, commencing at 1.30pm. This occasion will also provide an opportunity to discuss the Open Day that will have occurred on 22 February and the Library Roster and to provide feedback on what we can do to improve our Open Day procedures. The Get together will conclude with Afternoon Tea. (With regards to Open Day on Saturday, 22 February, Secretary, Claire, has been contacting Research Assistants to determine who will be available to help our visitors with research on that day.

Should you be available, and Claire hasn't yet reached you, please contact Claire at secretary@gsq.org.au. We need as many helpers as possible.)

GSQ BLOGs

Do you read the GSQ BLOGs published each Monday? If not, they're certainly recommended reading for those interested in Family History – short and to the point! Many thanks to Bobbie Edes who has recently become the BLOG coordinator. A BLOG, written by Lorraine Digney and published in November 2019, created quite a deal of interest with several people commenting on aspects of it. It was suggested through some of the comments that GSQ should digitally scan the Early NSW Records that we hold in microform. Some are becoming harder to read - and it was suggested we not only digitise these records but also sell them.

Suggestions are always welcomed - but, unfortunately, on this occasion, we cannot follow this suggestion as GSQ does not hold the copyright for these records making it impossible for us to legally digitise and sell those microfilms.



Website Coordinator WANTED

GSQ is still in need of a Website Coordinator. As explained in the January eNews, the task of Website Coordinator has now be separated from Education Coordinator so that the Website Coordinator has one job only – to keep our website operating well! (The Website coordinator would need to liaise closely with the Education Coordinator re bookings for Education events etc, but that shouldn't be too difficult.) If you would like to offer to take on this position, please contact Helen Veivers at president@gsq.org.au or by phoning Helen on 0409 054101. We're hoping to organise a brief WordPress training session in the near future and it would be very useful to have the website coordinator involved in this.



Volunteer Coordinator Wanted

GSQ is seeking somebody to take on the role of Volunteer Coordinator. This role is multi-faceted and open-ended. It would involve your liaising with the Library Roster coordinator, allocating tasks to new volunteers, organising rosters for Open Days etc. If interested, please contact secretary, Claire Rodwell at secretary@gsq.org.au.



DNA Discovery Day 2020

Planning for our DNA Discovery Day 2020 is well underway with the event booked for **Saturday 23rd May** at the Nazareth Hall, Woolloongabba so mark that in your diary now

What's Coming Up in the Next Few Weeks?

What's On at GSQ

An exciting and varied Education program is planned for 2020. Following is the program for February and March. As usual, bookings will be made through the website. Click [HERE](#) to make a booking.

February:

Researching Scandinavian Ancestors

Saturday 8 February: 9.00am – 11.30am

Presenter: Steinar Johansen

This is a repeat of a session offered in November when Steinar was unable to complete the presentation. Those who paid and attended in November will be offered this session free of charge. Others with Scandinavian heritage are invited to book.

\$25.00 for Members: \$40.00 for non Members.

Using GSQ computers

Saturday 15 February: 9.00am – 11.30am

Presenter: Ailsa Corlett

How to get the best results. Hands On session – limit of 14 participants. **Free for GSQ members. NOW FULLY BOOKED.**

ScotlandsPeople

Saturday 29 February: 9.00am – 11.30am.

Presenter: Ailsa Corlett

How to make the most of this wonderful site. Hands On session – limit of 14 participants only!!! Few places left.

\$25.00 for Members. \$40.00 for non Members.

March

Digitally Organising Your Family Tree

Saturday 7 March (9.00am – 11.30am)

Presenter: Bob McAllister

Bob's talk was very popular in 2019. If you want to know how to organise your research digitally, this is the presentation for you. Still a few places left – limited to 14 participants only!!

\$25 Members. \$40 Non-Members.

Convicts in Moreton Bay

Presenter: Dr Jennifer Harrison

Saturday 14 March (9.00am – 11.30am)

Jennifer's knowledge of Convicts in Moreton Bay is legendary. Come along to learn about the experiences of the convicts in the Moreton Bay area and learn why particular areas were selected for settlement in preference to others. This will be a fascinating talk!

Wednesday night @ GSQ

Women in Early Queensland Aviation

Wednesday, 26 February (7.00pm – 8.00pm)

Presenter : Sharyn Merkley

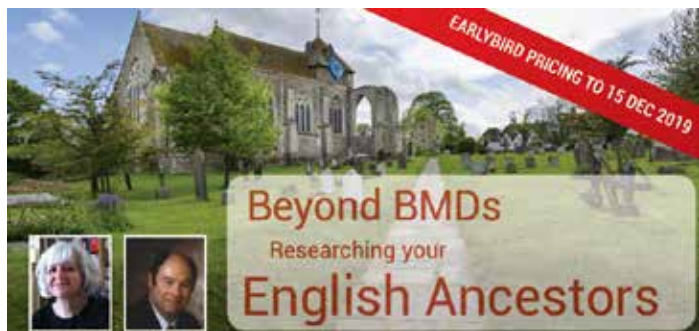
Gold Coin- Members only. You will be surprised by the feats of women in aviation in Queensland.

Education of Outback Children in Queensland

Wednesday 25 March (7.00pm – 8.00pm)

Presenter: Col Sutcliffe

Gold Coin. Members only. If your ancestors grew up in Outback Queensland, this talk will expand your knowledge of education opportunities available to them.



Beyond BMDs: researching your English ancestors

Take your English research further with two of the foremost, internationally recognised, English experts Else Churchill and Alec Tritton. Else and Alec are featured speakers on our 17th Unlock the Past cruise from Adelaide to Tasmania in March 2020. Seminar will feature six of the 10 cruise topics in a single full-day program.

PRESENTERS: *Else Churchill and Alec Tritton*

WHEN: **Thursday 26th March 2020** — 9am - 5pm.

WHERE: Gaythorne RSL Club, 534 Samford Road, Mitchelton

BOOKING:

COST – includes a light lunch and morning tea. Pre-book by 17 March 2020 to be in the draw for several hundred \$\$\$ in prizes.

early bird (**by 15 Dec 2019**) – \$95

pre-booked (16 Dec 2019 to 17 Mar 2020) – \$115

on the day – \$130.

Click [HERE](#) to book & 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. The Legacy Webinar website with more information is available [HERE](#).



Riding the Waves of History

**36th Annual Conference of the
NSW & ACT Association of Family History Societies**

11-13 September 2020 - (Friday to Sunday)

at Wests New Lambton Newcastle

Hosted by the Newcastle Family History Society Inc

with the support of the

Maitland & Beyond Family History Group Inc

Conference web page coming soon.



22 - 26 March 2021

**Sunshine Coast Convention Centre
& Novotel Sunshine Coast Resort**

7 KEY SPEAKERS REVEALED!

Blaine Bettinger

Maurice Gleeson

Cyndi Ingle

Paul Milner

Chris Paton

David Rencher

Judy Russell

plus many more local speakers

Relax with Sunshine and Genealogy!

Enjoy this state-of-the-art venue, with the natural beauty of bush and beach. What better environment to get away and soak up this amazing conference.

Keep in touch with the event click [HERE](#) to go to the website to register.

STOP PRESS

Reduced price available

**\$495 - introductory super-special (save \$200)
ends 14 February 2020.**

Family History News

To start off 2020 we're going back to basics and providing readers with a summary of key websites out there on various topics relating to researching your family history. This month it's all about births, deaths and marriages.

Each jurisdiction publishes different information in their indexes so some will be more useful than others in narrowing down your ancestors. Victoria for example often includes the mother's maiden name where known as does the UK GRO (births only). Some jurisdictions such as New South Wales and Victoria make new records available each day according to their restriction period - for example if your ancestor was born on 28 January 1920, their index record will become available on 29 January 2020.

All of the indexes shown below are free to search unless otherwise specified although some sites may require you to register.

Australia

[New South Wales](#) - early church records from 1788 to 1855 are available and civil registrations from 1856 to the end of the restriction period - births 100 years, marriages 50 years, deaths 30 years.

[Queensland](#) - recently updated their site to make searching more flexible and you can also download a file with your search results. Contains records from 1829 to 1920 (births), 1945 (marriages) and 1990 (deaths).

[Victoria](#) - the indexes contain church records from 1836 to 1853 and government registrations from 1853 to the end of the restriction period - births 100 years, marriages 60 years and deaths 30 years.

[South Australia](#) - not an official government site but GenealogySA provides indexes for records from 1842 to 1928 (births), 1937 (marriages) and 1972 (deaths).

[Western Australia](#) - records from 1841 to 1932 (births), 1936 (marriages) and 1971 (deaths).

Tasmania - the registry does not have an online index however [Libraries Tasmania's Names Index](#) contains a wide variety of records including many births, deaths and marriages (including images). CD-ROM indexes are also available in major reference libraries.

Northern Territory - the Territory does not have an online index. Searches of historical records can be requested from the Births, Deaths and Marriage office for a fee.

England & Wales

[General Register Office](#) - free registration allows you to search the birth (1837-2004) and death (1837-2019) indexes. Certificates can also be ordered online.

[FreeBMD](#) - as the GRO index does not contain marriages you can access these, as well as births and deaths, on the FreeBMD website.

Scotland

[Scotlands People](#) - contains various Scottish records including statutory registers of births, marriages and deaths from 1855 onwards, with a restriction period of 100 years for births, marriages 75 years and deaths 50 years. Older parish registers are also available. Registration is required to view search results and you can purchase credits to view the actual records.

USA & Canada

There is no single site for location North American records as births, deaths and marriages are registered at state/province level. A good starting point is [FamilySearch](#) which has some indexes and records available. To see what's available start at the [FamilySearch Wiki](#) for the United States.

Other sites

A number of other sites contain baptism, birth, death, burial and marriage records for a variety of locations. Most of these require a paid subscription to access however you can access Ancestry, FindMyPast and soon The Genealogist when visiting GSQ.

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GSQ in your local BCC library - Free But Booking Required

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Toowong	Beginners guide to DNA for genealogy	Saturday, 15 February 2020	1pm-2pm	3403 2596
Sandgate	Beginners guide to DNA for genealogy	Saturday, 29 February 2020	11am-12noon	3667 6022
Wynnum	Finding Grandma-tracing your female line	Thursday, 27 February 2020	10-11am	3403 2199