

## Issue 161 March 2020

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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

March 2020

Brisbane is developing into a beautiful city. Have a good look at the skyline next time you're in the City itself. We are, of course, so much more fortunate than some cities in that we have a river which wends its way among the city buildings – I fully realise we don't always think of it in this light when it's in a raging flood, but it certainly adds to the ambience – and transport possibilities. Have you ever thought about Brisbane and its beginnings. How and why did the founders build some structures on the south side of the river and others on the north side? Why did the founders build residences where they did? Our Patron, Dr Jennifer Harrison, is presenting on this very subject at GSQ on Saturday, 14 March, 9.00am – 11.30am. Jennifer's presentation is focussed on convicts, but, let's face it, the convicts and their work very much helped to shape the face of Brisbane today. I encourage all GSQ members to come along to this presentation, even if your ancestors were not Queenslanders – you are one of those and really should be very aware of Brisbane's distant past. Bookings for this presentation can be made through the GSQ website (Events) [HERE](#).

By the time you receive this edition of eNews you should have also received Communique 4 from the GSQ/QFHS Amalgamation Committee. There are some questions in this Communique which the Committee would like responses for, to guide further deliberations. You will note that the search for premises goes on – at this stage we've been unable to secure premises through the State Government or Brisbane City Council, although we haven't given up on these two as sources for premises – more meetings have been arranged! A decision has been recently made that we may need to go to a commercial lease and we're seeking help from members of both societies to identify possible sites. The site should be located within 8 km of the City Centre – something with heritage significance would be great, but sites in industrial type areas would also be considered. We estimate that the amalgamated society would occupy 500 square metres – our current building at Wishart is approximately 200 square metres. If, while you're driving around Brisbane, you spot a possible building, I'd appreciate your contacting me at [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au).

I would like to thank all involved in the recent Open Day. It was, I believe, a great success – this success was due to the work of the many volunteers on the day. Thank you all! The photo depicts Corrine McMillan, MP, Member for Mansfield, assisting Bob Dean and Matt McCoy, at the Sausage Sizzle stand.

Helen Viewers, President GSQ.



### 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](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au).

## BRANCH NEWS

## SIG's

### 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.

Our next meeting will be on **Friday 6th March 2020**

### Redlands Branch

The next meeting of the Redland Genealogical Society will be held on **Wednesday, 11th March** at the Donald Simpson Centre, Bloomfield Street, Cleveland, commencing at 12.15pm.

The Guest Speaker at this meeting is to be Judy Lofthouse with a talk titled "DNA Basics".

\$2.00 admission with Lucky Door Prize. All welcome.

### Monday Morning Natters

February Natters is on **Monday 2nd March** 10am -12 noon

*What do you use for back up and storage? Do you use the cloud, paper, family history program, website?*

Enjoy a natter with like-minded people over a cuppa. Gold coin donation for morning tea appreciated.

### **RootsTech Returns to London in 2020, Opens Early Registration.**

FamilySearch is excited to announce that RootsTech will return to London in 2020. The three-day event will be held on 5-7 November 2020 at the ExCeL London Convention Centre. Learn more about RootsTech London 2020, or register at [RootsTech.org/London](https://RootsTech.org/London).

*"RootsTech London 2019 was a pilot test for us, and it was a tremendous experience," said Steve Rockwood, FamilySearch International CEO. "The event proved to be a great way to bring people from all around the world together to celebrate the joy of family discovery."*

Several GSQ members attended the event in 2019 & I'm sure would be happy to share their experience. Email [info@gsq.org.au](mailto:info@gsq.org.au) to get in contact with them.

### 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](mailto: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 next meeting is on **Sunday 12th April** at 10am.

### *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.

## Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The next meeting of the FTM User Group will be on **Sunday 8th March 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](mailto:lesmcfadzen@outlook.com) of your problem(s) will assist in setting the meeting Agenda.

## DNA Interest Group

Our 23rd February meeting was very well attended with five new members. We had three presentations - David Fairbairn speaking on "*Health in your DNA: Limits and Possibilities*" as well as Helen Smith on "*DNA Update*" and another titled "*Writing DNA Genealogical Results*".

We then broke into small groups, each having a Mentor on a topic that the members were interested in. This proves to be extremely beneficial and all members comment on how good it is to be able to talk almost one to one with a Mentor and come away with more knowledge and better understanding to help them with their own DNA solutions.

We finished up at 2pm, still with lots of talking going on as everyone was leaving.

Next meeting of our group is on **Sunday 15th March** from 9.30 - Noon sharp, when there will be two presentations - Ailsa with the Updates and another presentation we are working on at present but will advise via our Facebook Group.

Ailsa along with Judy will be chairing this meeting as Helen & Bobbie are both on the Unlock the Past Cruise.

## Writing Group

The next meeting for the Writing Group is scheduled for **Sunday 19th April 2020**. More details will be provided in the April eNews. Anyone wishing to be kept informed of Writing Group activities can be added to the group mailing list by contacting Pauline on [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com)

## English/Irish Interest Group

The next meeting of the English/Irish SIG will be on the first Sunday in April (**5th April**).

At this meeting we will continue looking at resources for research in two counties. The GSQ library will open at 10 o'clock and remain open until 2.30p.m. The meeting itself commences at 10.30a.m. All GSQ members are welcome to join us for interesting discussions about all things English, Irish and beyond.

A gold coin contribution is all that is requested, which is put towards the purchase of resources for the GSQ Resource Centre. See you there!

## 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.

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

## German Interest Group

The German Group had a table at the open day on the 22nd February unfortunately didn't have a heavy flow of traffic for enquiries but those who came with questions had them answered. A big thank you to our small team of Stella Brosing and Karen Hawkes.

Our next meeting is on **Sunday 29th March 2020** where Karen Hawkes will be presenting her research on the Schoedel Family who came out to Germany in 1877 at 10.30 am. Door open 10.00 a.m.

For more information or to contact the group, email GSQ at [info@gsq.org.au](mailto: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 occurred on 22 February and the Library Roster and to provide feedback on what we can do to improve our Open Day and other procedures.

The Get together will conclude with Afternoon Tea.

### **Call for Submissions to Registry of Birth, Deaths and Marriages for publication in its Historical BDM Bulletin.**

You may/may not be aware that GSQ has an Agreement with the Registry through which it supports our Open Days by a presence and providing images which we use in a number of ways.

GSQ has received a request from the Registry for stories, information, tips and tricks for publication in its next Bulletin. This is a great opportunity for GSQ members to contribute – stories with a Queensland flavour would, of course, be preferred.

Send all submissions to Helen Veivers at [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au).



### **Our Future**

Have you received the fourth communique about possible amalgamation of QFHS and GSQ? Copies are available [HERE](#) along with details of how to have your say.

The Communique outlines the ongoing activities of the Amalgamation Sub-Committee in finding a name for the amalgamated organisation, seeking suitable premises, and more information about the process of deciding whether to amalgamate.

Future communiques will continue providing regular updates on the discussions and investigations.

### **TAG (Technical Advisory Group) News**

During the GSQ Xmas Shut Down, all the computers that were running Windows 7 were upgraded to Windows 10, apart from Computer 5 which is required to run the old CDs.

We have been donated 7 computers from the *Magnus Business Advisers & Accountants* of which they have also been upgraded to Windows 10 and we are starting to replace some of the troublesome computers.

The reception desk computer has been completely replaced by a brand-new Lenovo computer and monitor and is up and running, thanks to the purchase from the Management Committee.

A successful Workshop was held on February 15th regarding "Using the GSQ Computers". This was to give members the opportunity to learn how to use the many programs we have on our computers, as well as the use of the many CDs held. Some of these indexes etc are not accessible on the web. TAGIt is planned another workshop like this for members will be run later in the year.

We now have an email address – [tag@gsq.org.au](mailto:tag@gsq.org.au)

If you find when using any of the computers at GSQ that you are having issues regarding the computer, keyboard, mouse or any of the programs not working. Could you please email us, along with details of which computer it is (each one has a letter on it), and what the problem was. This way we can attend to it as soon as possible.

Thank you, Ailsa Corlett



## 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 March and April. As usual, bookings will be made through the website. Click [HERE](#) to make a booking.

#### 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!! If you have paper everywhere, this is the session for you!

\$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!

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

#### April

##### **Parish Registers in England**

**Presenter: Annalies Nutley**

**Saturday 4 April (9:00 AM - 11:30 AM)**

An overview of parish registers in England, where to find them and what they can reveal.

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

##### **Publishing Your Family History**

**Presenters: Stephen May**

**Saturday 18 April (9:00 AM - 12:00 PM)**

This workshop will provide you with information about the publishing process and will outline a number of alternatives available to participants. The main speaker will be Publisher, Stephen May. Stephen is a Past President of the Australian Publishers' Association and will be supported by others who have published in various ways.

\$35 Members. \$50 Non-Members.

### Wednesday night @ GSQ

#### **Education of Outback Children in Queensland**

**Wednesday 25 March (7.00pm – 8.00pm)**

**Presenter: Col Sutcliffe**

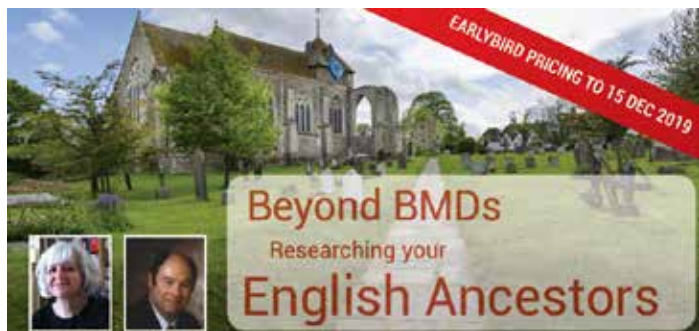
Gold Coin. Members only. If your ancestors grew up in Outback Queensland, this talk will expand your knowledge of education opportunities available to them.

#### **DNA drop in clinic**

**Wednesday 22 April (6:00 PM - 9:00 PM)**

Interested in DNA testing and want to know more about it before taking the plunge? Have you already done a DNA test and are unsure of what the results mean? Have a DNA problem? Come along to this DNA clinic session and let members of the DNA SIG help you with your questions.

For members only with a gold coin contribution.



### **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: Kedron-Wavell Services Club, 71 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside - **NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE**

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.

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**

**Early bird reduced price.**

**\$545 - 4 days pass (save \$150)**

**ends 31 August 2020.**

## Family History News

### Angie Bush talks DNA

**Easter Saturday 11th April (9.00am – 12.30pm)**

On behalf of the GSQ DNA Special Interest Group, GSQ is pleased to offer a very special session on DNA. Following her DNA speaking tour of New Zealand with Blaine Bettinger, Angie's only two presentations in Brisbane are sponsored by Ancestry ProGenealogists.

#### Session 1: Working with Your DNA Results

This presentation will discuss how best to evaluate, assess and organize your DNA test results and leverage them to find answers to genealogical research questions. This presentation will also discuss situations where DNA is not a "magic bullet" to solve all of your research questions.

#### Session 2: Presenting Research Results that Include DNA

Incorporating information learned from DNA test results into your genealogical research and presenting that to others can often seem daunting at first; however, by taking note of a few key principles and definitions, including information learned from DNA testing can be presented in an easy to understand way that further enhances your family story.

Seats are limited so book now to reserve your place for this very special event! More than half the tickets sold already!

Angie Bush, MS is the Region 1 Director for the National Genealogical Society, and the chair of the Genetic Genealogy Committee. Her day job is as a Genetic Genealogist Researcher with Ancestry ProGenealogists in Salt Lake City. Angie has been interested in her genealogy since she was very young. After college, she spent several years working in biotech while continuing to pursue her genealogy hobby. With the growing popularity and introduction of autosomal DNA testing in 2012, she decided to combine her two loves into one career. Although she spends a lot of time working on recent unknown parentage cases (adoptions, unknown fathers), her favorite type of research to do involves solving decades-old "brick-walls" using a combination of traditional records and genetic evidence. She is a popular speaker and presenter and enjoys attending conferences where she can connect with others who share her passion for genealogy.



Book through [Events](#) on GSQ website.

\$25.00 for GSQ and QFHS members \$40 non-members



### 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.

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

Library	Topic	When	Time	Phone #
Sunnybank Hills	Dating old photos and caring for them	Wednesday, 11 March 2020	10am-12noon	3407 0571
Chermside	Enhancing you family tree with Google	Wednesday 22 April 2020	1pm - 3pm	34037202
Garden City	Exploring Ancestry.com	Tuesday 28 April 2020	10am - 12noon	34037745