

# GSQ e-NEWS

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- Tuesday • 10am - 2pm
- Wednesday • Closed
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- Friday • 10am - 2pm
- Saturday • 12noon - 4pm
- Sunday • Interest Groups

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### From the President

July 2021

DNA Discovery Day on Saturday, 19 June was a great success and a very professional production. Many, many thanks to the Organising Team of Helen Smith, Bobbie Edes, Ailsa Corlett and Judy Lofthouse for all the work done beforehand in planning the day and on the day itself. Thanks are also due to Helen Connor who provided all the "art and design" work for the brochures and other necessary items. Thank you one and all!!

Bookings for GSQ's Parliament House Dinner on Tuesday evening, 27 July, are still coming in – there are plenty of vacancies available, so please consider being part of this evening. Remember this is being organised as an opportunity to enjoy a beautiful 3 Course meal at Parliament House and to contribute to GSQ's fundraising. The cost is \$60 per head. Bookings are to be made through the website.

You will recall that the Joining Fee of \$15.00 was temporarily removed from new memberships earlier this year, with this to end on 30 June 2021. At the latest Management Committee meeting a decision was made to remove the Joining Fee permanently.

2021's Annual General Meeting is planned for Saturday, 25 September at 10.00am at GSQ, providing COVID conditions at that time allow the meeting to occur at our premises.

A plea for Admin Assistants to assist at GSQ appeared in the June eNews. At this stage no offers have been received. Remember, you'll receive full training – the job would entail unlocking the building, welcoming researchers, answering the telephone and cleaning up afterwards. If we could find at least 4 people, we could begin opening up on Wednesdays for research. If Wednesday isn't a suitable day for you, then our Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis, is always searching for additional people to work as an Admin Assistant with our Research Assistants on Friday and Saturday. Contact Kim at [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au), if you'd like to contribute to your society in this way.

Helen Veivers  
President, GSQ Inc.

## OPEN DAY

### AUGUST OPEN DAY

An OPEN DAY is planned for **Saturday, 28 August** – 10.00am to 2.00pm. So mark the day in your calendar or diary and to support your Society, remember to invite your family, friends, acquaintances so they can get a taste of that addictive past-time known as family history (or if you want to get really fancy, genealogy). Our research assistants will be there to help out and our SIGS will be invited to set up displays. Like the April OPEN DAY, we are still required to maintain social distancing, so the only activity inside will be research. The SIGS will be set up in the carpark under marquees. We will have a sausage sizzle. Tea and coffee with light refreshments will be available.

Kim Davis, Volunteer Coordinator, [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au)



### **Do You Enjoy Researching? You Could Be a Research Assistant at Our Centre.**

Have you ever considered becoming a Research Assistant at GSQ, but have just not taken "the plunge" to do so. Because of COVID, the number of Research Assistants able to travel to GSQ to work in the role has diminished. Research Assisting can be a really fulfilling role – just think, it could be you who helps another member locate a vital piece of information – you can get almost as much "buzz" (maybe even more) than when you find something for yourself.

**What qualifications will you need?** You'll need to be able to operate a computer and to know something about Family History Research – you certainly don't need to be an expert at Family History Research!! You will be provided with initial training to ensure you're familiar with the resources available at GSQ, including what is available through our computers. Part of this training will be the pairing of you with an experienced researcher for as long as you need to feel comfortable in the role. Research Assistants are also required to arrive earlier to ensure that the Centre is ready for the researchers to arrive – this entails unlocking the premises, starting up the computers and putting on the urn. At the end of each "shift" COVID cleaning needs to be done – this isn't an extensive task – can be completed in 5 minutes once you know what is entailed.

There are also small administrative actions to look after as well. These involve answering the phone and checking for messages and attending to members requests to purchase goods (usually books), services (like education classes) and tending to new members and member renewals. Again, training will be provided for these activities.

Now could be the right time for you to step up – you decide whether you can do one session each month, (approximately 4.5 hours of your time) or once per week or whatever frequency suits you. Whatever amount of time you volunteer for, you'll gain far more than you give!! If interested please contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kim, at [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au)

### **Information from Management Committee Meeting on 21 June 2021**

- Refer a Friend Membership Drive to be instigated in July;
- AGM planned for Saturday, 25 September at 10.00am at GSQ;
- New Auditor to be appointed for 2021/2022. If you have a recommendation, contact [finance@gsq.org.au](mailto:finance@gsq.org.au);
- Military SIG has been re-instigated with Les McFadzen as convenor; should this be one of your interests, come along to the first meeting on Saturday, 24 July at GSQ at 10.00am;
- QFHS members will continue to be able to attend our education events at Members' rates, but will be unable to attend SIG meetings unless they join GSQ.

The Treasurer has issued the following Financial Year to Date information. This is the 31st May, 2021 position.

#### **May 2021 Year to Date:**

Revenue	\$ 104,782
Expenditure	\$ 66,183
Current Assets	\$ 90,189
Fixed Assets	\$233,304
Total Assets	\$323,304
Liabilities	\$ 22,401





### Admin Assistants Needed:

Have you been considering helping out at GSQ? This might be the opportunity you're looking for!!

On Fridays and Saturdays, it is often difficult to find 2 Research Assistants able to be listed on the Roster. A decision has been made that we could have 1 Research Assistant and an Admin Assistant on these days, although there may be occasions when an Admin Assistant is the only person on the roster. What would the Admin Assistant do? You would open up the building, fill and power up the Urn, turn on the AC (if needed) and ensure that members/visitors checked in using the "CheckIn Qld" App. You would also:

- Check for phone messages and take the appropriate action;
- Answer phone calls;
- Take payments from those wishing to pay for an Event/ Membership;
- Attend to any other Admin tasks.

The good thing is that you should be able to do some of your own research!

At the end of the session, you'd assist with the COVID Cleaning – this takes no more than 5 minutes to do - and assist the Research Assistant with securing the premises.

If enough people are interested in the role, it may allow the Management Committee to open GSQ on Wednesdays. So, if Fridays and/or Saturdays do not suit you, but Wednesdays do, please let us know!!

Full Training will be provided.

If this role interests you, contact Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis on [volunteer@gsq.org.au](mailto:volunteer@gsq.org.au) for further information.

*Join GSQ & enjoy a 3 course Dinner in the Strangers Dining Room at Parliament House.*

*When: Tuesday 27 July 2021*

*Cost: \$60 per head*

*Limit of 68 people*

This is a fundraising event for GSQ so bring along your friends and/or family members.

[Click here to buy a ticket](#)



### Book of the Month for July

**Right man, Right Place, Worst Time – Betty H Lee**  
Available from the GSQ bookshop

Commander Eric Feldt OBE was instrumental in changing the complexion of the War in the Pacific and securing the safety of Australia. Events in his life had ensured that he was the only Australian equipped to instigate and lead the unique team of exceptional heroes who were the Coastwatchers. This is the story of his life and of a most significant part of Australia's history.

Regular Price \$33 inc GST

Special Price \$26.40 inc GST until 31 July.



## GSQ Notices

**Did you know that GSQ has an active & informative Facebook page?**



Are you missing our Saturday morning presentations? The solution maybe in following our Facebook Page more regularly; it is a public page, so you don't even have to be logged in to view it - it's as easy as typing GSQ Facebook into Google! If you like to log in, then Save our GSQ Facebook Page to the left menu under the Groups that you have listed there, it's then just a matter of clicking on the name to see what the current news is. Remember, within Facebook itself, our full name is *Genealogical Society of Queensland - GSQ*.

The GSQ Facebook Co-ordinators are now able to post Events and within that notice there is a 'Find Tickets' link which takes you direct to the Event booking page on GSQ's website. As well as our presentations and seminars we also have links to various genealogy and family history articles/sites as they are published. Additionally, there a Twitter account broadcasting our events regularly.

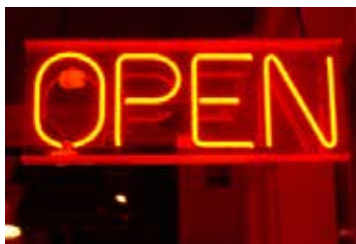
<https://www.facebook.com/Genealogical-Society-of-Queensland-GSQ-549868918395626/>



Are you following our GSQ Blogs? They are published each week on our GSQ webpage <https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/> and also on our GSQ Public Facebook page. You don't have to be a member or sign on to view our public Facebook page, and our bloggers always turn up with interesting and informative short stories.

In the past month we've had Bobbie Edes writing about precious items and how they evoke precious memories. I'm sure many of our members have something they're now in possession of which reminds them of a special person in their life, who is no longer with them. Next story was also along this theme, it was by Pauleen Cass and titled 'How do you decide?'. Read how this is a quandry indeed as some of us get to the golden years. We find a need to de-clutter and in that process need to do some serious thinking on these difficult decisions.

On a slightly different path, but basically still connected with the theme is Robyn Dean's story 'What about you?'. This is urging all of us to do something to tell our own story, sometimes we're so involved with finding those distant ancestors that we forget that one day, our descendants may be interested in finding out more about us. It's never too late to begin your own story, try with just a short bit about your childhood to begin with and then a little later add about your adolescent years and so on. The following week our GSQ Guest Blogger was Mia Bennett from the Society of Genealogists (UK) explaining how the long awaited 1921 census may help out her puzzle and, I am guessing, likewise for many of our readers. The final story for June was by regular blogger, Sue Bell, honouring her Great Aunt Lulie Ubania Medosa Bell who sadly only lived for ten months.



### Opening Hours at GSQ

GSQ is open for research on the following days and for the times listed. At this stage we're required to adhere to COVID 19 Guidelines, so the number of people able to attend is still limited.

At the moment there are only 11 computers available but you may bring your own laptop/iPad and log into GSQ's WiFi and access the databses.

Please book your spot with Secretary, Claire Rodwell by emailing [secretary@gsq.org.au](mailto:secretary@gsq.org.au).

Tuesday	10.00am – 2.00pm
Thursday	10.00am – 2.00pm
Friday	10.00am – 2.00pm
Saturday	12.00pm – 4.00pm



GSQ regularly sends emails to all members using Mailchimp. We recommend that you add the email addresses [info@gsq.org.au](mailto:info@gsq.org.au) and [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au) to your email contacts list so that our emails do not land in your junk mail box:

Webinars



**Special Interest Groups – otherwise known as SIGs**

GSQ is fortunate enough to have a number of very good Special Interest Groups. One of the “perks” of GSQ membership is the ability to attend these Special Interest Groups meetings. By doing so, members are able to discover in depth information about a particular area of genealogy, to speak with others who may be able to help them learn more about a particular topic and, generally, get to know more members of the Society. It adds another dimension to GSQ membership!

Currently, we have the following SIGs – Convict Connections, DNA, English/Irish, Family Tree Maker, German, Legacy User, Military, Scandinavian, Scottish and Writing. Monday Morning Natters, always held on the first Monday of the month, is a different type of SIG. In addition some new Groups have been formed to facilitate learning and “getting together” during COVID – these include Monday, Wednesday and Thursday Zoom sessions. Each SIG has a convenor whose task it is to organise meetings and publish details of meeting dates and special topics etc. Those attending SIG meetings contribute a gold coin and collectively, the money raised is used by the SIG to purchase resources for that particular area of family history research.

Details of meetings dates and times are on GSQ’s website and in eNews. Non members are able to attend 2 meetings of a particular SIG. However, should they wish to continue to attend the SIG meetings, they must become a member of the Society.



**Legacy Family Tree Webinars**

**FREE Family History Webinars from Legacy Family Tree**

**What is the cost:** There is no charge to register and view the live webinar. **However**, the recording is 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 July offerings:**

- July 6 - *Death is not the end - litigation remains: Exploring Australian wills and probate* by Cathie Sherwood
- July 7 - *Grandpa's Eyes and Grandma's Hair: Tracing the Origin of Physical Traits with Genetic Genealogy* by Paul Woodbury
- July 14 - *Comparing Jewish Resources on the Giant Genealogy Websites* by Ellen Kowitt, Sunny Morton
- July 16 - *Using Irish newspapers and other printed material* by Natalie Bodle
- July 20 - *The Time of Cholera: A Case Study about Historical Context* by Alison Hare, CG
- July 21 - *That Scoundrel George* by Judy G. Russell, JD, CG, CGL

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

*GSQ in your local BCC Library*

GSQ presents topics at your local Brisbane City Council Libraries These presentations are free but you need to book at the library. The Council pays GSQ a fee for presentations so tell you friends about them as Council monitors the popularity of the presentations and decides how many will be offered. Talks are free but booking is essential.

<b>Library</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Booking</b>
EBulimba	<i>Finding Grandma: tracing your female line</i>	Saturday July 24 2021	10am to 12noon	3407 8223
Mitchelton	<i>Choosing a family tree program</i>	Saturday August 28 2021	1pm to 3pm	3403 7410
Nundah	<i>Australian Military Records</i>	Saturday September 18 2021	10am to 12 noon	3407 8701

***Subject to the restrictions regarding the Covid-19 situation, some interest groups will be holding their meetings at GSQ. There is a limit of 20 people attending the groups. Some groups are conducting virtual meetings through the use of the Zoom platform.***

## Family Tree Maker Users' Group

The next meeting of the FTM User Group will be on **Sunday 11 July 2021** at 10.30am. The library will be open from approximately 9.00 am. The July meeting is subject to no Coronavirus changes. 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 introduce FTM to new users and explore any changes in the 2019 version. We will also review the various Facebook sites available that can offer help to FTM users and look at the FTM 2019 Companion Guide available in the drop-down menu under the Help section.

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.

## Writing Group

Yet another interesting Writing Group meeting was conducted via Zoom on 20 June. This time we looked at family traditions and once again the stories were varied in scope and style. Writing these short pieces is a terrific way of enhancing your writing as you focus on the core part of the story. A significant part of the meeting focussed on our plans for 2022 and we have some exciting projects in mind. An updated statement about the Writing Group appeared in the June issue of Generation, and this has been further revised for publication on GSQs website.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Sunday 15 August** and details will be included in the August eNews and emailed to all members of the Writing Group membership list. Contact Pauline on [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com) if you would like to join the group.

## German Interest Group

The next German group meeting will be held at GSQ on **Sunday 25 July 2021**. Doors open 10.00 a.m. and talk will commence at 10.15 am.

## English/Irish Interest Group

The Irish/English group had a lovely "wee" get together on the 6th June. We explored some ancient Irish/English history and why it is that Ireland remained so different, culturally, from England. We looked at the ancient buildings which dot the Irish landscape and the culture of the Gaels and the druids which engendered Ireland with an air of mystery, music, dance and folklore, as England became more cultured. We looked at the influence of Saint Patrick and how Ireland became the centre of Christian education and enlightenment. Researching this gave me a great insight into my own "Irishness" and that of our Irish ancestors and to some extent explained the roots of the wars in Ireland.

We then shared news of our own research and break throughs made. Members of the group gave details on new resources, discoveries and strategies they had used in their research. It was lovely to meet and welcome Lisa!

In our next session we will look at Henry VIII and the church reformation moving up to the 1916 Rebellion. How did this impact on your Irish and English ancestors? Please come along and join us; we would welcome your input!

**Next meeting Sunday 1 August** at Stackpole Street!  
Regards, Lorraine Adey - [Ladey100@gmail.com](mailto:Ladey100@gmail.com)

## Legacy Users' Group

Bob Thompson will act as interim coordinator but long term we are still looking for a coordinator for this group.

The next meeting of the group is **Sunday 11 July** from 1:00pm to 2:30pm.

We are looking for a new coordinator who will:

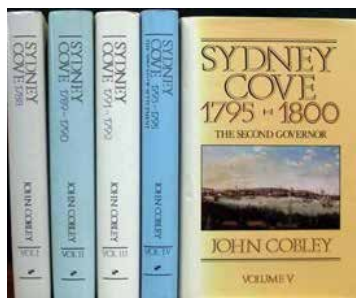
1. email the group members to remind them of the meeting
2. open and close GSQ for the meeting every 2 months
3. lead the discussion about Legacy. This is a self help group so you do not have to have expertise in using Legacy but it will help if you are actively using Legacy.

If you are interested or need further information please contact Judy Lofthouse on [presentations@gsq.org.au](mailto:presentations@gsq.org.au)



## SIG Notices

## Convict Connections Group



Convict Connections has purchased for GSQ the Index to the rare John Cobley series of books. Historian Beth Taylor has released this index which includes not just convicts, but also soldiers, sailors, free settlers. Wives and children have not been forgotten! Ships

and place names are also to be found.

You may have seen these books on the shelf at various libraries, but not had the time to sit and read them. Finding a familiar name in the Index however may draw you back to the series.

The author, John Cobley (1914-1989), was a well-recognised New South Wales historian. He was also a physician. As an avid reader he had built up a large collection of books on a wide range of subjects. It was while he was a member of both the Royal Australian Historical Society and the Society of Australian Genealogists, that he saw a need for publishing accounts of the very early years of the colony. His series of books were written between 1962 and 1986!

Beth Taylor's Index covers the following books -

*The Crimes of the First Fleet Convicts*

*The Crimes of the Lady Juliana Convicts*

*Sydney Cove 1788, Vol I [The First Year of Settlement]*

*Sydney Cove 1789-90, Vol II*

*Sydney Cove 1791-92, Vol III*

*Sydney Cove 1793-95, Vol IV [The Spread of Settlement]*

*Sydney Cove 1796-1800, Vol V [The Second Governor]*

**Please note** that our next meeting – **Sunday 8 August** – will be in the form of an excursion to the Queensland State Library. We will be congregating at 10:00 at the coffee shop/book shop opposite the entrance.

## Monday Morning Natters

Monday Morning Natters is on **Monday July 5** we will have a Zoom Meeting 10am to 12noon

**Topic for June: Let's look at the history of your ancestor's area. What can you find out about the area?**

## DNA Interest Group

The recent GSQ 2021 DNA Discovery Day was a roaring success with six speakers tackling different aspects of DNA. All presenters received great feedback on the Questionnaire from participants following the event. We had some interstate folk but primarily Queensland residents login to the day. This Seminar was a boost to GSQ finances so we wish to thank all for attending and the DNA Discovery Day organising committee for a professionally presented event - well done to the team.

Our next GSQ DNA Special Interest Group meeting will be held on **Sunday 18 July** from 9:30am via Zoom. If you'd like to attend please email [dna@gsq.org.au](mailto:dna@gsq.org.au) and request the invitation link which usually goes out a few days before the meeting. The following meeting will be on **Sunday 22 August** at 9:30am via Zoom with our next **GSQ DNA Clinic** held on the Wednesday evening after that (**25 August**) via Zoom or GoToMeeting. If you are a GSQ member and would like to discuss a DNA problem with one of our DNA Team on this evening, then please email details of the problem to [dna@gsq.org.au](mailto:dna@gsq.org.au) and Bobbie will allocate an appropriate team member. This person will contact you direct, to advise of the time between 7 - 8:30pm that is convenient to both.

## Military Group

The next meeting of the Military Interest Group will take place on **Saturday 24 July 2021** at 10.30 am. The library will be open from approximately 9.00 am. The July meeting is subject to no Coronavirus changes.

A projector & screen will be in use for AWM, NAA, DVA & CWGC research.

The Military Interest Group is a networking group that can help members discover information about military records. The group is interested in all conflicts in all eras. It does not matter if it is Army, Navy or Air Force. If you have a military ancestor and you have some questions regarding the conflict or units they may have served in or questions about the person themselves, come along and ask your question of like-minded researchers.

Les McFadzen [Convenor Military Interest Group] contact Les on [militarygroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:militarygroup@gsq.org.au)

## Scandinavian Interest Group

Our next meeting is **Sunday 18 July** at GSQ, but I have some news for you.

Last Sunday the Swedish Club celebrated midsummer at Oakleigh State School. Around 200 people danced around the Maypole, and I joined the band and singers for lots of Swedish songs. .

If you would not like to receive any more emails of interest for Scandinavian Group of GSQ, please reply with the title "Unsubscribe Scandinavian Group". Steinar can be contacted on [scangroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:scangroup@gsq.org.au)

This could be of interest for you - the Scandinavian Film Festival will be screening from 15 July to 4 August at Palace Barracks and Palace James Street and tickets are now on sale.

Program and information - [https://scandinavianfilmfestival.com/?m\\_utk=4deda880bf1a190ed20ce655438b2d2a](https://scandinavianfilmfestival.com/?m_utk=4deda880bf1a190ed20ce655438b2d2a)

## Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting will be on **Sunday 4 July** at GSQ..

The schedule for our talks this year was decided at the meeting, and it is as follows:

- **4 July** **Dumfries (Mike Boyd)**
- 5 September Orkney (Russell Fraser)
- 7 November Argyll (Ian Miller)

Thanks to those members who have generously agreed to speak at our meetings this year.

Meetings start at 10:00 am, with the centre open by 9:30 am. All members are welcome, and the centre remains open after the meeting for research. We follow the GSQ COVID-Safe Plan to ensure everyone's safety at our meetings.

### Technical Advisory Group (TAG) Report



GSQ needed to require a new NAS (Network Attached Storage) urgently. The NAS is a vital part of our Networking system in at GSQ. Via the NAS we hold all the indexes that you can access on the GSQ Computers, which also includes accessing FindmyPast, Ancestry and FamilySearch. Everything works together.

This has now been installed and we have ensured that we have plenty of storage space for future projects to be accessed this way.

The hard drives are Red Wolf Pro with 5 years guarantee each.

We are working with a number of members of GSQ in relation to seeing what other indexes we have that can be placed on the GSQ WebSite as well as the GSQ Computers. This is a work in progress and takes time to establish especially a good searching engine to use.



### Looking for new premises for GSQ Property Specifications

- **Area** – Options ranging from 200 sqm to 250 sqm
- **Building Grade** – A, B or C to meet current DDA / Accessible Requirements
- **Use** – Office
- **Locations** – CBD and immediate fringe within 12km GPO (south of the river)
- **Lease Commencement** – Q4 2021
- **Term** - 5 years + 5 years Option - 3 X 3 years
- **Configuration** – Preference is for fitted options, however fully refurbished options will be considered.

The fit out should comprise of the following:

- Open area suitable for subdividing
  - Kitchen area,
  - Exclusive toilet area (disability facilities preferred)
- **Car parking** – Please provide details on the number of allocated spaces
  - **Public Transport** – Close proximity / walking distance to buses / train station and cafes / local amenities.

Should members find suitable premises please get in touch with the President, Helen Veivers on [president@gsq.org.au](mailto:president@gsq.org.au)



## GSQ ZOOM Meetings

**Research Support and Chat for GSQ Members Only****Put it in your Diaries****Monday 11am - 1pm – Weekly except 1st Monday****Thursday 11am - 1pm Weekly**

There are now two ZOOM Meetings a week, - Monday (except the 1st Monday of the month) and Thursday both at 11am – 1pm They are hosted by Ailsa Corlett and Helen Connor.

Many GSQ members are joining in when they can and enjoying the chats about their ancestors, resources available, and ideas gathered from everyone on just how to move forward to break down those brick walls.

Not all meetings are based on this format, as at times we also have some specific topics that we cover, eg. *Using Trove, the BDM records, Archives, Ancestry and FindMyPast etc etc.*

We all like it when everyone can share their screen to show off that special photo, or ideas on how they do something within a program. This way everyone learns or sees that special photo.

We all gained so much last year in not only knowledge and information about where to go and what to do on various web sites, but we also made many friends whom we had not known previously. So, it was decided that regardless of what was happening with Covid19, we were going to continue the Zoom meetings this year as well. Check the Events Calendar, every Monday (except the 1st Monday of the month) and Thursday at 11am.

Everyone is welcome to join in, but you must send your name and email to Ailsa Corlett, so that we can then send you the link to join in. Email: [tag@gsq.org.au](mailto:tag@gsq.org.au)

**Research Support and Chat for GSQ Members Only****Put it in your Diaries****1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month starting at 11am**

Anyone can join the Wednesday morning Zoom sessions by emailing Bobbie Edes, the Convenor on [facebook@gsq.org.au](mailto:facebook@gsq.org.au). It's a small friendly group and gives all the opportunity to learn new sites and ways of researching within smaller rooms so everyone has a chance to participate and have their say.

Pauline Williams, our Co-convenor, convened the Zoom meeting on 2 June. As it was a Topic meeting, there was a presentation on how the GSQ catalogue works, including Chapman codes, classification system, etc. This was followed by a 10-minute exercise to use a place of relevance to their research and search the GSQ catalogue, then review the list to see if there was anything they had never noticed or looked at previously. Participants agreed that the presentation helped them understand our fabulous library a lot better and how to search for items within it.

During our last Brick Wall meeting we initially did a 'round-robin' to gauge what the Zoom group members enjoyed and what they would like it to focus on in the future. The group overwhelmingly endorsed its current format of a Topic discussed on the 1st Wednesday of each month, and a Brick Wall problem tackled on the 3rd Wednesday.

**Wednesday Nights at GSQ via Zoom****7 - 9 pm - 2nd & 4th Wednesday**

**Second Wednesday** of the month night Zoom with Judy Lofthouse - **July 14** Get your friends to come along. Remember that the 2nd Wednesday nights of a month are free for all to join as long as you apply to get the link. Just send an email to [presentations@gsq.org.au](mailto:presentations@gsq.org.au) before the day so you can be sent the link. We have discussions about family history related topics and you can ask for help with your family history problems.

The **4th Wednesday** of the month @ 7pm is when Ailsa Corlett hosts a Zoom meeting introducing a Guest Speaker talking on specific topics. On **Wednesday 28 July**, *Lisa Jones, Curator of the Queensland Police Museum will discuss the Museum and its contents.* If you have a past member of the Queensland Police Force in your family, you will find Lisa's talk interesting – even if you have no Police in your family, learning about various incidents in Queensland involving Police can provide that essential background information for placing your family members in context..

These meetings are open to anyone to join in, email Ailsa at [tag@gsq.org.au](mailto:tag@gsq.org.au) to obtain the link.

## Upcoming GSQ Education Events



**Explaining Irish Land Records**  
**July 3 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**Virtually via ZOOM**  
**Presenter: Bobbie Edes**

Join Bobbie Edes as she introduces Irish land records, from the Freeholders through to the Tithes to Griffiths Valuation and onto the 'Valuation Revision Lists' aka the 'Cancelled and Current Land Books' in the Republic. The presentation will also cover linking these to your farming ancestors' census records of 1901 and 1911 and briefly look at Deeds, Estate, and other related records. Hopefully, these records will help you in your endeavours to find exactly where your ancestors lived and how to get maximum results in your searches

[BOOK HERE.](#)

**Exploring English Parish Registers**  
**July 31 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**Hands on at GSQ**  
**Presenter: Annalies Nuttley**

A look into parish registers in England, including what they are, what they can tell us and an overview of where to find original images. In particular, you will learn the importance of seeking out the original document pertaining to your ancestor in order to avoid costly assumptions. [BOOK HERE](#)



**Using GSQ Computers**  
**July 10 @ 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM**  
**Hands-on @GSQ**  
**Presenter: Ailsa Corlett**

As part of your membership, GSQ offers you access to Ancestry, FindmyPast, Roots Ireland, FamilySearch (of which we are an Affiliated Library – meaning you have full access to all the digitized films on their site) etc etc on its computers.

This workshop will show you how to get the best results from these records, enabling you to find out more about your great Uncle Joe, apart from just his birth, death and marriage dates, so that you can fill in those important life details – do you know if he owned a grocery store in Greater London, if he went bankrupt, or was he in court to pay fines for not paying maintenance for a child.? Do you know how to find a burial record giving you all the names of his family members etc etc

[BOOK HERE.](#)



**Gold Seekers on the Victorian Goldfields**  
**August 7 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM**  
**Virtually via ZOOM**  
**Presenter: Dr Dorothy Wickham**

*Part One* discusses what life was like. *Part Two* will pursue some of the different characters, including freemasons, goldfields women from very early diggings life to those feisty femmes who were at Eureka in 1854, and other folk who settled and made good. [BOOK HERE](#)

## Family History News



The Federation of Family History Societies promotes interest in researching family history and encourages membership of member societies.

The Federation website has a number of free resources, links to societies, surname interests and a shop. The website is certainly worth a look if you have UK ancestors. GSQ receives the Federation's *Really Useful Bulletin* and conducts the *Really Useful Family History Show* the next being in November 2021.

<https://www.familyhistoryfederation.com/>



### **Scottish Indexes Conference**

**Saturday 10 July-Sunday 11 July 2021 from 4:00pm AEST**

Learn how to trace your Scottish family history. The 11th Scottish Indexes Conference will be held on 10 July 2021. This 'timezone friendly' event is **free to watch** on Zoom and Facebook.

The 16 hour conference (7am to 11 pm BST) hosted by genealogists Graham and Emma Maxwell will include:

- 'Merchant and Trades House Records' by Dr. Irene O'Brien
- 'Tracing Scottish Women' by Kirsty Wilkinson
- 'Tracing Scottish Ancestors Before 1855' by Alison Spring
- 'Overcoming Brickwalls: Case Studies' by Emma Maxwell

A full list of presentations and AEST schedules can be found on [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com).

The Q&A sessions are always a highlight of a Scottish Indexes Conference. These are an opportunity for the attendees to ask questions and receive help from our panel of experts.

Emma Maxwell, genealogist and co-founder of [scottishindexes.com](http://scottishindexes.com) says, "By hosting a 16-hour marathon event we're able to engage with people the world over."

Registration is free on Zoom and Facebook. Follow the directions on [www.scottishindexes.com](http://www.scottishindexes.com).

Scottish Indexes is run by husband and wife team Graham and Emma Maxwell, both experienced Scottish genealogists. As well as helping clients with their family history, Graham and Emma also index historical Scottish records and make them available for free on their website.

### **FREE – Hints and Tips on using TheGenealogist with Keith Gregson**

Keith describes through his love of history and technophobia how *TheGenealogist* website can be used to research your family history.

Watch this free webinar to discover tips on using *TheGenealogist* at GSQ or from home during COVID-19.

