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From the President

It's certainly been a busy start to 2021 GSQ is buzzing on the days we're open for research – there's hardly a spare car space in the parking area! Everybody is just loving using our new computers. If you haven't yet visited our premises so far this year, I'd certainly recommend it – remember, at this stage, you still need to book to attend by emailing Claire Rodwell at secretary@gsq.org.au . We can now have 11 computers operating and additional people working in the Kitchen area on their Laptops.

At the General meeting on 30 January it was explained that whether GSQ amalgamates with QFHS or not, GSQ will need to move from Wishart. Our new lease expires on 31 December 2021. While the premises at Wishart is almost ideal for us, the Lease has become too expensive for the longterm survival of GSQ - this, of course, is one of the reasons for wishing to amalgamate. This year GSQ will pay almost \$48 000 in rent for the Wishart premises – rents like this are not sustainable! So, we need new premises – for either the amalgamated society or for GSQ! At the January General meeting it was requested that we advise all members of the criteria for premises and ask that you become "spotters" on behalf of GSQ. We need:

- Building of 175 – 350 square metres;
- Onsite parking for several cars or good on-street parking;
- Accessibility to public transport;
- Accessibility for those with Mobility Issues;
- Above flood level;
- Within 15km of CBD.

Should you locate a space which you consider suitable, please contact president@gsq.org.au .

An Open Day is planned for Saturday 17 April – 10.00am – 3.00pm. Mark this date in your Diary and invite family and friends who may be interested in family history to come along on this day. Our Research Assistants will be there to help out and SIGs have been invited to set up Displays. To maintain social distancing the only activity inside will be research, with SIGs set up in the carpark area. Remember the \$15. 00 Joining Fee has been removed until 30 June, so that those joining will pay \$70.00. This is a great deal!!

Helen Veivers
President

OPEN

Monday • Closed

Tuesday • 10am - 2pm

Wednesday • Closed

Thursday • 10am - 2pm

Friday • 10am - 2pm

Saturday • 12noon - 4pm

Sunday • Interest Groups

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OPEN DAY

Saturday 17 April, 10.00am – 3.00pm

SIGs with Displays — Sausage Sizzle — Café — Research Facilities available.

Come along and support Your Society.



Snippets from 15 February 2021 Management Committee Meeting

- Dates for future Members' Amalgamation Discussion meetings determined: 18 March (7.00pm via Zoom), 12 April (7.00pm via Zoom), 22 May (Hybrid - Zoom and Face to Face);
- Minutes of 30 January General Meeting placed in MYGSQ on website;
- Post COVID Opening Hours to remain at Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 10.00am – 2.00pm, Saturday (12.00pm – 4.00pm);
- *The Genealogist* Subscription to be renewed; *Roots Ireland* Subscriptions to be reduced to 2 seats (from 3);
- Monthly Finance Update – as at 31 January 2021

January 2021	Year to Date
Revenue	\$ 82,179 (includes Grant Funding)
Expenditure	\$ 42,215
Assets	\$356,994
Liabilities	\$ 51,712

Amnesty on \$15.00 Joining Fee



GSQ NEEDS NEW MEMBERS: At a recent Management Committee Meeting a decision was made to place an Amnesty on the \$15.00 Joining Fee from 1 February 2021 through to 30 June 2021. This means that all new members will now pay \$70.00 only for membership.

Tell your friends and relatives about it and encourage them to join GSQ. \$70 is great value when one considers that members have access to Ancestry, Find My Past, The Genealogist, Biographical Database of Australia, British Newspaper Archives, and Roots Ireland to name a few. (Some of these, of course, are available for use at home at present by GSQ members through MyGSQ while COVID continues.)

As well, of course, there's the opportunity to join one of the Special Interest Groups and participate in special Zoom Sessions where so much learning is available.

New Year! New Price! New Computers! New Opportunities!



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 databases.

Please book your spot with Secretary, Claire Rodwell by emailing secretary@gsq.org.au.

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

OPEN DAY

OPEN DAYS for 2021

COVID permitting, there will be 2 OPEN Days in 2021
– **Saturday, 17 April and Saturday, 28 August.**

Mark your diaries and tell friends and relations who may be interested in finding out more about Family History.

GSQ Notices

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



Apologies to all for the confusion regarding the price structure of the Events published since the 'New Look' Facebook came into being. Unfortunately there is a hiccup in the original setting-up of our Facebook Page which is beyond my control and the only way to load Virtual events has been to show them as 'Free' with the event advertising clearly stating the prices and showing a link to our Event booking page. In light of the confusion this has caused I will be posting all future GSQ Presentations as normal posts, albeit with exactly the same details but not showing under the 'Events' heading.

We are fortunate that at this point, our Facebook page is still up and running (fingers crossed), but sadly many of our contemporary groups have been caught up in the Facebook News shutdown. I have been continuing to feature many links to various new articles both Australian & overseas on an almost daily basis. The sites are very varied and hold a treasure trove of information from the SLQ's Flickr collection, to recent releases on FindMyPast to various treasures revealed by different UK County family history societies. If you 'Like' our page (link below) you should get our postings, but what I've found is that the more you look at the links within our page, the more they will feature prominently in your personal page.

Note that you don't have to be a Facebook member to view the page, but you will have to login if you wish to get the post automatically each time they are published. Please have a look and see what you can find!

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



Our 2021 GSQ Blogs have many of our talented Bloggers returning and already there are some great stories either published or waiting in Wordpress for their publication day.

The February stories have covered many varied subjects with one being the family history of our blogger where Marg Doherty encouraged us to look beyond a photograph of an ancestor to see if the image conveyed the true character of the person. Another blog explained to us some great resources - this was by Annalies Nutley in her blog published on 8 February titled 'Researching a Marine Seaman'. Bev Murray's story explaining her register of precious heirlooms was something we should all think about and ending off our February collection is GeniAus Jill Ball, with a blog sure to interest all our book lovers out there, titled 'Browse, Buy or Borrow'. This great article sets out clearly the benefits of each, how & where to maintain a list of your precious collection & much more.

I encourage readers to check the blogs out. They are published each Monday on our GSQ Website and also in our GSQ Facebook page, usually on the publishing date. We love to see your comments on the GSQ Blog page itself, which may help our GSQ blog rating in the Google search overall.

<https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/>



The Virtual FHF REALLY USEFUL Family History Show Saturday 10th April 2021

The first speakers have now been announced and topics include DNA, Irish Wills and African-Caribbean Ancestry to name only a few.

Please view www.fhf-reallyuseful.com for current details

Many exhibitors will be there on the day to answer any questions you may have.

Tickets—£10

SO DON'T DELAY BOOK NOW



GSQ Notices



Vacant Positions at GSQ

Currently, there are a number of vacant positions at GSQ. Please consider taking on one of these positions to help make your society even better. If interested, please contact either President, Helen Veivers (president@gsq.org.au) or Secretary, Claire Rodwell (secretary@gsq.org.au)

The positions are as follows:

Education Coordinator: You will be responsible for organising and running GSQ's education program. This requires coordination with Presenters, accessing bookings on the website and ensuring that everything is ready for a presentation, whether it be virtual or face-to-face and preparing monthly reports for the Management Committee. Planning for the actual Education program for 2021 is well underway.

Marketing Officer: This is a really important role. GSQ hasn't had a Marketing Officer for some time. Post COVID it will be imperative that we advertise what GSQ does – and does very well! This role would involve liaising with various forms of media (print, radio) etc to ensure that the people of Brisbane (and further abroad) are aware of what GSQ is all about. The Marketing Officer would also liaise with our Facebook Coordinator to ensure that the GSQ message was consistently advertised.

Bookshop Coordinator: This role is multi-faceted. It would involve controlling the purchasing of books to sell in GSQ's Bookshop, ensuring the Bookshop section on the website is up to date and advertising in eNews and in other media the items available in the Bookshop.



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 March/April offerings:

- 2 March - *British Genealogy Online: The Top English & Welsh Family History Websites* by Rick Crume
- 9 March - *Using different family tree views for your research* by MyHeritage Webinars, Uri Gonen
- 10 March - *Researching Ancestral Locations in Prussian Genealogy Records* by Nancy E. Loe, MA, MLS
- 16 March - *Reporting on Research: Standards Encourage Better Communication* by Nancy A. Peters, CG, CGL
- 17 March - *FamilySearch.org - 10 Links You Have to Try* by Devin Ashby
- 31 March - *Fifty Overlooked Genealogical Resources in Fifty Minutes* by Diane L. Richard

April

- 6 April - *Four More Sources for New Zealand Family History* by Fiona Brooker
- 7 April - *DNA for Dog Lovers* by Shellee Morehead, PhD, CG
- 20 April - *Turning Raw Information into Evidence: Tips for Drawing and Explaining Conclusions* by J. H. (Jay) Fonkert, CGT

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

GSQ in your local BCC library

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

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 14 March 2021 at 10.30 am**. The library will be open from approximately 9.00 am. The January meeting was cancelled due to the Coronavirus restrictions in force that weekend. The March meeting is subject to Covid-19 not causing any further problems?

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 any changes in the 2019 version. We will also review the various Facebook sites available that can 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.

Writing Group

The next meeting of the Writing Group for 2021 will be held via Zoom on **Sunday 18 April 2021, 10am to 12 noon**.

Further information will be in April eNews..

Looking forward to catching up with you in due course. Do not hesitate to contact me on pstirland@hotmail.com if you have any queries.

English/Irish Interest Group

Top of the morning Irish/English Group time for an Easter Egg hunt. Join us **Easter Sunday, 4th April 2021**. Please RSVP to Lorraine Adey by (not joking) 1 April. ladey100@gmail.com

We will be following up on Mary Egan (our Irish orphan?), looking at tracing Kate Brien to Australia and back, Maris will share her DNA progress, Julie will give us a brief drill on Parish records and Kim will give us an overview of GEDMatch. We will discuss an Ulster (9 counties) project underway. Please bring along any other information or questions and join our fun group.

The GSQ Research Centre will open at 9.30am and the meeting will start at 10.30am. Following the meeting the library will remain open until 2 o'clock for individual research. Bring a mug (tea 50cents) and a gold coin contribution to cover costs.

All GSQ members are most welcome to attend. If you would like to be added to the group mailing list please email Lorraine: ladey100@gmail.com.

Legacy Users' Group

The next meeting is on **Sunday March 14** 1pm-2:30pm at GSQ. 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

German Interest Group

Our German group meeting will be held at the GSQ on **Sunday 28 March 2021**. Please come along with your questions on German Research. At the last meeting of the german group one of the dedicated members of the group had great results for her family. It does pay to go check out sites previously researched.

Doors open at 10.00 and will close at about 1.30 p.m.

The meeting will start approx. 10:15 am and Sue Burgess will be our presenter.

Convict Connections Group

The next meeting will be **Sunday 11 April**. For general discussion we will be looking at the wreck of the ship *Sirius* off Norfolk Island in 1790 and the repercussions its loss had for the colony of New South Wales and those on Norfolk Island.

There will be plenty of time before and after the discussion for questions regarding your convict/colonial ancestors and for conducting research. Join us from 9am.

Scottish Interest Group

Our early January meeting was our Hogmanay meeting on Sunday 3 January 2021, where we enjoyed some traditional Hogmanay fare and good company.

At our March meeting on **7 March 2021**, Alistair Henderson will be giving a talk on West Lothian, which will be the first of our county talks for the year.

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

- 7 March West Lothian (Alistair Henderson)
- 2 May Inverness (Ian Hunt)
- 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.

The meeting agreed to continue with the subscription to the Scottish Record Society, and to start acquiring back copies of those earlier volumes we do not have.

Our next meeting on 7 March will include our annual election of office bearers.

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.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian Interest Group will be on **Sunday 21 March 2021**..

DNA Interest Group

Our first meeting of 2021 is being held on Sunday 28 February during which there will be two presentations and also the DNA Update on what's been happening in the DNA sites since we last met. There's been a lot of changes in this time so members are encouraged to get up to date. From this February meeting on the DNA Group is changing to GSQ's Zoom platform and a link to our next meeting will be distributed via email to our mailing list in the week before. Two members have requested help on our February **DNA Clinic night, the next one is planned for 26 May 2021**.



The DNA Admin team have been busy planning our **2021 GSQ DNA Discovery Day** - this is going to be a full day with both local and overseas DNA experts. Stay tuned to our GSQ eNews, web page and Facebook page for more details but like our recent Irish seminar, there will be an Early-bird price so make sure you book in during that period to grab a bargain

Monday Morning Natters

March Natters is on **Monday 1 March** via ZOOM.

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

Topic for this meeting: *Do you have an ancestor associated with a structure in Queensland? Bridge, hospital, memorial or other building. Do you have a photo of an ancestors house?*

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 that 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, but 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

Zoom Wednesday morning group

1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 11 am - 12:30 pm

All GSQ members are welcome to join into our Wednesday morning Zoom groups which are held twice each month on the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays at 11am. This month we've welcomed two new members and many of our old regulars are now back onboard after the Christmas break.

On the 1st Wednesday of each month there will be a topic and on the 3rd Wednesday of each month a help sessions. That meeting is thrown open to all attendees to put forward a point in their genealogy that they'd like help with, ie their brick wall. During our meeting on 17 February we tried Breakout rooms for the first time and split into small groups of four with each group reporting what they'd managed to find, initially working on a Queensland mystery and secondly on a problem familiar to many, an Irish ancestor's birth. It was an experience that went down well, especially as some helpful new information was found on both queries. During the meeting the more experienced members in each group could point others in the right direction.

If you would like to join in our fun & friendly group, then please email Bobbie, the convenor of this Zoom on facebook@gsq.org.au and she will add you to the mailing list. The meetings begin at 11am for about 90 minutes max. Hope to see you there

Wednesday Nights at GSQ via Zoom

7 - 9 pm - 2nd & 4th Wednesday

On the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights from 7pm – 9pm, again GSQ will be running a Zoom meeting.

Hosted by Ailsa Corlett. Please send in your request queries or interesting bits and pieces you would like to share with others, and we will talk and discuss them. Hopefully giving you more information and ideas on where to go searching for the answers.

This event is open to all, not just GSQ members, so please spread the word to all your friends.

The 4th Wednesday night, will be either a Guest Speaker via Zoom, or the DNA drop in clinic.

So please check the Events Calendar to see what is on that Wednesday night. – There are some interesting speakers already booked in this year.

Please send name and email to Ailsa Corlett, so that the link to join in can be forwarded to you. Email: tag@gsq.org.au

Upcoming GSQ Education Events



How to compile good trees on Ancestry and MyHeritage
March 20 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Virtually via ZOOM
Presenter: Alisa Corlett

Are you unsure about how to compile trees on Family History programs? This could be the presentation to ensure you go about it in the correct manner! [BOOK HERE](#)



Early New South Wales Records
April 10 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Hands-on at GSQ
Presenter: Alisa Corlett & Helen Connor

Searching for baptisms, marriage, and burials in NSW prior to civil registration, what they can tell us, and how to access these both on microfiche and through FamilySearch at GSQ. **Hands-on presentation limited to 10 participants ONLY.** [BOOK HERE.](#)



How our ancestors earned their daily bread: exploring their occupations
April 24 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Virtually via ZOOM
Presenter: Pauline Williams

What did our ancestors do to earn a living? You may have discovered a particular occupation listed on a certificate or other record – but what did this actually mean. Many specialised occupations of the 18th and 19th centuries that were often linked to a specific industry were made redundant through mechanisation and industrialisation and now no longer exist. Changes continue to this day as technological advances impact on the way that things are done.

This presentation will highlight a range of resources for exploring our ancestors' occupations and how you can discover the kind of work your ancestors may have undertaken. [BOOK HERE](#)



Irish Online: Leaping ahead in 2021
May 1 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Virtually via ZOOM
Presenter: Bobbie Edes

Join Bobbie as she shares her extensive knowledge of how to go about extending your Irish genealogy by learning about new avenues for internet searching now coming online. This talk focuses on the multiple Irish records available to help you in your endeavours to maybe take your Irish ancestors back a little further. [BOOK HERE](#)