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

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From the President

October 2021

Thanks to all who attended the Annual General Meeting on Saturday 25 September. It was the largest AGM for a number of years with 50 members registering to attend. The Management Committee for 2021-2022 is as follows: President - Helen Veivers (elected unopposed), Vice President - Jan Bimrose (elected unopposed), Secretary - Claire Rodwell, Treasurer - David Barnes (elected unopposed), Other Members - Sue Grant, Bob Dean, Kim Davis, Graeme Moulton, Sally Romano, Margaret Doherty and Kate Peters. Congratulations to all newly elected Management Committee members. I would also like to thank Ailsa Corlett, Helen Connor and Rhoda Copeland for their nominations to join the Management Committee for 2021-2022, which unfortunately were not successful. Les McFadzen did an excellent job of conducting the Election process, as he's done for a number of years for GSQ. Thank you, Les! Thanks are also due to Scrutineers, Kerry Beeton and Alistair Henderson, who managed the vote recording and counting in a very professional manner. Your new Management Committee is looking forward to working as a unified body to try to get the best outcomes for GSQ and its members during the forthcoming year.

The Refer a Friend Campaign is now officially finished for 2021, although there's nothing preventing members speaking with their friends and suggesting that they join GSQ. As a consequence of the campaign GSQ now has 37 additional members!! Thank you, one and all!! Special thanks to Sally Romano and Lorri Digney for their work with this project. What a wonderful result! During Saturday's AGM the winners of the various prizes associated with Refer-a-Friend were announced. As well, Betty Lee, as the winner of the 2021 Joan Reese Short Story Writing Competition, was presented with the Shield on which her name has been engraved. Betty announced that she would like to donate her prize money to GSQ and, in particular, to GSQ's Writing Interest Group. Thanks for this generous gesture, Betty!

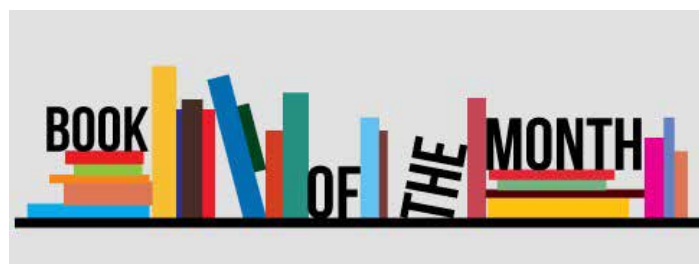
Helen Veivers, President



Winners in the Refer a Friend campaign

- My Heritage DNA Kit: Judy Lofthouse
- 1 Year Free GSQ Membership: Ailsa Corlett
- 1 Free GSQ Full-Day Seminar: Lynne Bennett
- 1 Free GSQ Full-Day Seminar: Kate Peters
- 1 Free GSQ Seminar: Diane Kennedy
- 1 Free GSQ Seminar: Jan Bimrose
- 1 Free GSQ Seminar: Helen Veivers
- 1 Free GSQ Seminar: Marg Doherty
- 1 Free GSQ Seminar: Sue Grant
- 1 Free GSQ Seminar: Catherine Thompson
- 1 Free GSQ Seminar: Christine Leonard
- 3-Hour Research Package: Jacqui Brock
- 1 Brickwall Panel Session: Rhoda Copeland

(The Brickwall Prize was originally won by Bobbi Edes who donated it back to be re-drawn.)



Information from Management Committee Meeting 20 September 2021

- GSQ's Membership total has again breached 600;
- 37 New Members following a successful Refer a Friend Program. Thanks, everybody!
- Additional Induction sessions for new members 6 and 15 October;
- Grant Application for new Scan Pro or similar machine discussed;
- Regional Family History Associations to be contacted to determine whether GSQ is able to assist;
- Update on continuing negotiations re 2 properties being considered for future premises.

August 2021 Year to Date:

Revenue	\$ 18,712
Expenditure	\$ 13,437
Current Assets	\$ 76,825
Fixed Assets	\$233,667
Total Assets	\$310,492
Liabilities	\$ 19,035

New to the Bookshop

"Convict Lives: Female Convicts at New Norfolk Asylum"
\$30 inc GST

The sixth publication in the series of Convict Lives in Van Diemen's Land recounts the lives of 15 convict women who spent time at the New Norfolk Asylum for the Insane in the 19th century. Edited by Dianne Snowden and Jane Harrington

Special Buy 6 x 4" Photo Pockets

60 MICRON Top Opening
Clear packs of 10 = \$5 inc GST **NB only 3 packs in stock.**
Please note these pockets measure exactly 6x4" so you may need to trim your photo to slide into pocket

*Genealogy:
where you confuse
the dead
and irritate the living!*
Unknown

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.

Library	Topic	When	Time	Booking
Holland Park	Queensland Family History online	Tuesday October 12	10:30am to 12:30pm	3403 7755
Banyo	Introduction to Family History	Saturday November 27	10:30am to 12:30pm	3403 2201
Ashgrove	Irish Immigration	Saturday December 4	1:00pm to 3:00pm	3407 1940

GSQ Notices

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



Last eNews I explained about our GSQ Facebook Page and how it is a public page ie you don't have to be a Facebook member to see what we post there. However, we're now thrilled to announce that in the near future GSQ will also have a closed Facebook Group which members will need to apply to join. Running this new group will be Rhoda Copeland and Jacqui Brock; with the group being somewhere members can ask for help on their genealogy problems, let all know about a recent success etc. Once the GSQ Facebook Group is set up and public, the name and details will be advertised to members.

From within Facebook, if you've joined the Group, then similar to the GSQ Page, click 'Follow'; the more you click on the Page or Group and read the news when logged in, then the more it will come up in your feed. That is dictated by Facebook algorithms. Events will be published in both sites and within that notice there is a 'Find Tickets' link which takes you direct to the Event booking page on GSQ's website.

In the last month or so our GSQ Page has featured a series 'Did you know' - it's giving both members and prospective members an idea of exactly what benefits joining GSQ holds for them. Each article published on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays, features a different section of our GSQ webpage, Library or membership benefit. Additionally, there a Twitter account broadcasting our events and blogs regularly.

If you have any questions about our Facebook presence then please email Bobbie on facebook@gsq.org.au



There have been five interesting blogs published since the last report. On 16 August member Lyn Irvine wrote about 'Willie Watt Our Father' a member of her husband's family. The following week Bobbie Edes continued her series of the Killyleagh siblings with 'Andrew Gilmore Irvine: A Bootmaker from Killyleagh'. On 30 August Robyn Dean wrote about *The Bellamys: Pioneers of West Pennant Hills*.

On 6 September Pauline told of a new connection to the goldfields found following her attendance at our recent GSQ goldfriends Saturday morning presentation. It was titled 'Finding family connections in unexpected places'. Lastly on 13 September Janice Cooper told the tale of an historic school in Newcastle (NSW) 'At School in Newcastle in 1816'.

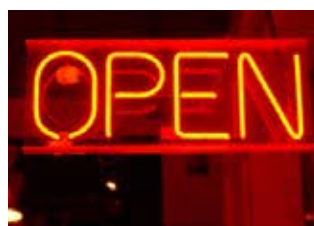
During the month I have put out an email to all our bloggers from 2021 to let me know what commitment they would like to make to our GSQ 2022 calendar. If you would like to be considered as one of our great occasional bloggers team, then please email Bobbie on blogs@gsq.org.au



Have you booked for the fabulous seminar: *Finding family in England & Wales Records* on Saturday 23 October?

See page 10 for the flyer and [BOOK HERE](#)

Also, did you know the recording will be available for 2 weeks for registered participants to view.



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

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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 websites, 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: mtzoom@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

During the September meetings we watched Janice Wellard's presentation explaining Ancestors Ireland, which is available at home to GSQ members and then did a run-around the room finding out how each member was making use of that site. Our brick wall on 15 September tackled Pauline's grandfather, son of the Norwegian mariner / translator that we tackled in August. We again managed to find several clues and information to give context to Pauline's story about this interesting family.

Any GSQ member who wishes to join the Zoom sessions can email Bobbie Edes, on wedmornzoom@gsq.org.au to ask for the invite. We're a small friendly group which gives all the opportunity to learn more about genealogy in general and ways of researching. On the 3rd Wednesday we go into breakout rooms to help another member with their brick wall problem with everyone participating.

Wednesday Nights at GSQ via Zoom

7 - 9 pm - 2nd & 4th Wednesday

Second Wednesday of the month night Zoom October 13 —7:00pm to 9:00pm **Topic for this month is blogs. What is a blog, Where do you find them? Why not start one for yourself.**

Get your friends to come along. Remember that the 2nd Wednesday nights of the month are free for all to join as long as you apply to get the link. Just send an email to wedpmzoom@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 27 October** we have Lisa Jones, Curator, Qld Police Museum as guest speaker. Lisa will share just what can be found in the museum.

These meetings are open to anyone to join in, email Ailsa at wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au to obtain the link.

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 History Technology Group

The first session of the FHT SIG got off to a rocky start with the cancellation due to a Covid-19 matter. However, we had a Zoom session days later. We sorted out the concept and how the FHT session would be conducted and how to participate.

We will be sending out regular notices to all the email addresses I have. If you would like to be part of this SIG and wish to receive information please send your email address to the convenor at FHTech@gSQ.org.au

The next session is **Sunday 14 November** at the Wishart address. Graeme Moulton

English/Irish Interest Group

Come and join in our Irish/English and Welsh Group! A lovely group of family history researchers who offer much insight and advice which will help you trace your history back to the Mother country. We have been exploring the divide between the English and the Irish and how it may relate to your family. Gain insight into the nature of the Irish people, and as an Irish person myself, how it shaped the destiny of so many Irish and English people.

Sunday 3 October at 9:30am at Wishart. Everyone is welcome to come so bring your friends and join us.

If you wish to stay and explore our online services we will be open to 2 pm. So come armed with names, places and birth dates of your Great or Great Great or Great Great Great grandparents.

A gold coin donation is greatly appreciated and a mug of something hot can be purchased for Only 50 cents.

Looking forward to hearing your story!

Lorraine Adey 0435 466 820 – IF you have any questions.

Convict Connections Group

Convict Connections – As we were in lockdown, unfortunately the August trip to the State Library did not eventuate. We will try again on **October 10. Please meet at the Library Café between 10am and 10:30am.** The Library is easily accessed by public transport. For those who have an interest in the first settlement of Norfolk Island, we have purchased for GSQ the latest Cathy Dunn booklets. Our lending library contains a good variety of resource books. A list is available at <http://www.convictconnections.org.au/main/lending-library/>.

If you cannot attend our meetings and would like to borrow books, please email convictconnections@yahoo.com.au and we will make further arrangements.

German Interest Group

The next meeting is on **28 November 2021** we will have our usual meeting and more information will be in November eNews. There also will be time to answer any questions re your research Lesley Roebig, Convenor
The German Group

Scottish Interest Group

The next meeting will be on **Sunday 7 November** at GSQ..

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

- • **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.

Contact Alistair Henderson at scotgroup@gSQ.org.au

SIG Notices

Writing Group

The Writing Group's final meeting for 2021 is scheduled for **Sunday 17 October**. We are then in recess until February 2022.

On behalf of the Group, I'd like to congratulate Writing Group member Betty Lee, whose story Doon Villa and the Curlew was the winner of the 2021 Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition. This story was published in the September issue of Generation and one of Betty's photos appears on the cover. It is well worth a read by any GSQ members looking for inspiration with their writing as this evokes the life and times of Doon Villa in Maryborough.

Contact Pauline at writing@gsq.org.au if you would like to be added to the Group's mailing list as further details about the meeting will be circulated to those on the mailing list closer to the date.

Pauline Williams

Email: pstirland@hotmail.com

Military Group

The next meeting of the Military Interest Group will take place on **Sunday 14 November 2021 at 12:30 pm**. The meeting is subject to no Coronavirus changes and will follow the new Family History Technology group meeting. 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

Monday Morning Natters

Monday Morning Natters September 4 we will have a Zoom Meeting 10am to 12noon

Topic for September: What is the most unusual headstone you have found?

DNA Interest Group

DNA Group Secretary, Bobbie Edes is thrilled that two members have agreed to share the secretarial load and welcomed Dianne Kennedy & Greg Carlill into the role after she steps down at Christmas. There are still a couple of small jobs to be allocated, so please contact Bobbie to discuss - guidelines are available for each section of the role. At our recent September meeting we had 34 present to hear Ailsa give the DNA Update with what has changed in the various DNA websites. This was followed by Greg doing a presentation on the McGuire Method and then Gary showing us Johny Perl's DNA Painter changes which promises to be a big help in solving DNA problems. Lastly Bobbie did a short PowerPoint showing the results of the recent Facebook poll and surveys, resulting in the team having a clearer idea on where to head with programming during the future. On the following Tuesday night the DNA SIG Admin Team held a brainstorming session discussing many future presentations.

Members are asked to remember that our DNA meeting are a joint compilation and all are welcome to play an active role in the talks.

The next DNA Clinic will take place on 24 November, all GSQ members are welcome to request a one-on-one session during that evening, which will be via Zoom. Anyone who wants to do this will need to email dna@gsq.org.au stating what their DNA problem is and what they'd like help on so we know who to allocate to assist you during the clinic.

Our next DNA Group meeting will be on **Sunday 24 October** at 9:30am via Zoom. If you're not on our mailing list and would like to attend this meeting please email dna@gsq.org.au and request the invitation link which usually goes out a few days before the meeting.

Scandinavian Interest Group

At the last meeting of the Scandinavian Group we decided to have our next meeting at a Scandinavian Café in West End. Lokal + Co has Scandinavian waffles and akevitt (strong liquor). If anybody would like to join us on **Sunday 21 November**, please let me know, so I can book for the correct amount of people. It will be at the same time as our normal meetings..

Steinar can be contacted on scangroup@gsq.org.au

Upcoming GSQ Education Events



**Preserve and share your stories
and research in a blog**
October 2 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Virtually via ZOOM
Presenter: Jill Ball

In this session veteran geneablogger, Jill aka GeniAus, will discuss the benefits of blogging as a medium for writing, sharing and preserving your family stories. Jill will show some examples of beautiful blogs and provide practical tips for creating beautiful blog posts. [BOOK HERE](#)



The Freemason and his Records
October 9 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Virtually via ZOOM
Presenter: Rob Hamilton

In this presentation of "The Freemason and his Records" we briefly discuss the history which leads to the mandatory requirements for Freemasons to keep records of all members. We look at the types of records that he has left behind, including memorials, gravestones, photographs, minute books, and the original handwritten registers. As important as the records are, they have little value without the knowledge of "When, Where, and How" they may be obtained. [BOOK HERE](#)



Google Earth Pro and Map Overlays
November 20 @ 9:00AM - 11:00AM
Presenter Sharn White

With Google Earth, you can visualise your family history in a geographical context. You can see the places where your ancestors lived and understand the landscape where they lived.

This presentation will demonstrate how you can use Google Earth Pro in conjunction with historical map overlays, Google Earth's Historical Map Collection and Historical Imagery to complement and enhance your family history.

[BOOK HERE](#)



A Presentation by Oral History Queensland
November 13 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00AM
Presenters: Elizabeth Gondwe & Pat Ryan

This presentation will cover the following:

- Oral History Basics: Creating an audio recording with a relative. Interactive workshop session
- Unmasking Mary – tracing a revolutionary grandmother through oral history, family history and State Archives.
- Questions and general discussion [BOOK HERE](#)



Family History Down Under ONLINE

On demand webinars available now:

- *Googling your ancestors with Helen Smith* - AU\$19. Learn how to use the power of Google to enhance your research and seek out the story of your ancestors.
- *Writing intriguing family histories with Carol Baxter* - AU\$39. Learn how to turn your family history research into an exciting narrative that keeps your readers hooked.
- *Video magic with Susie Zada* - FREE. How to produce a promotional video using PowerPoint for your society, organisation - or a hundred other uses.
- *Deciphering & Digitising Old Photos with Maureen Taylor* - AU\$39. Learn how to organise, decipher, and preserve your old photos without being overwhelmed.
- *Finding the Irish with Fiona Fitzsimons & Brian Donovan* - AU\$49. Learn how to find Irish women, as well as the poor, and clues surrounding death to further your Irish family history.

For more information: go to <https://www.fhdu.online/>

Rootstech 2021 videos

Rootstech 2021 has these videos about DNA Tips and Tricks.

If you just have a couple of minutes to learn something about DNA, try one of these great DNA tips and tricks. A few of these below or go to the series page [HERE](#).

[Using DNA Ethnicity Estimates in Your Research](#)

[How to Interpret a DNA Cluster Chart](#)

[How to Evaluate a ThruLines Hypothesis](#)

[Organize Your DNA Matches in a Diagram](#)



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 October offerings:

- *October 6 - A Cargo of Criminals: Transportation to Australia* by Carol Baxter - **11:00AM AEST**
- *October 9 - Context: A Powerful Tool for Problem Solving* by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL - **1:00AM AEST**
- *October 14 - Navigating Your Way Through FamilySearch* by Cyndi Ingle - **10:00AM AEST**
- *October 16 - My ancestors were Irish – or were they?* by Natalie Brodie - **4:00AM AEST**
- *October 28 - Building Family Trees for Your DNA Matches* by Mary Eberle, JD - **4:00AM AEST**

November:

- *November 3 - Uncovering the lives of your London (England) ancestors* by Cathie Sherwood - **11:00AM AEST**

Legacy Webinars has a brand new website available [HERE](#)

The new site is vastly improved and now shows webinar times in AEST, so no more having to work out the times for the live presentations!

Sands of Time

LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE
21-23 OCTOBER 2022

4th Queensland State Conference
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History Redcliffe
with the support of History Queensland
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MyHeritage

Two significant new collections have just been added to *MyHeritage: the Newspaper Name Index, USA and Canada, and Scotland Census, 1841–1901*. The addition of these collections means there are now 15.1 billion historical records on MyHeritage!

The Newspaper Name Index, USA and Canada constitutes an easy-to-search index of 982 million names mentioned in our existing U.S. and Canadian newspaper collections. To create this index, we applied a smart machine learning algorithm to extract essential details from the free text of the newspapers — not just the first and last names of individuals mentioned, but also related details that may appear in the text, such as the name of a spouse or a place of residence. This makes

searching the collections much easier and more efficient, and significantly broadens their potential to lead to important discoveries about your ancestors.

The Scotland Census, 1841–1901 collection contains 7 censuses from the second half of the 19th century in Scotland, with a total of 24 million records. This is an important collection offering details about Scottish ancestors that often can't be found in other vital record collections, such as information about occupation and residential addresses.

Remember that GSQ members can access MyHeritage from home via MyGSQ - Subscription Sites. Enjoy!



Finding Family in England and Wales Records
Saturday 23 October 2021
12:30PM — 6:30PM AEST
Virtually via ZOOM

Program

The below program is subject to amendments with session times all in AEST

12:30pm – 12:45pm	Introduction to the day and the Society's English & Welsh holdings
12:45pm – 1:30pm	Keynote Speaker – <i>Making Sense of the England & Wales Census (pre-recorded)</i> Paul Milner
1:30pm - 1:45pm	BREAK
1:45pm - 2:30pm	<i>England & Wales 101: an introduction to English & Welsh research</i> - Cathie Sherwood
2:30pm - 3:15pm	<i>Blessings and Curses of Tracing Welsh Ancestry (pre-recorded)</i> – Darris G. Williams, FamilySearch
3:15pm - 3:30pm	BREAK
3:30pm - 4:00pm	<i>Treasures hiding in FindMyPast Records</i> – Myko Clelland, FindMyPast
4:00pm – 4:30pm	<i>Mapping your Ancestors</i> – Mark Bayley, TheGenealogist
4:30pm - 4:45pm	BREAK - Drawing of the raffle
4:45pm – 5:30pm	<i>The People, the Places, the Life Behind Doors: the world of the workhouse</i> - Kirsty Gray
5:30pm – 6:30pm	<i>English & Welsh research panel: live Q & A</i> <i>With</i> Kirsty Gray, Myko Clelland, Mark Bayley & Cathie Sherwood Host: Judy Lofthouse, GSQ Education Committee Closing Address: GSQ President



Early-bird pricing until 30 September 2021:

Members: \$50.00
Non-members: \$65.00

After 30 September 2021:

Members: \$60.00
Non-members: \$75.00

Details of the conference program and registration are available at

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/finding-family-in-england-wales-records/>



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