



Welcome to November eNews

GSQ's eNews Editor is currently unwell following recent surgery, so this is a much abbreviated form of eNews. We're hoping that the December eNews will be able to be produced as usual.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

GSQ's AGM went ahead as planned on 15 October. I must say that I was very disappointed with the low attendance of members at the meeting! The Management Committee for the forthcoming year is as follows: President (Helen Veivers), Vice President (Jan Bimrose), Secretary (Geoff Doherty), Treasurer (David Barnes), Other Committee Members – Graeme Moulton, Kim Davis, Claire Rodwell, Marg Doherty and Kate Peters. (All AGM documents are available for downloading from the MyGSQ section of the website.)

If you're interested in keeping up to date with developments in Family History, you may like to check out the Journals and Magazines that our Webcoordinators are continually adding to MyGSQ on the website. As well, one never knows what treasures these publications may hold for you – possible Brick Wall Solving material!

Quite a number of GSQ members attended the Biennial History Queensland Conference on the weekend of 21 – 23 October at Redcliffe. The Conference was a great success, despite the miserable weather. Special thanks to Treasurer, David Barnes, who managed GSQ's Tables at the Conference and to Elma O'Toole who assisted despite not attending the Conference. In 2024 it will be GSQ's turn to host the Conference, so expect calls for assistance for this event.

In the October edition of eNews members were advised that, unless a

member came forward to manage the GSQ Bookshop, it would be closed. At the time of writing nobody has indicated willingness to take on the role. Details re the Bookshop's closure appear elsewhere in this publication. I must say that I'm disappointed with this news!!

The response to "Cash for Cans" has been minimal up to date – this is an easy way for GSQ to raise funds and is simple to do. All you need to do is to save Drink Cans and Bottles with the 10c Logo on them and take them to a Collection Centre once you've saved "a few". At the Centre ask the money to be registered to GSQ's Cash for Cans Account – ID Number: C10659195.

GSQ's Membership Officer, Kerry Beeton, has indicated that quite a few members have mentioned to her that they do not know how to use Zoom. If this is an issue for you, please check out the website where there are written instructions for accessing Zoom – alternatively, instructions are also available from our Resource Centre.

Calling all Researchers – GSQ has a growing need for people to do research on behalf of the Society. If you'd like to help in this regard, please contact Research Convenor, Graeme Moulton on researchconvenor@gSQ.org.au. Training will be provided. As well, Sharyn Merkley has indicated that additional research is required for the Waterloo Soldiers Project. If this is something that is of interest to you, please contact me at president@gSQ.org.au and I'll coordinate with Sharyn.

Christmas is approaching at what seems an amazing rate. GSQ's Christmas Afternoon Tea is to be held on Saturday, 17 December, commencing at 2.00pm. All members are invited to attend. To help with catering, please register by contacting new Secretary, Geoff Doherty on secretary@gSQ.org.au. As well, we're beginning to assemble items for the Christmas Raffle – these can be delivered to GSQ premises and placed in the basket provided – non perishable items preferred. Raffle Tickets will be priced at \$2.00 each. They're not available for online sale yet but should be by mid November. Tickets will be available at GSQ as from 1 November.



Points from October Management Committee Meeting:

- TAG provided details for suggested Hybrid system for which an Application is to be made to Gambling Community Benefit Fund for a Grant;
- Acknowledgement of Country statement was discussed;
- 605 Current Members as at 30 September 2022;
- Meetings have begun to organise State Conference in 2024;
- Tendering process for new website has commenced.

GSQ Bookshop to Close Down

The GSQ bookshop will begin closing down on the 1st November, 2022. Regrettably this is because there have been no responses to the repeated requests for a member to take on the role of Bookshop Convenor.

All books and ancillary stock will be discounted from the 1st November, 2022 as per the website pricing. Be quick to snap up these bargains, many at cost before they disappear, forever.

Containers for Change

The response to GSQ's Containers for Change program has been extremely disappointing.

There have only been two (2) deposits of containers in two months, by one person. This has raised a total of \$34 towards our goal of \$7,029 for a Maxihub.

The scheme will expire on the 31st December 2022.

The scheme ID appears in the President's Report.

[Here's the link](#) to help you find where you can deposit your Bottles and Cans – there are many over the Brisbane area.

Upcoming GSQ Education Events

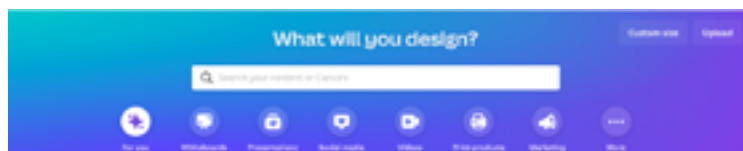
CANVA: how you can create photobooks, calendars & more to enhance your family history

November 5 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Helen Connor

Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30

Virtual via Zoom



In this session, Helen will show you how to get started in Canva with a simple project, and then examine some of the other features and offerings that are especially useful in your family history. Oh, and did you know that it's free?

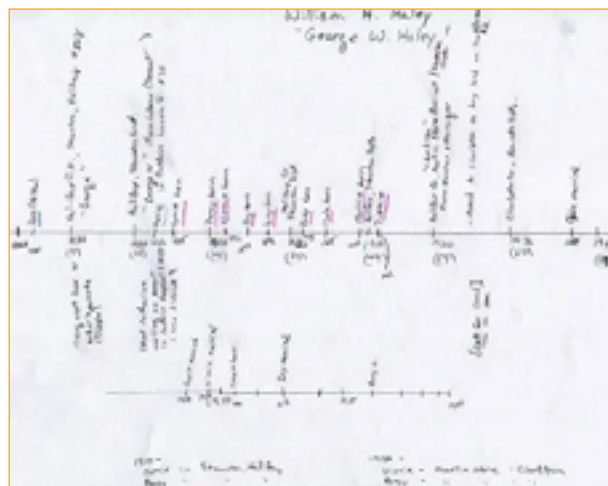
[BOOK HERE](#)

Timelines: A Genealogical Analysis Tool

November 26 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Helen Smith

Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30



Virtual via Zoom

Timelines aid you to keep track of events in your ancestor's lives, find gaps in your research and determine intersecting events that affect their lives. They are particularly useful in analysing brick wall problems. Two James Quested's in a parish both married to an Elizabeth and having children at the same time? Have an ancestor whose age changes in every record? What legislation was in effect? How did it change? No person exists in isolation. Timelines can also help you place family members in relationship to each other. [BOOK HERE](#)

German Migration to Australia and using the collections of the Lutheran Archives

November 12 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST

Presenter: Ben Hollister

Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30

Virtual via Zoom



Who were the first Germans in Australia? When and how did they arrive? This Cook's Tour of nearly 200 years of Germans arriving in Australia will give a good foundation. The Lutheran Archives is the only national religious archive in Australia. With a mandate to preserve the story of the Lutheran Church in Australia, in all its forms, it has developed a diverse collection that can help researchers uncover many facets of history beyond church register entries. [BOOK HERE](#)

Pre Separation research: Finding your ancestors in Qld records 1824 – 1859

December 3 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM AEST

Cost: Members \$20 Non-members \$30

Prior to the separation of Queensland from the colony of New South Wales in late 1859, thousands of convicts were transported to the Moreton Bay penal settlement, followed by



ex-convicts and free settlers who arrived from 1842 onwards. Unfortunately, some penal settlement registers and early free settlement records did not survive. However, by knowing where to look, it is possible to find traces of Pre-Separation ancestors, both convict and free, in records ranging from the Colonial Secretary's correspondence with Moreton Bay to hospital admission books and court registers.

[BOOK HERE](#)

Expanding Your Family Tree with Charting Companion

November 19 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM AEST

Members Only **Free Event**



This free presentation will demonstrate the various charts within Charting Companion. Charting Companion is a plugin which works on Family Tree Maker, Legacy, RootsMagic, Ancestral Quest, Ancestry (via GEDCOM), MyHeritage, etc. Progeny Founder, Pierre will also show how the DNA Matrix can “prove” your family tree by confirming genealogical assertions with genetic test results. Learn of a century old family secret wrested from the grave.

[BOOK 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 your friends about them as Council monitors the popularity of the presentations and decides how many will be offered.

You may be interested in this presentation:

Where: Corinda Library

Topic: Families at War

When: Thursday November 17 @ 9:30am -11:30am

To Book: Call 3407 7702

Special Interest Groups

Writing Group

The Writing Group held its final meeting for 2022 in October. We discussed stories about Christmas gifts that had an impact on us in one way or another. Sharyn showed us how mindmaps could help in planning activities and projects. Management Committee has

approved our recommendation for the topic for the Joan Reese Short Story competition in 2023 – look out for details. We do not meet again until February 2023. If you would like more details of our activities contact Pauline on pstirland@hotmail.com or writing@gsq.org.au.

Facebook Group

GSQ Facebook Page is a public page so you don't have to be a Facebook member to see what we post there. Each Monday we publish the GSQ Blog for the week and interesting genealogy news and articles from all around the world are published on the other days of the week. Additionally, the GSQ Education program is published for the year, so we post the Events coming up in the next month or so. These presentation

advertisements always includes a 'Find Tickets' button which takes you directly to the GSQ Events webpage for the particular event. There are some great events coming up so keep in touch via the Facebook Page. Feel free to Like or Follow us and also to leave a comment on any of our posts. Contact enquiries to Bobbie Edes on facebook@gsq.org.au

Blog

Since our last issue GSQ has continued with a variety of stories by our talented Bloggers. October started off with guest blogger Mia Bennett with 'Enhancing your genealogy education' explaining the many opportunities now open to genealogists, either online or in person. This was followed by regular blogger Janice Cooper 'Working for the CWA', a story of her grandmother's dedication to the Association, which resonated with many of us who either grew up in the country or have close country family members.

'Married on the strength' by GSQ blogger Sharyn Merkley followed. This was Sharyn's final contribution as a regular blogger and we've all been enjoying her stories for the past few years. The tale of what life as a wife of a British Army soldier in India during the Victorian period entailed would probably have come as a surprise, or even a shock to some. Sharyn approached the background of her 2nd great-grandmother's life in her usual meticulous way forming a very interesting read

indeed. Our GSQ Patron, Dr Jennifer Harrison wrote the next week's issue 'The wretched peasantry in Ireland: The 1822 famine disaster'. This was less known than the 1840s famine, but just as devastating. Conditions were such that sufferers resorted to crime to simply survive which may be why some readers have family who ended up in the penal colonies of Australia. The final tale for October was by Bev Murray with 'Family History places are precious'. If you've been lucky enough to visit some, or all, of your UK ancestral homes or locations or indeed those in any country including in our own homeland, you will appreciate Bev's story.

Our GSQ blogs are released early on each Monday morning and are also published on our GSQ Facebook Page and GSQ Facebook Group. This is a direct link to the blogs page and we encourage you to comment on the blog itself: <https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/>

'Research Learning and Support for GSQ members only'

1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month,
starting at 11:00am AEST

On 2 November, Co-Convenor Pauline Williams will do a presentation titled *Researching ancestors who sailed the seas*. Some of us have ancestors who held marine related occupations which can prove a stumbling block with marriages or children born in different countries. Pauline has considerable experience in this field so was just the person to explain the best approach.

Our mid-November meeting at 10am on Wednesday 16th is taking the form of a Christmas get-together morning tea at the Rochedale Estates function room. This is just the other side of the motorway from our GSQ rooms, so we're all looking forward to that and the catering by the adjoining café, Flying Pepper. Our Wednesday Zoom

members are reminded to get their cakes orders to Bobbie asap.

Lastly, we close the year for our group on Wednesday 6 December when we'll have an informal meeting prior to our Christmas holiday break which extends through to Wednesday 1 February 2023 when we resume our regular twice a month meetings. At that stage we are welcoming Dianne Kennedy as the new Co-Convenor of our SIG.

English Irish SIG

The next meeting of the English Irish SIG will be Sunday 4th December at GSQ's Wishart premises. The doors will open at 9.30am with the meeting commencing at 10.00am. GSQ will remain open for personal research till 2.30pm if members decide to stay on after the meeting. The December county presentation will be on the Irish county of Tipperary.

If you have English and or Irish ancestors, this is the SIG for you. Do you have a bit of an Irish or English (or both!!)

brick wall? Bring the problem ancestors with you – the group may be able to make some suggestions that may at least knock a brick off the wall, if not the entire wall!
I look forward to seeing everybody on the 4th December.

Convenor
Kim Davis



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AT GSQ"

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 forthcoming webinars:

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| Nov 2 | Tips & Tricks for Researching in Australian Archives by Shauna Hicks - 11 AM AEST | Dec 7 | Lloyd's of London: its history and its records for shipping. Paul Milner FUGA, MDiv —11:00 AM AEST |
| Nov 3 | Right Place, Right Time, Right Person: Intersections of DNA and Document Evidence by Paul Woodbury – 4:00 AM AEST | Dec 10 | Trendy Tech Tools for Your Research: Yay or Nay? Cyndi Ingle. — 5:00 AM AEST |
| Nov 9 | The science behind MyHeritage DNA testing by Gal Zrihen – 5:00 AM AEST | | |
| Nov 16 | Their Mark Here: Signatures and Marks as Identifying Tools by Nicole Gilkison LaRue, CG – 11:00 AM AEST | | |
| Nov 17 | Ready or Not: Strategies to Discover Ancestors Playing Hide and Seek. Francine Crowley Griffis, CG — 5:00 AM AEST | | |

Find lots more Legacy Webinars [HERE](#)
The website shows webinar times in AEST, so no more having to work out the times for the live presentations!

A REMINDER
MyHeritage is available at GSQ and from home via MyGSQ.



 **Thursday**
2 February 2023
@ 10:00 AM
for 5 weeks

**Digging Deeper into
Family History**

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| 2 February | <i>Processes and records of the English court system. Following conviction learn about convicts' lives in records.</i> |
| 9 February | <i>Learn about Australian colonial migration schemes and post 1924 migration along with different state immigration records and information of shipping.</i> |
| 16 February | <i>This military family history session covers records from Australia's colonial period through to WW2.</i> |
| 23 February | <i>GSQ members with experience in research in Great Britain and Ireland and Germany will share their experience and knowledge.</i> |
| 16 March | <i>Q&A session. Presenters to respond to questions submitted by registrants.</i> |

Virtual event via Zoom

For more information about this course and to book: [CLICK HERE](#)