



## Welcome to June 2023 eNews

### A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

In writing this message, in the absence of our President who is taking a well-deserved holiday, I am reminded of the foresight of the folks who came together in a meeting on 17 May 1978. That was the catalyst for the formation of the Genealogical Society of Queensland, Brisbane Chapter, to support “all engaged in the intriguing and rewarding research of tracing one’s ancestry”. The subsequent 45 years have brought enormous changes in the way we pursue and record our family history, but GSQ has gone from strength to strength in providing vital guidance and services to novice and experienced researchers, and to lead the way in new and exciting ventures.

Throughout its 45 years, GSQ has owed its existence to our Volunteers who have undertaken the myriad of activities and tasks that underpin all that GSQ offers, including the provision of leadership to the organisation. With National Volunteers Week in the third week of May 2023 and our GSQ Volunteers’ Morning Tea a week later, we have again been reminded of our wonderful group of Volunteers who do so much for GSQ, and without whom GSQ would not exist. A huge thank you to Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis, and all our Volunteers – we appreciate and applaud all that you do.

But our Volunteers comprise a relatively small group – and we are always looking for more Volunteers. We understand there are different

motivations behind volunteering, whether for personal satisfaction or for the sense of belonging and contributing to a community group – and we encourage you to consider joining our trusty band of Volunteers!

One of GSQ’s past members, Margaret Coleman, had a particular interest in the important role played by Volunteers in the operation of GSQ. After Margaret’s passing in 2020, members of her family approached GSQ with the intent of establishing a way of remembering Margaret and her interests. This led to a bequest to be used in establishing an annual award, honouring volunteerism within GSQ.

At the Volunteers’ Morning Tea held at GSQ on Saturday, 27 May, GSQ Patron Jennifer Harrison presented Helen Connor with the Margaret Coleman Volunteer Award for 2023. Helen joined GSQ in 2012 and has undertaken many different roles in the following years, all of them involving her assistance and sharing of her extensive knowledge in family history research, writing and publication. From her time on the GSQ Management Committee to currently producing eNews each month, she has participated in various Special Interest Group activities, the work of TAG, and the weekly Zoom meetings, whilst providing presentations at Brisbane City Council libraries and at GSQ education events.

At the last minute, Helen was unable to attend the morning tea – in person,

that is, but some feverish activity by Ailsa Corlett to set up the new hybrid meeting equipment enabled Helen to be present virtually for the presentation of the award. Although unplanned, this was a most fitting launch of the new equipment, the recent purchase of which was made possible by GSQ’s success in attracting a grant from the Queensland Gaming Community Benefit Fund. This hybrid facility, with its “all seeing” owl, will now provide enhanced opportunities to attend meetings and events in person at GSQ or virtually. A big thank you to Ailsa for operating under pressure to achieve this successful launch.

On another note, there has been more sad news this month, with the passing of long-standing and much-valued member Steve Fletcher. Joining GSQ in 2011, Steve became involved with many Special Interest Groups whilst exploring his family history, as well as becoming a valuable Volunteer providing advice on computers. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Robyn, who is also a member of GSQ.



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## A MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT cont'd.

Two Volunteers I wish to acknowledge and especially thank are Val Blomer and Lyn Caldwell, who have given so much time, effort and inspiration to the Convict Connections Group over many years, attending family history fairs in various parts of Australia, building an amazing network of folk researching convicts, and producing their Group's journal, The Chronicle. With two convicts in my direct lineage, it has been my pleasure to re-join this Group at its April meeting, where Val presented a paper on "*Military in Colonial New South Wales 1788 to*

*1850s*". In recognising that the 1788 to 1850s period of research that the Group covers is such a vital part of Australian colonial history, the Group has re-badged itself as the Colonial and Convict Connections Group.

The Colonial and Convict Connections Group is intending to explore usage of GSQ's new hybrid meeting set-up. All GSQ members with convict heritage, or an interest in Australia's colonial past, are encouraged to become involved with this Group – and participate in meetings in person in the Resource Centre or via the hybrid technology.

Another two Volunteers I wish to acknowledge and thank are Sandy Liddle and Kim Cooke who have undertaken the audit of all books in the Library, to enable a valuation to be obtained. This has been a major effort. The audit has revealed that there are 145 items missing from the Library. If you have inadvertently removed an item from the Library, please do not return it to the shelves, but return it to the box labelled "*GSQ Library Book Returns*" so it can be re-entered in the database.

The Bunnings BBQ on 28 May was highly successful. This fund-raising initiative has been led by Bob Dean since GSQ first recognised this opportunity. Bob and his trusty but exhausted team are among our most hard-working Volunteers, and I congratulate and thank them for all their efforts.

With so many exciting things happening at GSQ, it is disappointing that GSQ has been unsuccessful in securing an "indoor stall" at the 2023 Mt Gravatt Show, and in obtaining a grant to purchase display screens for use at conferences and fairs. Never fear, we will continue to seek grant funding for the display screens.

Despite all the promotional efforts related to attracting entries for the 2023 Joan Reese Short Story competition, no entries were received. Perhaps you are all enjoying writing your own family history stories – or making the most of being able to travel again in this post-COVID era?

Jan Bimrose  
Vice President

## COMMITTEE SNIPPETS

### Points from May Management Committee:

- **Membership, Education events and Bunnings BBQs continue to be mainstays of GSQ income.**
- **Membership now stands at 602.**
- **Volunteer Agreement Form has been finalised.**
- **Management Committee has given approval to negotiate with AFFHO and History Queensland (HQ) for GSQ to stage an Australasian Family History Congress in Brisbane in March 2025 (combining the 17th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry and the HQ State conference).**

### Did you know about the GSQ Exchange Journals?

The webcoordinators have spent time in updating and rearranging the exchange journals that GSQ receives on a regular basis from other Genealogical/Historical Societies.

Everything is now in Year order from 2021; 2022 and 2023. There are still many gaps which will hopefully be filled once journals are located or other copies obtained from contributing societies.

These journals are not just from Australia, but also England, Scotland, Germany and New Zealand. They are extremely interesting to read just like our own Generation Magazine.

Access to these journals is restricted to members only via MyGSQ - you must log into My GSQ to obtain access.

# Exciting GSQ Education Events June – August

## ***New Zealand - what is available for family historians online***

**June 3 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Ailsa Corlett**

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

**Virtual via Zoom**

In this presentation, Ailsa will explain just what information, copies of certificates or documents that you can obtain all from sitting in front of a computer. Visit the many cemeteries to get the burial records and often a picture of the grave site as well. Do searches on the National Archives, National Library and newspapers to gather the information to help you build up a picture of your ancestor.

Learn just what is available for you to access. [BOOK HERE](#).

## ***The Australian Joint Copying Project in TROVE***

**July 8 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Carmel Galvin**

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

**Virtual via Zoom**

The AJCP (Australian Joint Copying Project) resources now available through Trove provide a wealth of material for family historians. In this session we will examine the scope and range of records available and investigate a variety of ways of finding treasures in this huge collection.

Learn just what is available for you to access. [BOOK HERE](#)

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## ***Introduction to Archives – Members Only Free***

**June 10 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Georgina Jansen**

**Cost: Members FREE**

**Virtual via Zoom**

The presentation will provide an overview of the records that the National Archives of Australia (NAA) holds that relate to family history research, as well as information regarding how to search their collection and the services that the NAA can provide. The talk will discuss the purpose and function of the NAA in supporting Australian heritage and provide a broad overview of their collection, before detailing the basics of how to search and use the online database, RecordSearch. [BOOK HERE](#)

## ***Editing and Indexing your Family History Book***

**July 22 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Jennie Fairs**

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

**Virtual via Zoom**

Jennie will show you how to edit your family history like a professional as well as providing tips on indexing your family history site as well. [BOOK HERE](#)

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## ***Staying out of Trouble: the Rights and Responsibilities of today's genealogists***

**June 17 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Judy G Russell**

**Cost: Members \$25 Non-members \$35**

**Virtual via Zoom**

As genealogists and researchers, we must understand today's laws as much as yesterday's.

Modern law impacts our rights as researchers—rights of access to vital records, to information, and to places where information can be found. And it impacts our responsibilities, as well, particularly the need to respect another's copyright.

[BOOK HERE](#).

## ***Getting to know you – adopt a source***

**August 5 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST**

**Presenter: Jennifer Harrison**

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

**Virtual via Zoom**

Are you ready to take your genealogical studies one step further? Jennifer Harrison invites you to Adopt a Source. Select from your family history, a document or series of records some item which would take your investigations further and then forensically discover its origins and quirks – extend your family history research skills to the documentation. Get to know it thoroughly, the how, the when, the where, and especially, the why and by whom the material was created; what it was meant to achieve and any limitations to information or 'questions not asked' which might be revealed by its columns or on its pages.

[BOOK HERE](#)

# Special Interest Groups

*Subject to the restrictions regarding the Covid-19 situation, some interest groups will be holding their meetings at GSQ. Some groups are conducting virtual meetings through the use of the ZOOM platform.*

## English/Irish Group

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**The English/ Irish Group will meet on Sunday 4 June at Stackpole Street from 9:30 AM.**

The next meeting of the English Irish SIG will be Sunday 4th June at GSQ's Wishart premises. This meeting will be the very first official hybrid meeting using the new hybrid meeting equipment. If you are not on my mailing list, please email me at [irisheng@gsq.org.au](mailto:irisheng@gsq.org.au) so I can email you the link to the zoom meeting. That will be sent a day or two before the meeting.

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 June county presentation will be on the English county of Staffordshire.*

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 Sunday 4th June 2023.

Convenor, Kim Davis [irisheng@gsq.org.au](mailto:irisheng@gsq.org.au)

## Writing Group

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**The next meeting is on Sunday 18 June 2023 via Zoom.**

The Writing Group next meets on Sunday 18 June via Zoom. The meeting commences at 10am and concludes about 12 noon. Following on from our April meeting when we discussed ways of structuring sentences and paragraphs as a way of leading readers through our written material, we will consider writing style in June.

To be added to the mailing list, or for more information, contact Pauline on [writing@gsq.org.au](mailto:writing@gsq.org.au) or [pstirland@hotmail.com](mailto:pstirland@hotmail.com).

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## DNA Group

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**The next meeting is on Sunday 25 June 2023 via Zoom.**

At the last DNA SIG meeting held 21st May 2023 we had up to 17 members attend. Our convenor Greg Carlill, followed on with his talk on the Mary Toole Case Study and also a Chrome Plugin.

We learned in the Mary Toole Case Study the Research Tools he used and recommends, and how each tool works to build the picture and evidence of the ancestor you're researching.

The One2Tree plug in is a web browser extension that views the pedigree tree in an interactive Ahnentafel list and pedigree chart and exports it to a GEDCOM file to allow Quick and Dirty Family Trees.

Greg has put the PowerPoints of these two talks into the GSQ DNASIG Facebook page for GSQDNASIG members benefit.

The next DNASIG meeting is 25th June and is a long meeting. That means there will be focus groups for different issues and levels of complexity.

## Scandinavian Group

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**The next meeting is on 16 July 2023 @ the GSQ premises from 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

We have an email group for people interested in hearing about our meetings and other news of interest. Email Steinar if you would like to be in the group. [scangroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:scangroup@gsq.org.au)

## German Group

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**The German Group will meet on Sunday 30 July 2023 @ the GSQ premises from 10:00 AM.**

The German Group of GSQ is a valuable resource to learn how to find out about your German Family

Doors open at 10.00 a.m. with a small meeting at 10.15 AM and we leave about 2.00 PM

The German group endeavours to help with advice and ideas in relation to research into German ancestors, so come along: new people always welcome. Contact Leslie at [germangroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:germangroup@gsq.org.au).

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# Special Interest Groups

## Family History Technology Group

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**The FHTECH group will meet on Sunday 10 July via Zoom @10:00 AM**

The FHTECH SIG is active and everyone who attends becomes involved. It is a forum to discuss any issue about your computer, the clouds (what are they?), ways of managing your computer files and any other technical issue you can think of. We often discuss features about Legacy and Family Tree Maker. However, at last session we reviewed "Family Historian" program. The latest version has just become available, and everyone agreed that it is a very impressive product

The intention of our group is to learn skills from other people. There is no right way in most cases, so to find out how to do something new is a good feeling. The next session is 10 July starting at 10:00 am. Normally our session is the second Sunday of the month. If there is an issue you would like to discuss, please drop me an email and we will include it in the session. Everyone who is on our mailing list will receive a communication prior to the session. Those of you who are not on the mailing list but would like to be, send Graeme an email at [fhtech@gsq.org.au](mailto:fhtech@gsq.org.au)

## Colonial & Convict Connections Group

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**The next meeting for Colonial & Convict Connections is on Sunday 11 June at Stackpole Street.**

This Group covers a lot of people in the period 1788-1850s, the Colonial period in Australia before the separation of Queensland from NSW.

This meeting will be a hybrid meeting using the new hybrid meeting equipment. If you are not on the mailing list, please email [convictconnections@gsq.org.au](mailto:convictconnections@gsq.org.au) so you can receive the link to the zoom meeting. That will be sent a day or two before the meeting.

All GSQ members will be warmly welcomed. Meeting other people may provide that unexpected information and Group members will be available to help with research ideas.

Next meeting date is Sunday June 11, 2023. Doors open from 09:00am until 03:00pm.

The topic is: **"Using Diaries, Journals, Logs, Letters, etc to learn more about your colonial ancestor."**

Talk at 11:00am. Plenty of time for personal research. Morning tea will be available but please supply your own lunch if required.

We look forward to seeing you there.  
Lyn Caldwell

## Scottish Group

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**The next meeting is Sunday 3 July at GSQ and via Zoom.**

Our upcoming meeting will be on Sunday 3 July at 10:00 am. We will conduct the meeting as a hybrid ZOOM and on-site meeting, so if anyone would like to join us remotely please contact us to obtain the necessary ZOOM credentials.

***Our regular county record lecture will be on the county of Aberdeenshire, and Stuart Neill will be our presenter.***

Our meeting and talk schedule for 2023 is as follows:

<b>3 July</b>	<b>Aberdeenshire County (Stuart Neill)</b>
<b>3 September</b>	<b>Peeblesshire (Marie Rosborough)</b>
<b>5 November</b>	<b>Caithness (Alistair Henderson)</b>

Contact Alistair on [scotgroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:scotgroup@gsq.org.au).

## GSQ Workshops

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GSQ has recently run three really good workshops at the resource centre. One on Basic PC help in which was designed for people with no knowledge of how to use a computer, hoping if they know a little they will come into GSQ more often to use the facilities for searching there. Topics covered on the day were how to use a USB stick correctly in relation to downloading files from Ancestry etc onto the USB and when they get home how to upload those files onto their own computers; then we covered using the Snipping Tool, which makes it quick and easy to copy a screen shot to keep for viewing later on.

Next we had a Scanning Workshop which everyone brought along photos, film and slides to learn how to use the Epson Perfection V800 Photo Scanner we have at the resource centre at GSQ. It has been very pleasing to see some of these attendees already going back into GSQ to use the scanner to copy some of their slides and photos. The equipment is there for you to use. If you are uncertain there is also some instructions in the box beside the computer.

On Saturday Helen Connor ran a very successful workshop regarding how to use Canva for making photobooks, especially relating to our family history or holidays.

After the morning tea break Helen was very easily now able to demonstrate on our new very large TV the photo books she has done and also to show how to do some aspects of using Canva that were not quite understood.

These workshops are limited in numbers so that the organisers can attend to everyone in the group. Watch out for more of these workshops in the later half of this year as they will be repeated.



## Containers for Change update

We've got some exciting news! Today the Premier and the Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef announced that we'll be expanding our eligible drink containers to include wine and spirit bottles from **1 November 2023**.

That's less bottles going to landfill and more 10 cent refunds up for grabs - that's what we call a win-win!

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## 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.

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<b>Library</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>When</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Booking</b>
Kenmore	<i>DNA for genealogy Step 2: Beyond ethnicity</i>	Saturday 10 June	10:00 to 12 noon	3407 0258
Annerley	<i>Family History in action</i>	Saturday 29 July	10:00 to 12 noon	3403 1735
Mount Ommaney	<i>Researching your Scottish Ancestry online</i>	Saturday 9 September	10:00 to 12 noon	3417 7010

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## Introducing the Owl and Hybrid Meetings for GSQ

We have the OWL – the Meeting Owl that is, which is going to be used for our Hybrid meetings at GSQ.

You will have noticed if you have been into GSQ recently that the 75" TV monitor is up on the Wall and what a difference it makes in relation to presentations being so much clearer and everyone can see from way at the back as well. And it works well with Zoom on a hybrid meeting.

The idea being that now all the Special Interest Groups (SIG's) can meet back at GSQ plus those that cannot attend on the day due to distance, mobility issues, or family commitments can now also attend those meetings.

This means there will be more interest in the various groups and will allow all our members from around the world to really join in with activities that occur at GSQ.

The Meeting Owl's camera follows who is speaking at the time and projects them onto the large screen while in the meantime the attendees on Zoom can also see and talk to people in the room.

Check out when the next SIG meeting is that you would like to attend and ask them to put you on the list in relation to being sent the link to join in via Zoom on the day.

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## Save the date

*Saturday 23 September – Annual Seminar – Scotland - here we come!*

*See the events calendar on the GSQ website*

## GSQ Facebook Page

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 link which takes you directly to the GSQ Events webpage for the particular event. 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](mailto:facebook@gsq.org.au)

## GSQ Facebook Group

GSQFB was set up to provide a Facebook presence where GSQ members and non members can interact. We have had a Facebook page for a long time but only recently set up the new private group. Only the members of the group can see what you post. Here you can ask questions, and share your genie successes and frustrations. No question is too dumb, someone else will be pleased you asked. SIG leaders can post information and Library assistants can talk about their favourite resources too. It is an interactive space where you will also learn more about the resources GSQ has and how to continue your research. Here we will continue to build our GSQ community and encourage more to join us. You don't need to be a GSQ member to join the group. Do tell your friends about GSQFB but they must apply to join. To join the group, sign in to Facebook, use the magnifying glass to search for "GSQFB", and answer THREE questions. To create a shortcut to find GSQFB next time you log in to Facebook, on your home page you will see the option to "Edit Shortcuts" on the left side of your computer. Click this and follow the prompts. If you have any questions then please email Rhoda at [gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au](mailto:gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au)

## GSQ Blogs

Our GSQ Blogs in May were stories by Bev Murray, Marg Doherty, Sue Bell, Ross Hansen and Stephanie Ryan with all submitting interesting stories. Well done to our bloggers who are raising considerable conversation on their stories.

Our GSQ blogs are released early 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/>

## Family Historian 7 – Thoughts on Migrating from Legacy Family Tree

So it's been a while since I activated the 30-day trial version of Family Historian 7 and I thought it was time to note down my impressions.

Now for all of you rusted on addicts of Family Historian this is NOT a criticism. I'm not saying FH7 is good, bad or indifferent. I'm looking at it ONLY from the point of view of migration from Legacy Family Tree database.

Firstly, why? Why did I want to look into FH7? Well, for years I have been an aficionado of Legacy Family Tree. I think I first started using it in around version 2, now it is up to version 9. But a couple of years ago it was bought by MyHeritage.com and apart from minor tweaks it has changed very little. It is still "fit-for-purpose" but maybe it could do better.

During my preliminary research I found FH7 could directly read the Legacy 9 database and import it. This seems to be a really good thing as prior to FH7 the only way to migrate was via GEDCOM and, as we all know, this method has limitations.

So, did it work? Well, yes. BUT...

What did work well? The direct import brought in all of the vital statistics; birth, death & marriage dates & places exactly as you would expect. SIDE NOTE: If slick family trees are what you are looking for then all of this information can be easily incorporated into a family tree chart with just the click of an icon. And these charts can be easily customised into almost any format that pleases you. This seem to be the real strength of the program.

However, there was a lot that was not as expected. I'm not going to tell you that importing Legacy Family Tree into Family Historian will be all "roses & sunshine" or alternatively, that it will "ruin your day". It all depends on your "end game" for your family history, what you want to get out of it. If your Legacy database consists of basic vital data, that is; names, dates and places of birth, death & marriage and does not have a lot of entries then it will probably be fine. Any anomalies can be manually corrected.

If your database is large and/or has Events, Stories, customised formats and SOURCES then it will initially leave a lot to be desired and will take extensive work to get it right. The question as to whether or not it is worth the work is one only you can answer. However, I will tell you this, that there is quite a learning curve and it is steep.

**Bob Thompson**  
GSQ member

**Note: you can read Bob's full article [HERE](#)**

# GSQ ZOOM Meetings

## **Monday Morning ZOOM for GSQ Members Only, starting at 11:00 AM AEST**

We have been lately working on assisting some of our members with some difficult research they have.

Over the next few weeks we are going to be talking about "What makes a good Tree online?, and how can we as genealogists help ones that put up a tree but have never attended a Genealogical Society to learn what to do?"

Another topic we will discuss and attempt to use is ChatGPT and just to see how it can assist us with our genealogical work. I have seen it when the text from a newspaper in Trove

is copied and pasted into it and then asked to update it so that it is readable compared to the OCR from the newspaper. Also a full Individual's page from Ancestry copied and then asked to put it into a story format. Amazing what and how it can be done. Remember this is just another tool for us to use to assist with our research.

This is a members only group and if you wish to join please send email to [mtzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:mtzoom@gsq.org.au)

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## **Wednesday Night ZOOM, open to everyone & FREE starting @ 7:00 PM AEST**

The Wednesday Zooms are on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday nights each month at 7:00 PM AEST – check out the GSQ Events Calendar to see who the guest speaker is for the month.

The 2nd Wednesdays are designated as Research nights, meaning you can bring along some of your research problems or questions about how to do something. Some genealogical topics will also be talked about – remember these nights are for you to question and ask, and as a group to help each other solve some issues.

The 4th Wednesdays are when we have a guest speaker attend, covering a variety of topics. These guests spend a lot of time preparing for their presentations, so it is nice if we can have as many people attend to appreciate their knowledge.

**Next meeting will be 14 June** and again a research evening and **guest speaker for 28 June will be Hilda Maclean talking about Finding Family in the newspapers with TROVE.** Read more about this on the GSQ event calendar.

Wednesday nights are open to anyone to attend – not just GSQ members. So please advise your friends and family about these evenings especially if they are interested in genealogy. Some might even like to join GSQ.

There is no cost to attend these meetings but a donation to the group is always welcomed.

Please send email to [wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au) if you would like to be added to our attendance list.

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## **Research Learning and Support for GSQ Members Only 1st & 3rd Wednesdays of each month starting at 11:00 AM AEST**

Many thanks to all those members who participated when at GSQ in the three week survey period which was held to gauge the response of our subscription sites usage, prior to our group making a decision on how to spend their Gold Coin donations this year. The sites under consideration are Society of Genealogists UK which is currently sponsored by our Wed Morning Zoom group, or another seat on TheGenealogist. SIG members will vote on the issue during our next meeting which is on **Wednesday morning, 7 June 2023.**

At this Topic meeting Bobbie will be doing a presentation on TheGenealogist. GSQ currently has one seat to this great site which is also available at home. The talk will demonstrate how to use the site effectively to get the best results and will look at the various features. As it is hoped this will assist all GSQ members, the session will be recorded and available

for the following month to anyone attending or requesting access via email to the below address.

Two weeks later on 21 June we will have our Brick Wall session where we all investigate one of our members genealogy problem. In May our quest evolved into a great learning aid in how to look side-ways when faced with a seemingly impossible task, with many in the two smaller groups who worked individually to help Rosemary, commenting on the benefits of the exercise.

Our meetings are on the 1st and also the 3rd Wednesday mornings of each month at 11am and usually go for about 90 minutes. Any GSQ member can attend these Wednesday morning Zoom session by emailing [wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au](mailto:wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au) and asking to go onto the mailing list.  
*Bobbie Edes, Wednesday Morning Zoom Convenor*



## What's news ...

### Deceased Online

Records for a Cemetery and a Crematorium from Reading are now available to view on [www.deceasedonline.com](http://www.deceasedonline.com), dating from 1927. The data comprises digital scans of the original burial and cremation registers up to 1993, with computerised information thereafter, and grave details for each of the graves and their occupants. Reading Crematorium, in the northern suburb of Caversham, is situated within the grounds of the Henley Road Cemetery and is run by Reading Borough Council. The prominent feature on site is the Southern Chapel. Built from 1927 to 1931, its Renaissance style is suitable for all religious and non-religious services.

### Historic registers from Edinburgh and Largs prisons

More than 80,000 new entries into the prison registers for three historic Scottish jails can now be searched on the ScotlandsPeople website.

The records of Bridewell and Calton jails in Edinburgh and Largs jail in North Ayrshire, collectively span more than 50 years from 1798 to 1853. Prisoners can be searched by forename, surname, age and country of birth in the indexes. Further information including crime, sentence and a description of their health is available in the scanned images of the handwritten prison register pages. Browse prison records [HERE](#)

### Old Scottish

[Old Scottish](#) has added an Index to Crown Office Criminal Cases 1890-1899, containing over 21,000 entries: <https://oldscottish.com/crown-office-cases-ad8.html>.

### CWGC Appeal for Relatives

The Commonwealth War Graves Commission's (CWGC) May 2023 appeal for relatives is a search to locate the next of kin for the fallen in the two world wars. Could you be connected to any of the individuals in their database?

### TheGenealogist

[TheGenealogist](#) has released new War Memorial records and property records for Hitchin; over 33,000 Lloyd George Domesday Survey records for the Hitchin area of Hertfordshire; and added to its Headstone Collection copies of records from certain local authorities and the Church Commissioners that relate to the removal of graves and tombstones in burial grounds (from The National Archives; 1619 to 2003; a number contain a plan of the original place of burial while some will reveal the place of reinterment also).

## 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 June/July offerings

June 7 – *Another Four Sources for New Zealand Family History* by Fiona Brooker – 12:00 PM AEST

June 8 – *Discovering More From Your Next Generation Sequence (NGS | Big Y) Test* by Mags Gaulden – 4:00 AM AEST

June 14 – *The Top 10 DNA Features on MyHeritage* by Richard Hill – 4:00 AM AEST

June 15 – *Ready or Not: Strategies to Discover Ancestors Playing Hide and Seek* by Francine Crowley Griffiths, CG – 10:00 AM AEST

June 22 – *Greece's Top 5 Types of Genealogy Records* by Gregory Kontos – 4:00 AM AEST

June 24 – *What's the Evidence? How to Probe Documents Beyond the Obvious* by Elizabeth Shown Mills, CG, CGL – 4:00 AM AEST

June 29 – *A Fresh Light on Old Newspapers* by Dave Obee – 4:00 AM AEST

July 6 – *Collateral Research-The Secret Sauce to Finding Family Records* by Cheri Hudson Passey – 4:00 AM AEST

July 12 – *See Your Family in a Whole New Light!* by Diane Henriks – 4:00 AM AEST

July 15 – *Celebrating 2,000 Webinars! Plus 10 tips you can use today* by Geoff Rasmussen – 4:00 AM AEST

July 19 – *Andiamo! Finding Your Italian Family* by Margaret R. Fortier, CG – 10:00 AM AEST

July 20 – *I Hate Conflict! Mediating Sources that Don't Agree* by Elizabeth Williams Gomoll, CG – 4:00 AM AEST

July 26 – *A Deep Dive into U.S. City Directories at MyHeritage* by Katherine Andrew – 4:00 AM AEST

July 27 – *Why We Should Look at In-Laws When Doing Genealogical Research* by J. Mark Lowe, FUGA – 4:00 AM AEST

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