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Message from the President



There is no doubt that the Conference held on the weekend of 21-23 March was a great success. GSQ has received some very positive feedback from attendees. The venue enabled the rooms to be opened up to form one large room which was great for the Keynote Speaker presentations and for the dinner. We had in excess of 250 people sit down to dinner in the room with the venue's staff managing to get the meals out to everybody in double quick time. At other times, the large area could be divided into 3 rooms, thus facilitating 3 presentations simultaneously. During the weekend, I received many, many compliments from participants on the way the Conference was conducted, so all GSQ members should feel proud of what our Society has achieved. Special votes of appreciation go to members of the Conference Committee:

- David Barnes as Conference Convenor;
- Marg Doherty as Speaker Coordinator;
- Jan Bimrose for production of the Conference booklet;
- Mike Murphy for arranging Accommodation, Parking and Tours for Conference participants;
- Kay Ryan for representing the interests of History Queensland and AFFO, given the Conference was organised on behalf of GSQ, History Queensland and AFFO.

As well thanks are due to:

- Research Assistants who attended GSQ on Thursday, 20 March to assist any Conference delegates who came to our premises. I'm pleased to report that this was a very successful strategy with people coming from all states of Australia and New Zealand. Thanks, too, to Volunteer Coordinator, Kim Davis who organised for Research Assistants to be present. (I must say it's a long time since I've seen our Library books and Microfiche accessed to the extent they were on that day.)

- Members of Interest Groups who attended during the Conference to highlight just what their particular Interest Group does.
- Rosemary Meadows, our Raffle Coordinator, who organised the Raffle Draw and Lucky Door prizes each day.
- Members who manned the GSQ Desk throughout the Conference to respond to delegate queries.
- All who assisted with setting up and pulling down. Particular thanks to Alistair Henderson for carrying items to and from our premises in his Ute

Volunteer of the Year Nominations: The time for these has been extended to **Wednesday, 16 April**. Should you wish to nominate a GSQ member to receive the Margaret Coleman Volunteer Award for 2025, please email me at president@gsq.org.au no later than midnight on 16 April 2025. In your email, please explain why you think your nominee should receive the Award. (Current Management Committee members are not eligible to receive the Award.) **The Award winner will be announced during a Morning Tea to be conducted at GSQ on Saturday, 31 May 2025.**

New Bookshop Convenor: I'm pleased to advise that GSQ has a new Bookshop Convenor – Joanne Gibson. Joanne has already set about reorganising the Bookshop Display at our premises and represented GSQ at the Conference with an impressive amount of sales to report. Thanks for volunteering to take on this role, Joanne. Our Secretary, Karma Hodgson, can now devote her time totally to Secretarial duties instead of juggling the two positions, which she has done with aplomb, by the way!!

Helen Veivers, President

Committee Snippets

Points from March Management Committee:

- **Decision made to provide a One Year GSQ Membership to History Queensland as a Raffle Prize for their AGM;**
- **Following a query from Hobart Family History Society, it was agreed that members from that Society could attend up to 2 meetings organised by our Zoom Groups;**
- **Decision made to not renew Cyber Insurance Policy because it was not considered suitable for our Society;**
- **The purchase of an Electronic Sign In system at GSQ's Resource Centre discussed but discarded because of ongoing cost;**
- **Morning Tea arrangements for visiting Conference delegates discussed;**
- **Scottish Interest Group to attend the Clydesdale Spectacular 14-15 June 2025.**

Volunteer Coordinator Report

I won't name all the volunteer roles that currently exist in GSQ, but I will reinforce that all these roles are filled by people who give their time freely to enable GSQ to function for the benefit of its members. In an organization like GSQ, we can't have too many volunteers. If you put your hand up, we will find a volunteer role that suits your skill sets (maybe from your occupation – present or past) and interests.

There are roles you can do from home and or at GSQ's Wishart premises. One such role is helping the Research Group. This group does family history research for members and non-members alike. It is an important source of income for GSQ. The benefit for you is helping other people learn more about their family history and honing your research skills.

It is something you can do at home and at GSQ.

Perhaps helping to raise funds for GSQ is something you would like to do. If that is the case, helping at a Bunnings BBQ might be right up your alley. You have a bit of fun while helping to raise money for GSQ. And the best bit might be you don't need an excuse to visit Bunnings – you are there!

On the GSQ website, under Volunteer on the home page you will find a link which takes you to a document listing the types of volunteer roles we have. Please give a lot of thought to what you could do and I would be very happy to have a chat with you about finding a role for you.

Kim Davis, Volunteer Coordinator

From the Membership Officer

Connections 2025 Conference has come and gone, and we have a few new members from the conference, as well as a few who have joined recently who hadn't attended the conference. Welcome to all our new members, I hope to speak with you in the next few weeks to say Hi and see how you are going with your research on-line...and maybe meet you at the rooms at some point to say hi. It was lovely to meet those who have joined us at the conference especially those from interstate.

As a novice at Genealogical Conferences, it was so good to hear the many speakers on varied topics, sharing their knowledge, and to meet many Genealogists from all over Australia and in fact the world.

It has been lovely to see a few new members attending our Zoom and Interest Groups as well. If you would like any information about these groups, please contact the individual groups convenors for access to their meeting times, or I am happy to help you with how to do this.

For all our members, if you have any questions regarding your membership, please email me and I am happy to assist you. My email is: membership@gsq.org.au

Leanne Taylor, Membership Officer

GSQ Education Events



Discovering the Treasures in Parish Records

Apr 12 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST Presenter: Pauline Williams
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31 Virtual Via Zoom

The Parish was the epicentre of local and church records prior to the introduction of civil registration, decennial censuses and Poor Law Unions in the 1830s. Parish records contain much more than baptism, marriage and burial registers. [BOOK HERE](#)



Breathing Life into the ANZAC Fallen: Primary Research Innovation, Sources and Case Study

Apr 29 @ 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM AEST Presenter: Simon Davies
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31 Virtual Via Zoom

Breathing Life into the ANZAC Fallen: Primary Research Innovation, Sources and Case Study (George Henry Jones Davies (1888-1917)) On 24 Jan 1916, my Grandfather's cousin George Henry Jones Davies strolled up to the recruiting station in Coffs Harbour, diverting him from his chosen path as a Methodist Missionary. [BOOK HERE](#)



Part 1: Ireland, Land Records and Griffiths Valuation explained

May 3 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST Presenter: Bobbie Edes
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31 Virtual Via Zoom

In this session Bobbie will be covering land records from Freeholders to Tithe Applotment to Griffiths Valuation to Valuation Revision in more detail. Why they are so important, how they can help you and what is available. [BOOK HERE](#)



Colonial Justice: Police Magistrates and Justices of the Peace

May 17 @ 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM AEST Presenter: Kay Ryan
Cost: Members \$21 Non-members \$31 Virtual Via Zoom

This presentation will explain the reasons behind the creation of the office of police magistrate, which appears to be peculiar to the Australian colonies and originated in New South Wales before being established in Queensland with separation. It will also discuss the interaction and differences between Justices of the Peace, magistrates, police magistrates, stipendiary magistrates and judges and examine the types of justice meted out by those appointed to these positions. [BOOK HERE](#)

GSQ Notices

Containers for Change

It's as Easy as 1, 2, 3...

Many thanks to those who have been supporting GSQ with this fundraising arm. Please remember that all you have to do is to collect empty bottles and cans, including wine bottles, download the Barcode from our

website onto your phone or print out mechanism (or simply take one of the Pre-printed slips from the Reception Desk) and visit a Containers for Change depot – they're situated in most suburbs. What a painless way for GSQ to increase its bank balance!!

Two exciting events are coming to GSQ ...

Digging Deeper

A course over four weeks

- 5 June - British Courts and Convicts – Jan Richardson
- 12 June – Immigration – Helen Connor
- 19 June – Military – Sharyn Merkley
- 26 June – England & Wales, Scotland and Ireland
Pauline Williams, Ailsa Corlett and Helen Connor

Beyond the Family History Roadblock: Finding Hidden Ancestors

Do you have a genealogy mystery that has you stumped? GSQ invites members to submit their brick wall research challenges for assistance from our panel of experienced genealogists on **Saturday 5 July 2025**. Your brickwall details must be provided by **Saturday 7 June**.

More information soon ... check the Events Calendar on the website

Stories of service: Australians in the Second World War

Are you interested in learning more about Australia's servicemen and women in the Second World War?

Whether you're tracing your family's military history or exploring the broader stories of service, you'll be guided through the extensive records available in the national archival collection, including those made accessible through the WWII Digitisation Project.

You'll learn practical tips for navigating these resources to access and interpret service records and gain a deeper understanding of the profound impact the Second World War had on past-serving Australians. **The seminars are identical so you only need to register for one of the sessions. The Research Centre will be open on Friday 11 April.**

Date: 8 and 11 March 2025

Time: 10 to 11 am

Location: National Archives of Australia, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

Cost: Free

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Interest Groups

Chinese Research Group

The next meeting of the new Chinese Research Group is on **Sunday, 18 May**, by Zoom. Due to the History Queensland AGM being at GSQ on the previously set date, this is a new date.

All GSQ members are welcome, whether they are experienced or newbie researchers. At this meeting we are planning to have a speaker/s discussing their search for Chinese ancestors in Australia.

If you are attending, please email me at the email address below, and I will send you the Zoom link. I will be online about 9.50 am on Sunday, 18 May.

Contact the group coordinator at chineseresearchgroup@gsq.org.au

* Non-GSQ members can attend two meetings without being a GSQ member.

Colonial & Convict Interest Group

Our Interest group is thrilled to announce the release of a Colonial and Convict research Tool. This document is absolutely essential for your research. It may be purchased in booklet form or as a PDF file. Purchase price of the booklet format for non-members of GSQ is \$25 and for members \$20 whilst the PDF version may be purchased for \$15 non members and \$10 for members.

(Another valuable document now available for purchase is the Proof of Identity Certificate. This formal document verifies your genealogical link to a convict. To qualify, forward the evidence required in support of your claim as well as \$25 for your certificate.)

Again, sincere thanks to Helen Connor for her time and effort with both of these excellent projects.

If you are interested in our early Australian history or perhaps you have a link to one or more convicts, you need to join our group. ***At the next meeting on April 13, the focus of our research and discussion will be the circumstances that provided the catalyst for our ancestors to emigrate to Australia. Fleur will speak about old occupations.***

For those attending in person GSQ doors open at 9.30 and for anyone attending via Zoom, the invitation will be sent a few days prior to the meeting. For more details, please email Bev Murray at: C&C@gsq.org.au

DNA Interest Group

Our next DNA SIG meeting is **Sunday 27 April** at 9:30 AM. Queensland time via Zoom. The remainder of 2025 meetings are in the GSQ calendar. Some of the meetings in 2025 will be hybrid, that is, both by Zoom and in the GSQ Resource Centre.

If you're interested in learning more about DNA, email dna@gsq.org.au and ask to be added to the email list. Non-members of GSQ can attend two DNA Interest Group meetings before they must join GSQ.

English/Irish/Welsh Interest Group

The next meeting of the English/Irish/Welsh SIG will be **Sunday 6 April** and will be a hybrid meeting.

The April presentation will be on the Irish County of Kilkenny by Kim Davis.

If you have English, Irish or Welsh (or all three!!) ancestors, this is the Interest Group for you. Do you have a bit of a 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 6th April either in person or via ZOOM.

If you are not on my mailing list, please email me at 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.

Convenor, Kim Davis

Family History Technology Group

We were sorry we needed to cancel our first meeting for the year due to issues with power relating from cyclone Alfred, but we will cover the topic again when we meet on **11 May at 10am** – 12pm via Zoom.

The topic was to be about comparing software that is either free or at a minimum cost compared to the large software companies, and just what is best for you to use. We would love you to come along and talk about other aspects of Tech that you would like to discuss.

Please email fhtech@gsq.org.au so that we can send you the link for our May meeting.

Interest Groups

German Interest Group

The German group meets odd numbered months and our next meeting will be **Sunday 25 May**; everybody welcome. Starting time 10.00.am, it is a hybrid meeting..

Should you wish to attend via Zoom please forward an email to germangroup@gsq.org.au. Non members of the society may attend for two meetings but after that we hope you will join GSQ as a member.

Scandinavian Interest Group

The next meeting of the Scandinavian group is **Sunday 18 May** at GSQ.

We have an email group with Scandinavian news and details about coming meetings. If you are not in the group and would like to be, please let me know. Email Steinar on scangroup@gsq.org.au.

Scottish Interest Group

Our next meeting will be on **Sunday 4 May** at 10:00 am. We will conduct the meeting as a hybrid ZOOM and on-site meeting, so if you would like to join us remotely please contact us at scotgroup@gsq.org.au to join our list and receive the credentials. Members and guests are most welcome.

At this meeting, our regular lecture will be on Using Scotlands People and Ailsa Corlett will be our presenter.

This year we have two indexing projects available to us. We will continue to index the major Scottish record, *The Register of Deeds*, and we will also have a new Poorhouse record, which is easier to read. This work is a great way to contribute to record availability, and we welcome anyone who would like to join the effort.

Writing Interest Group

The next Writing Group meeting will be held via Zoom on **20 April, Easter Sunday, 10.00am-12.00pm** for those who are able to attend on the day.

There are probably lighter moments in our family histories as well as sad and tragic events, so the meeting will focus on the use of humour in writing family stories. We will share strategies and language tips to add variety to our writing.

If you would like more information and be added to the Writing Group email list contact Pauline and Janice on writing@gsq.org.au or pstirland@hotmail.com

Joan Reese Short Story Competition 2025

The topic for the Joan Reese Short Story competition 2025 is *A short story from family history research you have undertaken*. We discover many interesting stories when researching family history. These stories may relate to an individual, an event which impacted on ancestors' lives or how a mystery or brick wall was solved. What was its significance to your research? This should be clearly explained. Share your story with the readers of *Generation*. The prize for the winning entry is \$200 and is partly funded by GSQs Writing Group. GSQ looks forward to reading your stories.

Entries close on 25 May 2025 and the winner will be announced at GSQs Open Day on 23 August 2025. Full details of the competition, including judging criteria and entry requirements can be found on GSQs website.

More information is available by emailing secretary@gsq.org.au



GSQ Notices

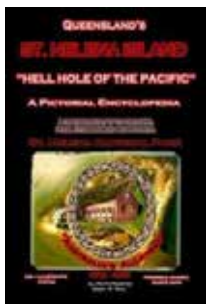
GSQ in your local BCC library

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.

Library	Topic	When	Time	Booking
Ashgrove	<i>Beginner Guide to DNA</i>	Saturday 12 April	11am to 12 noon	3407 1940
Ashgrove	<i>The journey to publishing my family history book</i>	Saturday 17 May	11am to 12 noon	3407 1940
Everton Park	<i>DNA for genealogy step two: Beyond ethnicity</i>	Saturday 24 May	12:30 to 2:30pm	3403 8615
Wynnum	<i>The journey to publishing my family history book</i>	Thursday 29 May	11am to 12 noon	3403 2199

Bookshop News ***Book of the month - available now!***

Queensland's St. Helena Island ***Hell Hole of the Pacific*** By James M Gray



The St Helena Penal Establishment was situated on a small Island in Moreton Bay, some 5 km from the mouth of the Brisbane River, covered approximately 88 hectares above the high water line and was one of the loveliest islands in the bay.

The elevated tableland on which the prison was built looked like a large rugged block of ruby and emerald rising out of the sea. Its steep chocolate brown patches of rich soil, bordered with green fields of cultivation and bases of grass and shimmering sand provided a striking first picture of the island.

It has had a fascinating history from the time it was first discovered; but its most important period began when it became a high-security colonial prison in 1867. The overcrowding of Brisbane's gaols resulted in the conversion of buildings originally intended for a quarantine station on St. Helena Island, into accommodations for prisoners convicted for a wide variety of crimes.

Bookshop price \$49.99

GSQ Notices

GSQ Facebook Page

Our GSQ Facebook Page is a public page, so you don't have to be a Facebook member to see what is posted 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.

The GSQ Education program is published with the Events coming up in the next month or so. These presentation advertisements always include a link which takes you directly to the GSQ Events webpage for the particular event.

Please feel free to Like or Follow us and also to leave a comment on any of our posts and if you do this a few times, it should bring our posts into your daily feed.

Contact enquiries to Bobbie Edes & Catherine Thompson on facebook@gsq.org.au

GSQ Blogs

Our GSQ Bloggers for the month of March were Sue Bell, Yvonne Tunny, Bev Murray, Bobbie Edes and Di Edelman.

The 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 itself: <https://gsq-blog.gsq.org.au/> but it can also be reached by clicking on the 'Blog' information box link 2nd from the right at the bottom of the GSQ Website homepage.

Contact Bobbie on blogs@gsq.org.au

What are the most important FREE family history websites?

There are some sites that you should certainly search. We recommend bookmarking them in your browser so that you can easily find them when doing your family history. www.irishgenealogy.ie – for Irish civil BMD records and some parishes
www.census.nationalarchives.ie – for Irish 1901 and 1911 and on 18 April, 2025 the 1926 Censuses
www.library.wales/collections/learn-more/introduction2/ – for a wealth of Welsh digital records
https://scotlandsplaces.gov.uk – a treasure trove of information, photos and documents for tracing ancestors in Scotland.

GSQ Facebook Group

GSQFB was set up to provide a Facebook presence where GSQ members and non members can interact.

Only the members of the group can see what you post. Here you can ask questions, and share your genie successes and frustrations. It is an interactive space where you will also learn more about the resources GSQ has and how to continue your research.

You don't need to be a GSQ member to join the group. Email Rhoda at gsqfbgroup@gsq.org.au

Are there websites that will help me do my family history for free?

Yes, plenty. There are a number of websites with free access to essential clues. There are also a vast range of websites with free tools – such as those to help you:

- build your family tree online;
- download free charts and forms to keep your records straight;
- gather collections of photos of places from yesteryear;
- find historic maps;
- read digitised old books;
- and explore indexes and even, sometimes, digitised images.

Free family history websites to try

- FreeBMD
- FreeCen
- FamilySearch

Find wikis and online guides for free family history information

There are also numerous wikis (eg <http://familysearch.org/wiki>) and online guides (eg <https://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/help-with-your-research/research-guides-keywords/>) providing you with research advice and know-how to help you learn about how to trace your family tree, how to tackle advanced sources, how to overcome brickwalls and more.

What do I need to pay for?

Take a free trial! If you're new to family history it's worth taking advantage of any free trial periods so that you can explore each site and see which suits you best. Be sure to cancel within the trial period if you don't wish to take up a subscription

GSQ ZOOM Meetings

Monday Morning ZOOM for GSQ members only starting at 11:00 AM AEST

Do you want to be part of a relaxing but informative zoom group. Please email us at mtzoom@gsq.org.au and we can send you a link to join us each **Monday from 11am until 12.30pm**.

We cover a wide range of genealogical topics and look at many websites that can assist you with your research.

The group is great for assisting you with those hard to figure out problems on just where next to look or what records are available to either search from home or at a resource centre.

Come and join us with a cuppa, bring along your furry or doggy friends as we have many that like to join as well.

Wednesday Night ZOOM, open to everyone and FREE starting at 7:00 PM AEST

April 9th is our next meeting; it is the 2nd Wednesday of the month. *As a topic I would like to show you the advantages of using Cite-Builder (Cite-Builder.com), which had a table at the 2025 Conference in Brisbane in March, we will also examine Zotero, a free citation program.* This is a program to help you generate citations for your research if you do not or even if you do use a genealogical program.

This is also an evening for you to bring up and ask the group about any problems you are having with your research. The group can help direct to various websites/books or just give some information from experience on what might be able to assist you overcome that issue.

Our guest speaker for 23 April is Jo Callaghan, who is a graduate of the Diploma of Family Historical Studies (SAG) and Convenor of the Writers Special Interest Group at Family History ACT. In honour of ANZAC Day, Jo will tell us about important genealogical work related to our ANZACs and other former members of the Australian Defence Force.

If you would like to attend our Free Wednesday Night Zoom's then please email wedpmzoom@gsq.org.au so that we can send you the link.

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

Our group was due to have a topic presentation on 5 March, but the meeting was cancelled thanks to Alfred, so we have re-scheduled that for our August meeting. On 19 March we held a challenging Learning Aid session on where to look for further details on any ancestor born in the restricted 100yr period. *The group funds have donated a book to our GSQ Library titled 'Cracking the code of old handwriting' which is now on the shelves under: UK/411/012.*

Our meetings are on the 1st and the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 11am and they go for about 90 minutes with notes distributed afterwards. Any financial GSQ member can attend these Wednesday morning Zoom sessions, and non-member guests are welcome to come along to two meetings prior to joining GSQ.

To go onto the mailing list, please contact wedmorningzoom@gsq.org.au and ask to be included.

What's New ...

A new open-access book, [Inheriting the Family: Objects, Identities and Emotions](#), edited by Katie Barclay, Tanya Evans, Joanne Begiato, Laura King, and Ashley Barnwell, explores how family inheritances shape personal identity, cultural heritage, and national memory. Utilising methodologies from the history and sociology of emotions, the collection examines the selection of specific family tokens and their transition from private keepsakes to public heritage. Through diverse case studies - including Victorian library chairs, quilts, religious texts, and intergenerational writings - the book delves into the emotional significance of inherited objects across various social, racial, and ethnic groups. *Published by Bloomsbury Academic in 2025, the ebook is available under a CC BY-NC-ND 4.0 license on bloomsburycollections.com, with open access funded by UK Research and Innovation.*

Historic England has acquired the Janette Rosing Collection, comprising over 8,000 original black and white photographs from the mid-19th to early 20th centuries. This collection offers a comprehensive visual record of England's architecture, landscapes, and maritime history during a transformative period marked by industrialisation and urbanisation. The photographs, taken by prominent photographers of the era, cover every English county and include various photographic processes of the time. Janette Rosing, a renowned photographic consultant, dedicated her life to amassing this collection, which has been acquired through the UK Government's Acceptance in Lieu scheme. Historic England plans to conserve, catalogue, and digitize the collection, making it accessible to the public and preserving it for future generations. [Search the Archive here.](#)

Trove.scot is a new online platform that brings together a vast range of historical and archaeological resources in one place. By integrating data from the Historic Environment Portal, Canmore, SCRAN, and the Property in Care Collections, it provides a comprehensive research tool for anyone interested in Scotland's past. Whether you're an academic, heritage professional, or history enthusiast, Trove.scot offers access to information on listed buildings, designated sites, and archival imagery, making it easier than ever to explore Scotland's rich heritage. This project has been made possible with funding from the Historic Scotland Foundation.

The National Archives of Ireland has announced that the 1926 Census records will be digitized and made freely available online on April 18, 2026. This release will provide a detailed snapshot of life in Ireland a century ago, offering invaluable insights for genealogists and historians. For more information and updates, visit the [National Archives' official page on the 1926 Census.](#)

The Amsterdam City Archives has unveiled a major website overhaul, making it easier than ever to explore its vast collection of 50 kilometers of paper records and millions of digital files. A new unified search engine now allows users to seamlessly browse archival descriptions, indexes, and images all in one place - instantly accessing available digital documents. This streamlined experience replaces the previous need to switch between different sections, offering a smoother and more intuitive way to uncover Amsterdam's rich history. Visit the new beta version at <https://beta.archief.amsterdam/> to explore the city's past

The U.S. National Archives has acquired a significant collection of historical documents from Arlington National Cemetery, spanning from

the 1830s to the 1970s. This collection includes rare maps, architectural drawings, and records that provide valuable insight into the cemetery's history and development.. [Access them here.](#)

Women police in NSW: a history of firsts. Ever since the first women police officers in NSW were appointed in 1915, the history of women in Australia's oldest police organisation has been a succession of 'firsts': the first to be issued with uniforms (1948), the first to be able to participate in a graduation ceremony with their male colleagues (1958), the first to be sworn in as officers with full powers and equal entitlements (1965) and the first to be assigned to general duties (1976). [Read more here.](#)

Gaol inmates & prisoners photos index 1870-1930. The Gaol Photographic Description Books contain a photograph of each prisoner and the following information: number, prisoners' name, aliases, date when portrait was taken, native place, year of birth, details of arrival in the colony - ship and year of arrival, trade or occupation, religion, standard of education, height, weight (on committal, on discharge), colour of hair, colour of eyes, marks or special features, number of previous portrait, where and when tried, offence, sentence, remarks, and details of previous convictions (where and when, offence and sentence). [Search the archive here.](#)

Ask an Archivist. Did you know that you could submit an question to the State Archives of NSW? It's difficult to go to Kingswood, but you can ask an [Archivist by using the form here.](#) Check out the FAQ before you send the request. There is currently a 20 day turnaround for responses to your enquiries.

Family History News

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 April offerings:

Apr 4 – *DNA Meets the Paper Trail: Pedigree Triangulation Strategies for Early 19th-Century Research* by Diana Elder, AG, AGL – 7:00 AM AEST

Apr 4 – *Breathing Life into Ancestral Stories: Using Social History in Genealogical Research* by Robyn Smith – 8:00 AM AEST

Apr 4 – *Organizing Your Genealogy Files* by Drew Smith – 9:00 AM AEST

Apr 4 – *GPTs for Family History: Unlocking the Potential of AI* by Andrew Redfern – 10:00AM AEST

Apr 4 – *Seven Sources for Seeking Scoundrels* by Janice Nickerson – 11:00 AM AEST

Apr 4 – *Understanding and Benefitting from Process Changes to England's Civil Registration for B/M/D Certificates* by Paul Milner, FUGA, MDiv– 12:00 PM AEST

Apr 4 – *Links That Last: Managing and Understanding URLs* by Cyndi Ingle – 1:00 PM AEST

Apr 4 – *Fathers: other research strategies* by Michelle Patient – 2:00 PM AEST

Apr 4 – *Discover MyHeritage from Down Under* by Shauna Hicks – 3:00 PM AEST

Apr 4 – *Engagements, Weddings, marriage contracts and divorces in 19th century Germany* by Andrea Bentschneider – 5:00 PM AEST

Apr 4 – *Scottish costume – The Kilt: fact, fiction and pure fantasy* by Bruce Durie – 6:00 PM AEST

Apr 4 – *Subjects, Citizens, and Serfs: Unpacking Germany's Historical Social Order* by Andrea Bentschneider – 8:00 PM AEST

Apr 4 – *DNA testing: when the unexpected knocks on your door* by Janna Helshtein – 9:00 PM AESTww

CONFERENCE 2025 RAFFLE WINNERS

Connections 2025 Conference Raffle – Winners Announcement – Thank you to everyone who participated in our raffle.

Day 1 – Winners Announcement:

1st Prize: Winner: Fiona Brooker - Ticket #477

2nd Prize: Winner: Allison Smith - Ticket #61

3rd Prize: Winner: [Identity Withheld] - Ticket #23

4th Prize: Winner: [Identity Withheld] - Ticket #339

5th Prize: Winner: [Identity Withheld] - Ticket #276

6th Prize: Winner: Linda Ely - Ticket #461

Day 2 Raffle - Winners Announcement

1st Prize: Winner: Lorraine Clark - Ticket #366

2nd Prize: Winner: [Identity Withheld] - Ticket #149

3rd Prize: Winner: [Identity Withheld] - Ticket #12

4th Prize: Winner: [Identity Withheld] - Ticket #276

5th Prize: Winner: [Identity Withheld] - Ticket #74

6th Prize: Winner: Gale McKelvie - Ticket #457

Day 3 - Winners Announcement

1st Prize: Winner: Lorraine Clarke - Ticket #371

2nd Prize: Winner: Marg Farlow - Ticket #378

3rd Prize: Winner: Kate Buchanan - Ticket #335

4th Prize: Winner: Jo O'Brien - Ticket #402

5th Prize: Winner: [Identity Withheld] - Ticket #173

6th Prize: Winner: Regina Hogan - Ticket #47

Congratulations to all our winners and thank you to everyone for supporting Genealogical Society of Queensland Inc (GSQ)!



*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.
Lest we forget.*

Enjoy April ...

Enjoy April! It's a busy month with the Easter Break coming up and Anzac Day on 25th. Enjoy the Easter Break and have chocolate! Have a great month of genealogy!

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