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1. Changes to my genealogical services.

I will soon begin alternating between (probably) '10 days away from Brisbane as a carer for my father' and '3 days off + 4 days working in Brisbane' (or will I need more than 3 days off in 2½ weeks?!) This may result in some changes to my genealogical services. Libraries or societies who want me to give talks during 2010 should contact me well in advance to discuss dates.

2. Email attachments.

Please check with me before sending email attachments. I am often 'out in the bush' where broadband is not available; and with a dial-up connection, some large attachments will not download.

3. I cannot email 'reachnet.com.au'.

My emails to all addresses at reachnet.com.au are bouncing back as undeliverable. Please send me an alternative email or postal address so that I can reply to your enquiries. (If you know Gail Parish or Beryl Loader, please forward this message.)

4. More Qld marriage/death indexes online.

Online indexes now cover Qld births to 1914, marriages to 1934 and deaths to 1964 (but *microfiche* indexes include births to 1919 and marriages to 1939). Letter prefixes in Queensland's online BDM indexes differ from those on fiche/CD, and some early church records are undated, so read 'Search Tips' on the Registry's Web site. Other advice is on www.judywebster.gil.com.au/tips-qld.html.

5. Genealogy blog re Qld State Archives.

The 'Queensland Genealogy Blog' at <http://qld-genealogy.blogspot.com> gives examples of interesting or unusual documents and sources (mainly at Queensland State Archives).

6. Mental asylum case books.

Mental asylum case books, which begin in 1860, are different from Public Curator insanity files. Until recently, case books were rarely accessible even via Freedom of Information; but for most admissions over one hundred years ago, case books are now open. For more details (and some names from case books) see www.judywebster.gil.com.au/casebooks-a.html.

7. Sydney Benevolent Asylum Index 1857–1900.

The Sydney Benevolent Asylum Index 1857–1900, www.sydneybenevolentasylum.com, is a superb new resource that includes some Queenslanders (especially pregnant women).

8. Titles of 2009 Congress papers.

The select list of published papers from genealogy conferences, www.judywebster.gil.com.au/lectures.html, now includes titles from 'Preserving the past for the future: Proceedings of the 12th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry'.

9. Genealogy Congress in 2012.

The next Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry, 'Your Ancestors in their Social Context', is in Adelaide, South Australia, 28–31 March 2012: see www.congress2012.org.au/index.html. I have attended eight of the last nine Congresses. They are a great opportunity to learn, socialise and make new contacts (and explore the local area).

10. Websites worth a mention.

- www.LegacyFamilyTree.com: family tree software.
- www.transcriptions.com.au: 10% discount on NSW certificates until 10 Dec 2009.

11. Avoiding junk mail ('spam') and computer viruses.

To reduce spam, my Webpages show an *image* of my email address. Please do NOT mention that address in mailing list or newsgroup messages, and do NOT put it anywhere on the Internet. Instead, refer people to www.judywebster.com.au for my address, which may change suddenly. To reduce the risk of computer viruses, do NOT put multiple addresses in 'To' or 'Cc' when sending the same message to several people (use the 'Bcc' field, not 'To' or 'Cc').

12. Published guides and free advice for Queensland.

I give priority to paying clients. Before asking me questions (about Queensland research only, please) check whether the answer is here (but note that my Web site will move to www.judywebster.com.au in 2010):

- www.judywebster.gil.com.au/tips-qld.html
- book '*Tips for Old Research*' (latest edition, described on www.judywebster.gil.com.au/publicat.html)
- www.judywebster.gil.com.au/index.html
- www.archives.qld.gov.au/research/briefguides.asp
- www.slq.qld.gov.au/info/fh
- www.naa.gov.au/about-us/publications/fact-sheets/index.aspx
- www.judywebster.gil.com.au/prof.html
- www.CyndisList.com.

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