

## Pre-amalgamation areas of discussion

Some areas of our Societies' operations that will need to be understood by each other. This includes explaining how each is undertaken, comparing this with each other, and identifying and proposing solutions for any issues likely in the event of amalgamation.

<i>General area</i>	<i>Examples/explanation</i>
Membership arrangements	Categories, Fees, Payment periods, database, benefits, new member support
Catalogues	What's catalogued, what isn't. Software. Classification systems
Print collections	
Journal collections	
Electronic collections (CDs)	
Maps collections	
Deaths and Burials collections	Funeral directors, Cemeteries, Memorial Inscriptions, Burial records, Death registrations...
Microform collections	Microfiche, Microfilm
Unpublished collections	George Bond collection, Libby Wager West Brisbane collection, Pre-separation application files (QFHS) The Wheeler Project, Convict connections application files, Funeral director records (GSQ) Member pedigree files, Research request outcomes (both) Others...
Subscription services	MyHeritage, Findmypast, Ancestry, FamilySearch, The Genealogist, British Newspaper Archive, johngrenham.com, others...
Publications & indexing activities	Products created, Indexing processes, External relationships (record providers, users of products), Digitising processes
Special interest groups	Matches, overlaps, structures
Branches	GSQ only
Education	Events, seminars, webinars, workshops, courses etc Face to face, online, one-off & ongoing series
Member communications	Journal, enews/Snippets, email comms
Marketing and promotional activities	Blog, Facebook, twitter, press, radio, open days, tables at events, others...
Stakeholders	Patrons, members of Federal/State/Local Government, partnerships, umbrella organisations, key suppliers...
Websites	Platform (software), Content
Remote /online access	Data and files, videos and webinars Members area, non-member access
Working groups	Research, Library Assistants, IT/TAG, maps, others...
Relationships with commercial providers	Not subscriptions but data provision/access: MyHeritage, Findmypast, Ancestry, FamilySearch, others...
Sales/Bookshop	Products carried, Sales processes and arrangements
External relationships	Associate organisations Reciprocal visiting rights
Awards, prizes, honours offered	Fellows of the Society, Services to family history or to genealogy, Book award, others...
Others still to be identified...	

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Working groups are already formed and are discussing the following areas:

Premises	Identifying and securing new premises. Requirements for space, access, IT and other services...
Finances	Comparisons of balance sheets, assets/liabilities, control systems
Constitution/Rules and bylaws	Comparison of existing structures, future needs.
Administration	Management structure, policies and processes