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Welcome to Twenty Twenty - saying that certainly has a pleasant ring to it! It's not only the end of the year, but the end of a decade too. Where has the time gone we ask!

As you read through this first issue of Snippets for the new year, you will find a wide range of programs that hopefully will be of interest to you.

In February, we have scheduled our first seminar for the year which is being held at the Gaythorne Conference Centre and is spotlighting the National Archives of Australia and Trove and also February is the commencement of our 6 week beginners course. Full details can be seen under the Education section.

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## Calendar

- **07 Jan - Library re-opens for 2020**
- 13 Jan - Management Committee Meeting
- [18 Jan - Family History Writing Group](#)

- [18 Jan - The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- [19 Jan - Welsh Interest Group](#)
- [23 Jan - English West Country Group](#)
- [25 Jan - Central European Group](#)
- **26 Jan - Closed - Australia Day**

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## Happenings



### Special exciting news for members!

We will soon have some exciting news about more online data available to members - watch for an email coming to you early in the new year.



Are you on the mailing list to receive the **Family History Bulletin** from the Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages?

If not, click [here](#) to access the latest updates of Queensland BDM's which will be uploaded from midday on **Wednesday 1 January 2020**. The records that will be released are for the following years:

- 1920 Births
- 1945 Marriages
- 1990 Deaths

To subscribe to the newsletter go [here](#).

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

### Australian Treasures: the National Archives of Australia and Trove

Presenter/s: Cara Downes and Sue Reid



Discover the National Archives - Cara Downes - Join Cara Downes as she

provides an overview of the National Archives' collection in Queensland and shows you how the records can assist you with your family history research. Cara will showcase the immigration and defence collections and also demonstrate using the online database RecordSearch and other online resources of the National Archives.

**Trove Digitised Newspapers - Sue Reid** - As the name suggests, our digitised newspapers, available through the National Library of Australia, are a treasure trove of information. You can find birth, death and marriage notices, articles about your family, gossip, advertisements, and much, much more.

**Trove: but wait, there's more - Sue Reid** - We can make use of Trove newspapers and the other features on the Trove website to learn more about our families. Learn some search tips for Trove newspapers and learn about some of the other aspects of Trove.

**When:** 1 February 2020

**Time:** 9.00am - 12.30pm

**Where:** Queensland Baptist Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

**Cost:** \$25.00 Members (QFHS and GSQ) and \$40 Non-members (includes morning tea)

[Register Online](#)

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## Finding your family: a beginners course in research



This six week course will be very comprehensive for someone wanting to start researching their family history, but unsure of the process.

Content will include home sources, organisation, BDM certificates, archives, libraries, newspapers, overseas research, and much more. Registrations will be limited to 15 people.

The cost includes:

- The book, **Where do I start?: a brief guide to researching your family in Australia and New Zealand** by Shauna Hicks 2nd Edition (rrp \$25).
- For non-members, complimentary use of the QFHS Library and Resource Centre for the term of the course.

**Presenters:** QFHS Tutors

**When:** Commences Monday 10 February 2020 weekly

**Time:** 7.30pm - 9.00pm

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

**Cost:** \$55.00 for members and 80.00 non-members (see inclusions)

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## Researching your Italian ancestors

**Presenter: Charlotte Sale**

This session will show you how to start your Italian family research.

You will learn to manage the challenge of reading documents in Italian or Latin.

In addition, you will discover how to find records of your family in Italy including those for births, deaths, and marriages.

We will also discuss how to navigate Italy's complicated history to find the right archive.

**When: Friday 14 February**

**Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre**

**Time: 10 am to 1130am**

**Limit: 25**

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## Queensland Globe: get hands-on with Queensland geography

**Presenter: Kerry Raymond**

Queensland Globe is an interactive mapping website providing access to the spatial information held by the Queensland Government. It is a powerful tool with an extensive array of information that can be overlaid on the maps, but it can be overwhelming for the beginner.

This hands-on session will be aimed beginners including: navigating around the Globe, searching for locations by a range of methods, obtaining information about a particular place, and working with the hundreds of built-in data layers (some of which will be included in the presentation).

Some of the limitations of the Queensland Globe will also be discussed. Note that Queensland Globe primarily deals with current information rather than historical information. However, there will be examples of how Queensland Globe can be used to help with your history research.

Read more about [Queensland Globe](#).

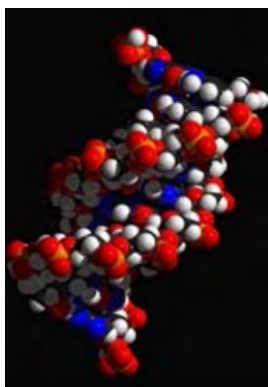
**Please note:** As this is a hands-on computer-based session, participants should be confident with basic computer skills, using keyboard and mouse, copying and

pasting.

**When:** Friday 28 February  
**Time:** 10am to 1130am  
**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre  
**Limit:** 9

**##### Book early as places are limited #####**

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### Which DNA test is right for you?

**Presenter:** Chris Schuetz

How can DNA help you find your family? Are you planning to submit a DNA sample for testing to assist in your research? This session is a primer for those intending to take DNA testing, whatever their interest.

This session is the first of two. In the second session in June, we will look at the results received.

**When:** Friday 13 March 2020  
**Time:** 10.00am to 11.30am  
**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre  
**Limit:** 15

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### Beyond BMDs: researching your English ancestors

A full day seminar on *English research* with leading English experts Elsie Churchill and Alec Tritton.

**When:** Thursday 26 March 2020  
**Time:** 9am - 5pm  
**Where:** Gaythorne RSL Club - entrance to car park via Tel El Kebir Street

For details of the suggested program, bookings and cost visit their website [here](#).





## QFHS Buddy Program

Are you a new member?

Experienced members are waiting to assist you to get started on your family history journey.

Buddies are experienced QFHS members who will assist new members by meeting at an agreed time to provide one-on-one guidance. If you would like to be a Buddy, or are a new member and would like to have a QFHS Buddy to assist you, email the Co-ordinator [here](#).

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**Have you looked at Facebook and YouTube recently?**

**Click on either icon to directly link you to that page.**



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## Web Wanderings



Ayrshire-based genealogist **Chris Paton** takes a look at 17 free resources to help you unlock your Caledonian family connection. To access this information go [here](#) to the "Who Do You Think You Are" magazine article.

Here are a range of free website resources to help you with your research, ranging from amateur transcription projects and community projects, to resources provided

online by the Scottish Government and national bodies such as the National Library of Scotland. Some are subscription sites to allow downloads.



Welsh family history can be tricky because of limited records availability and the frequently recurring common surnames. However, there are still free resources available online that can help you find Welsh ancestors. To access this information go to the "Who Do You Think You Are" magazine article by clicking on [here](#).  
(Picture is of Cardiff Castle)



### **Subscription site or free at the library**

#### **Scotland**

- Obituaries from Dundee Newspapers 1869-2018 - [here](#)
- Valuation Rolls 1823 to 1938 for the county of Dundee and Angus - [here](#)
- Dundee & Forfarshire (Angus) Electoral Rolls 1857 to 1939 - [here](#)
- Dundee & Forfarshire (Angus) Births and Baptisms 1562 to 1855 - [here](#)
- Dundee & Forfarshire (Angus) Marriages 1562 to 1855 - [here](#)
- Dundee & Forfarshire Deaths and Burials 1562 to 1855 - [here](#)
- Forfarshire (Angus), Dundee, portrait photographs of D C Thomson staff who enlisted in World War II - [here](#)
- Indexed original photographs of Dundee & Angus 1811 to 2010 - [here](#)
- Renfrewshire Death and Burial Index - [here](#)
- Stirlingshire and Perthshire Burials, 1755 to 2019 - [here](#)

#### **England**

- Hundreds of Petitions to the Magistrates of Staffordshire and Derbyshire, 1589-1799 - [here](#)
- Royal Navy First World War Lives at Sea database from the Royal Museums Greenwich - [here](#)
- UK Electoral Registers & Companies House Directors 2002 to 2019 - [here](#)
- Cornwall Burials - [here](#)
- United Kingdom Deaths, 2007 to 2018 - [here](#)
- Yorkshire Memorial Inscriptions - [here](#)
- Northumberland Baptisms - [here](#)
- Northumberland Marriages - [here](#)
- Northumberland Burials - [here](#)
- Northumberland and Durham Memorial Inscriptions - [here](#)
- British & Irish Newspaper Updates - [here](#)

#### **General Register Office**

The General Register Office (GRO) has updated its [online index](#) to cover all deaths

registered in England and Wales from 1984 to 2019. Use the highlighted link to order online.

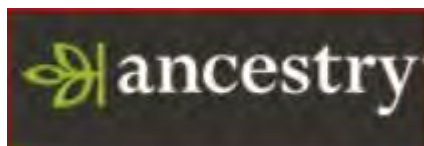
## United States of America

### Texas, County Tax Rolls 1846-1910

Tax rolls provide information on the amount of land, personal property or livestock an individual owned. They will detail the amount paid in poll, county and state taxes.

[Here](#)

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### Subscription site or free at the library



Ancestry has added 204,827 burial records from the registers of Brompton Cemetery – one of London's famous 'Magnificent Seven' Victorian cemeteries. The records list each deceased person's date of burial, their place of death, their age at death, their home parish and their preferred form of Christianity. [Here](#)

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## England

- Oxfordshire Parish Records, 1538 to 1904 - [here](#)
- Cambridgeshire Parish Records, 1538-1983 - [here](#)
- Herefordshire Bishop's Transcripts, 1583-1898 - [here](#)
- Oxfordshire Parish Records, 1538 to 1904 - [here](#)
- Yorkshire Marriage Bonds and Allegations, 1613 to 1887 - [here](#)

**Family Search.org** has also added **new, free, historical records** from American Samoa, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, England, Ireland, Italy, the Netherlands, Puerto Rico, and the United States, including AL, GA, HI, LA, OH, SC, TN, TX, and VA. Over **1 million** records were added from **Peru's Civil Registration** (1805-2001.) Search these new records and images [here](#).

## Ireland

- Catholic Qualification & Convert Rolls, 1701 to 1845 - [here](#)



- Memorial Record: World War I, 1914 to 1918 - [here](#)

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## General items of interest

### Are you a descendant of Richard and Eleanor Savage from Lisboy, County Fermanagh, Northern Ireland?

A gathering of descendants of Richard and Eleanor and their 10 children is being planned for the 11th and 12th of April 2020.

We are seeking anyone interested in attending, or who is able to help us compile a list of descendants, or share any details of their research of the family. For more information please contact:-

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**Ann Taylor** - [anntaylor54@bigpond.com](mailto:anntaylor54@bigpond.com) **OR**

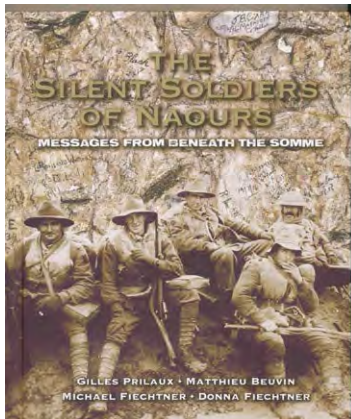
**Facebook** - Murphys Creek Savage Family from Lisboy



The Australian Federation of Family History Organisations has published the latest issue of its 'Newsflash' newsletter. You can download a copy of 'Newsflash' from the AFFHO website [here](#).

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## Book Review



Much has been written on various aspects of World War 1. One might wonder if there is something "different". We can find it here in *The Silent Soldiers of Naours* by Gilles Prilaux et al. One might regard this work as the meeting of archaeology and genealogy via graffiti. The latter term can bring a shudder from those who see it as defacement but in this work it is the driving force.

The area round Naours, France, is a honeycomb warren of caves. Digging for protection began sometime round the time of the Norman conquest but in more recent days they lay forgotten until the late 1800's. A detailed map of the caves is reproduced in the book. It may be fairly assumed that while the battle raged in the Somme soldiers on their "day off" went into the caves leaving a personal graffiti. But what became of them after that? The specific interest with this work investigates the 50 Australian soldiers whose names are listed. This is not to say other nationalities were not there too but the team working on this project limited it to Australia. Two high schools were a part of the team – Kepnock State High in Bundaberg and Collège les Coudriers in the Naours area.

This is a fascinating read and certainly another facet of World War 1 history. The book outlines a biography for each soldier. Where possible there are

photographs of the men but there are also numerous well produced photos of the graffiti and the cave system. The work is well sourced and indexed in 210 pages.

*Book review provided with thanks from Pam Masel*

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We would like to thank all those who have taken time out to send items of interest to our "Snippets" mailbox at - [snippets@qfhs.org.au](mailto:snippets@qfhs.org.au)

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Wendy Couper

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