



## Snippets, Vol 21, No 8

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### From the President's Desk

As many of you may already know August is National Family History month.

Here at QFHS we're looking forward to showcasing our society at our annual Open Day, currently scheduled for next **Saturday 21 August at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre**. All members and visitors are welcome to attend, with Special Interest Groups and other volunteers on hand to provide expert advice on tracing your family history. We look forward to seeing many of you there and don't forget to invite friends and family who may be interested in family history research and what we offer.

There are many opportunities to participate in National Family History month both locally and across the country. The Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) has a full calendar of Family History Month events which can be accessed [here](#).

Closer to home one of our members Alex Daw has set up a special blogging challenge for intrepid genealogists. Take a look at her blog page [here](#).

This month we were also pleased to release **Queensland School Pupils Index No 7 (QSPI7)** the last in a series of data sets which have proven extremely useful to our members in their search for Queensland family records. The preparation of these indexes has only been possible through the generous contribution of time and hard work by a team of dedicated volunteers led by **Jackie Buttress, Mary Geiger and Rosemary Kopittke**. I would like to acknowledge and thank all who contributed. Click [here](#) to see the roll call.

Finally don't forget our upcoming August Members Meeting featuring [Dr Geoff Morgan](#) who will provide useful guidance on accessing records like QPSI to discover more about individuals in your family tree. "[Family History Using Educational Resources](#)" will be held on **Wednesday 18 August from 7.30 pm**. See below or the QFHS website to register.

Best wishes,

**Kevin Haley**  
QFHS President



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## Calendar

### August 2021

- 16 Aug - [Finding Your Family: a beginners course in research](#)
- 18 Aug - [Members' Meeting - Guest speaker - Geoff Morgan](#)
- 20 Aug - [The Australian Joint Copying Project in Trove: Using the digitised collections. Carmel Galvin](#)
- 21 Aug - [QFHS Open Day](#)
- 22 Aug - [Genealogical Society of Queensland: DNA Special Interest Group](#)
- 27 Aug - [Fridays@QFHS - The Ryerson Index: where we are, and where we are going?](#)
- 31 Aug - [Discover Scottish Kirk Session Records with Chris Paton](#)

### September 2021

- 03 Sep - [Fridays@QFHS - Surnames with Chris Schuetz](#)
- 04 Sep - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 04 Sep - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 08 Sep - Management Committee Meeting
- 10 Sep - [Fridays@QFHS - Finding Grandma with Pauline Williams](#)
- 11 Sep - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 11 Sep - [Queensland Pre-Separation Group](#)
- 15 Sep - [Members' Meeting - Guest speaker - Ann Swain - Making the most of ScotlandsPeople](#)
- 17 Sep - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 18 Sep - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 18 Sep - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 19 Sep - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 23 Sep - [English West Country Group](#)

24 Sep - [Fridays@QFHS - Internet Archive with Michelle Patient](#)

25 Sep - [Central European Group](#)



## Discounted Fee for New Members

To celebrate National Family History Month QFHS is waiving the joining fee for all new members who apply for membership in August.

Do you know someone who's interested in family history ? Help spread the word. It's the perfect time to start their learning journey with QFHS.

Information on the August offer is on the website [here](#). To learn more about the benefits of QFHS membership come along to our Open Day on **Saturday 21 August**.

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### QFHS Open Day

**Discover You with A-B-C-D-Ease**  
**Archives | BDMs | Censuses | DNA | Easy!**

Come along to our Library and Resource Centre to learn more from experienced researchers, share your family history stories, enjoy a friendly chat over a cuppa. Tell friends and family. It's our day to showcase our resources during National Family History Month. **Able to help? Please contact the Secretary.**

**Saturday 21 August**  
**10am to 3pm**  
**58 Bellevue Ave (off Lade St), Gaythorne**



This event will operate under COVID safe conditions. Check the QFHS website for more information or contact [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au) if you have specific enquiries.

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## QFHS Inc Family History Book Award 2022

### Entries Open



The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at the Annual General Meeting 2022 to the person or persons producing the best history of a Queensland family published in book form within the past five years.

Full guidelines, conditions of entry and entry forms are available on the website [here](#).

Please check the guidelines. In brief, these include:

- It must be the story of a family, not an individual, and have significant Queensland content
- It should have an index

Desirable features include charts and tables, illustrations, maps, references, and a list of source materials

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## Happenings



### Members' Meeting Family History using Educational Resources

**When: Wednesday 18 August 7.30 - 9.00 pm**

**Where: Online via ZOOM**

This talk provides an overview of educational records to discover more about individuals in your family tree. The focus is primarily on Queensland State School pupils and teachers during the late 19th to mid-20th Centuries. Records relevant to both pupils and Education Department employees are considered.

Our speaker: [Dr Geoff Morgan](#)

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[Register Online Now](#)

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## [Making the most of ScotlandsPeople](#)

**When: Wednesday 15 September  
1.00 - 3.00 pm**

**Where: Online via ZOOM**

The government website, ScotlandsPeople, is a lot more than the official source for Scottish BDM certificates! It also has on-line a very wide range of Scottish material that is invaluable to family history research, including parish registers; images of census returns; wills and testaments; valuations rolls; and coats of arms. This talk gives an overview of some of these resources, explains their purposes and illustrates their use.

Our speaker: Ann Swain

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## **Fridays@QFHS**

Our range of talks for 2021 offer great information and insights from our experienced speakers. **All talks are currently being offered online.** Register early to ensure your spot.

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## **The Australian Joint Copying Project in Trove: Using the digitised collections**



**Presenter: Carmel Galvin**

**When: Friday 20 August 10.00 - 11.30 am**

**Where: Hybrid meeting - QFHS Resource Centre or Online**

**Limit: 25**

The Australian Joint Copying Project (AJCP) is a collection of historical documents relating to Australia and other former British Colonies dating from 1560 to 1984. The material, which has now been microfilmed, comes from records held in the United Kingdom.

The microfilms in the collection are divided into two series:

Public Records Office (PRO) – records from the Public Record Office (now The National Archives)

Miscellaneous (M) – archives and manuscripts from a variety of English, Irish, Scottish, and Welsh institutions and organisations.

The AJCP (Australian Joint Copying Project) resources are now available through the Trove website and provide a wealth of material for family historians.

In this session, Carmel will examine the scope and range of records available and investigate a variety of ways of finding treasures in this huge collection, and show you how you can access this rich collection.

The QFHS Library holds an almost complete range of the AJCP handbooks.

Our speaker: [Carmel Galvin](#)

[Register Online Now](#)

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## **The Ryerson Index: Where we are and where we are going ?**

**Presenter: John Graham**

**When: Friday 27 August 10.00 - 11.30 am**

**Where: Online**

**Limit: 25**

The Ryerson Index has been on the web for more than 22 years, providing a simple method for locating a published death (or similar) notice in Australian newspapers.

John will give a very brief rundown on the origins of the Index, followed by a demonstration of some of the little-known features of the website.

He will then expand on the future of Ryerson Index in an environment where newspapers as we currently know them appear to be on the road to extinction.

Our presenter: [John Graham](#)

[Register Online Now](#)

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## Surnames

**Presenter:** Chris Schuetz  
**When:** Friday 3 September 10.00 - 12.30  
**Where:** Online event and QFHS Library and Resource Centre



***Where did surnames come from?  
What different types are there?  
How can knowledge of surnames help you research your family history?  
What resources and tools are available for your quest?***

This presentation has a worldwide application but with a British/European focus. We will look at where Daniel Ricciardo's Italian surname origins might be, as well as discovering that Leggo is authentically Cornish (Gwiryon Kernewek).

Please note: This presentation will be available via Zoom or at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne. You may select on the day how you wish to attend, and you need not advise us of how you wish to attend.

At this stage, Chris Schuetz will be presenting at the Library and Resource Centre.

Our speaker: [Chris Schuetz](#)

[Register Online Now](#)



## Finding Grandma

**Presenter:** Pauline Williams  
**When:** Friday 10 September 2021  
10.00 - 11.30 am  
**Where:** Online

Researching your family's female line can be more challenging than tracing your male line.

This presentation will share tips on how to discover information about the women in your family and discuss women's roles in society in earlier generations.

Our speaker: [Pauline Williams](#)

[Register Online Now](#)

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## The Internet Archive

**Presenter: Michelle Patient**

**When: Friday 24 September 10.00 - 11.30 am**

**Where : Online**

**Limit: 25**

The Internet Archive is an invaluable research tool within which many echoes from our past are stored. This often overlooked online repository has a wide range of freely available, digitised items and is a place you can store yours.



Michelle will take us on a tour of its various hidden treasures, as well as talk about its history, purpose, and usefulness. It is also a place where you can deposit your digital items including text, picture and sound files and hence broaden its distribution to others now and into the future.

Some items are deeply buried and not so easy to find, but when found they can be a great addition to adding social and historical context as well as providing useful genealogy evidence.

Our speaker: [Michelle Patient](#)

[Register Online Now](#)

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## History of Brisbane trams and their contribution to Brisbane's development

**Presenter: Robert Thompson**

**When: Friday 8 October 2021  
10.00 - 11.30 am**

**Where: Online Event and QFHS  
Library and Resource Centre**



Come along to hear about the introduction of trams to Brisbane in the 1880s, part of



Brisbane's social heritage. The development of Brisbane's tram network is linked to the development of Brisbane suburbs and councils, including Chermside, Ithaca, Woolloowin, Hamilton, Mt Gravatt, Camp Hill, and Moorooka.

You will hear about the first power station in Brisbane city for the tram system and the network of substations along the tram routes. The open bogie cars of Brisbane trams were suited to Brisbane's sub-tropical climate.

**Please note:** This presentation will be available via Zoom or at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne. You may select on the day how you wish to attend, and you need not advise us of how you wish to attend.

At this stage, Robert will be presenting at the Library and Resource Centre.

[Register Online Now](#)



**Latest Release**

**Queensland School Pupils  
Index 7 (QSPI7)**

The Queensland Family History Society is pleased to present the latest and final edition of its Queensland School Pupils Index project, indexing admission and other records of school enrolments in Queensland.

The index includes almost 1,152,000 names drawn from 407 schools and 401 sources created between 2002 and 2021. Dates covered range from 1866 to 2016. Where we have extracted the pupil names directly from admission registers, a 21 year closure has been observed as recommended by the Queensland State Archives. Schools range from large city ones, with admissions in the thousands, to country one-teacher schools with a total enrolment of hundreds. Some schools have

long ceased to exist; others are still functioning.

Together with the Queensland School Pupils Index 1-6 (combined) which contain almost 2,390,000 names, the total names available for research is more than 3,500,000

To view this and other datasets go to:

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/searchable-datasets/>

Scroll down to **New** and login.

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## *Online Searching with QFHS*

Have you been embracing the convenience and satisfaction of on-line searching over the last 12 months? QFHS volunteers have been working hard to expand your access to a significant range of records and we hope you're taking advantage of our searchable collections.

If you haven't already do take a look at the following recent additions.

**QFHS Searchable Collections - Books.** The digital books in this collection are ones considered of interest to those researching or writing about their families. The copyright holder for each has provided QFHS with the authority to make them publicly available on the QFHS website. This collection will be expanded as appropriate books come to hand. Most titles are available to the general public but you will need to login to view others. These books are fully searchable. To search one of these books, simply press Ctrl + F and type in a name.

### **Name Accumulation Index.**

Each year the Queensland Family History Society presents an Award for the best history of a Queensland family published in book form within the last five years. This master index is compiled from books that have been entered in that competition since the competition commenced in 1993. They contain stories of families from all walks of life and all corners of our great state of Queensland.

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



### Discover Scottish Kirk Session Records

**Presenter:** Chris Paton

**When:** Tuesday, 31 August 2021 - 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm AEST

**Where:** Online event

**Limit:** 25

In this session, genealogist Chris Paton will discuss the year's most significant genealogical records release in Scotland, the kirk session records compiled by presbyterian parishes across the country, which are now available to consult on ScotlandsPeople.

Chris will explain what the kirk session was, how it fitted into the church courts hierarchy, and how the records presented can assist the genealogist.

In addition to discussing the new system that is now available on ScotlandsPeople, Chris will also discuss the records not available online, and show how to locate the relevant volumes that may help with research.

From antenuptial fornication and illegitimacy cases, to church census and vaccination records, the session will be called to order, and you are requested to 'compear' before it.

[Register Online Now](#)

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### Still have an appetite for more Scottish research training ?

The next Scottish Indexes Conference is scheduled for 4 September 2021.

Zoom registration is now open [here](#)

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**Friday 12 November 6:00pm - 10:00pm and Saturday  
13 November 10:00am - 6:00pm**

Watch the website [here](#) for emerging details of speakers and workshops.

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## **Members' Noticeboard**



### **QFHS Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea**

Monday 22 November 2021  
10.00 am - 12.00pm  
QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Mark your diaries and come along for a friendly get-together with other volunteers.

The morning will also feature the presentation of the **QFHS INC. AWARD for SERVICES TO FAMILY HISTORY.**

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### **QFHS Award for Services to Family History**

**SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL  
PEOPLE**

**Nominations close: 30 September 2021**



Members are invited to submit nominations for the **2021 QFHS Award for Services to Family History**. This award is for Queensland Family History Society members only. Usually, up to two awards are presented each year.

An awardee will have made a significant contribution to:

- family history in general for the benefit of all family historians, or
- the Society, that is of benefit to all members whether it be to improve Society resources or to help with the general running of the Society.

You should make your nomination in the form of a citation, up to 500 words. If your nominee is successful, your citation will be read out at the presentation of the Award. It will also be published in the *Queensland Family Historian*.

Nominations close **30 September 2021**. The Awards will be presented at a Volunteers' Thank You function on 22 November 2021.

You can download a nomination form [here](#). Please email your completed nomination form to [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au) or send by mail to PO Box 171, Indooroopilly, 4068 and allow seven(7) days for postage. [Please include your contact details and membership number.](#)



## **QFHS Presentations, Workshops and Courses are open to both members and non-members.**

Some QFHS events e.g. Member's meetings are free to participants. Other events such as workshops, courses and special guest presentations are offered to members at a discounted fee. Non-members are welcome to register for most events but will be charged the full fee rate. Our [Fridays@QFHS](#) presentations are among the most popular events. [2021 registration fees](#) for these sessions are:

**[\\$15.00 for members \(QFHS and GSQ\) or \\$ 25.00 for non-members.](#)**

Help us spread the word. If someone you know has a special history interest why not encourage them to check the QFHS website for upcoming events. Alternatively see what's coming up each month when you read Snippets. Simply click on any event on the Snippets calendar and you can see more detail. A list of all [Fridays@QFHS](#) presentations including topics and speakers can be found on our Website [here](#).



## New Members' Welcome and Orientation

**Are you a new member?**

**Is it a while since you have been to the Library and Resource Centre?**

QFHS conducts monthly welcome and orientation sessions for Society members. We invite you to attend a New Members' Welcome and Orientation session when you join the Society or at any time you would like a refresher.

Sessions are designed to assist you to understand the extensive facilities and resources available. We encourage you to attend a session so you can appreciate the scope of our holdings and how they may assist in your research. Sessions run for approximately 3 hours.

**Upcoming dates include: 17 September 16 October**

These sessions are currently being **held on-line and bookings are essential**. For bookings or queries email [welcome@qfhs.org.au](mailto:welcome@qfhs.org.au).

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## Library and Resource Centre Opening Hours

Our Library and Resource Centre is now open and we are starting to offer some of our workshops and presentations in Hybrid form, meaning you can attend in person if you prefer.

Don't forget to keep an eye on the [QFHS website](#) for updates on any sudden closures or changes to visiting arrangements.



**Have you liked us on Facebook yet? Or followed us on Instagram or Twitter?**

QFHS is slowly but surely building a social media profile by posting photos and

information about recent additions to our databases, new books in the library and sharing posts from other repositories and societies that may be of interest. If you want to keep up with the latest news in family history liking our Facebook page is a good start. We welcome suggestions for posts from our members too.

You'll find links to our Facebook page and other social media in the blue banner at the bottom of our [website](#).

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## Registering for Zoom presentations

Just a friendly reminder that your email address is vital when you register for a Zoom presentation. Please double check that you have entered a correct and current email address.

Immediately after registering for an event on Eventbrite, you should receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive this confirmation, it may be that the email address you gave was not valid. In fact, you should receive three emails generated by Eventbrite: one immediately after you register, a second two days before the event, and a third shortly before the event begins. If you are not receiving these notifications, email [marketing@qfhs.org.au](mailto:marketing@qfhs.org.au) so we can check.

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## VOLUNTEERING

### Many hands make light work

We rely greatly on our volunteers and whatever your skills you would be most welcome. We have a wide range of needs from library assistants to desk work to communications and housekeeping.

Not all roles require your attendance at the Library and Resource Centre. Why not contact our Secretary [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au) or (07) 3856 2724) to find out how you might be able to contribute ?

At the moment we are still looking for people with IT skills and inquiring minds who would like to help with maintaining and upgrading of IT infrastructure. You can contact John Perryn [tag@qfhs.org.au](mailto:tag@qfhs.org.au) for further details.



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## Web Wanderings

Subscription sites are still offered at-home through the QFHS website. If you have any problem accessing them please email [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au)



## Over one million pages of historical British newspapers free to explore online

Following the renewal of their long-term partnership Findmypast and The British Library have pledged to make millions of historical newspaper pages free to view online.

More than a million pages are now free to search and explore on both the British Newspaper Archive and Findmypast websites which will be expanded by more than 2.7 million additional free pages over the next four years.

There are currently 158 free titles on offer, dating from 1720 to 1880 and covering a diverse array of histories, locations and topics. Many of the titles included have been specifically chosen to help researchers shed new light on diverse and previously underrepresented communities and their histories

To explore these records Log-in to QFHS Website, click on [Online access](#) and select



Findmypast or investigate through the British Newspaper Archive [here](#).

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## Important News



### Recent changes to user terms and conditions

The recent Ancestry “Update to Privacy Policy” comes with an unheralded change to the Terms and Conditions.

They now claim rights to anything you post there after 3 August. They also claim anything you already have there from before then, that has not been removed within 30 days.

This includes “content such as family trees, photos, videos, recordings, stories about relatives, your comments in trees”.

You can find out more about these changes via these blog posts:

[The Legal Genealogist](#)

[DNAeXplained](#)

This does NOT include any DNA results if you have tested there.

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**New online sites and collections** are popping up all the time and all over the world. Here are a few recent finds that might spark your interest.



### Historical Irish Church Records Explained

Many Irish ancestry searches start, and can end, with the church records of the

time. Baptism, marriage and burial records contain key information about our ancestors and how they were related to one another.

The *Ireland x0* team have put together a short guide to help you understand what church records are available in Ireland, what to expect to find when using them, and where to access these records online.

Find out more by exploring the site [here](#).

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## Online Journals

**The following electronic journals have been recently added to our collection.**

You can access the full list of online journals by going to the QFHS Website and clicking on the Resources tab. From the drop down list click on electronic journals.

### 16 Jul 2021

Descent Vol 51 2 2021

Lithgow District FHS Vol 36 1 2021

Nottinghamshire FHS Journal Vol 16 11 2021

### 30 Jul 2021

Coontin Kin No 118 2021

East Ayrshire FHS Journal 49 2021

FHC The Genealogist Vol 17 10 2021

Fife Roots 5 2021

First Fleet Founders 52 4 2021

Footprints Vol 44 1 2021

Progenitor Vol 40 2 2021

RHSQ Bulletin 865 2021

**Note: you need to be logged in to the QFHS Website to access these resources.**

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## General items of interest

### Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Check the Calendar on QFHS website for upcoming SIG meetings. At this stage meetings are still being conducted online and registration is required. If you are still unsure about ZOOM and using it please do contact your [Convenor](#) for assistance.

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## QFHS Reciprocal Agreements



*Did you know ?*

### Visiting other societies

QFHS has agreements with several interstate and New Zealand societies, entitling members to reciprocal visiting rights. See the list [here](#).

QFHS members, travelling interstate or to New Zealand, may visit the libraries of these societies. A standard letter of introduction is required as proof of membership of QFHS. Members should get one from the Secretary before a planned visit. Similarly, members of these societies may use our Library and Resource Centre free-of-charge on production of proof of their membership.

### Arrangements with GSQ

QFHS has added the Genealogical Society of Queensland to our reciprocal visiting rights. Other reciprocal arrangements with GSQ cover booking for education events at member prices, and limited free attendance at meetings of each society's Special Interest Groups (SIGs). Two meetings of a particular SIG can be attended without becoming a member of the host society.

QFHS members are able to book into GSQ's education events at member prices, and vice versa. For information about GSQ education events, refer to [www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/](http://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/) and click on the event you are interested in. GSQ SIG meetings are advertised on this webpage also.

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## Royal Historical Society of Queensland

### Upcoming Events



RHSQ have advised of the following special events. Perhaps an interesting outing or the chance to find some treasures ?

### Waterworks Road: The Track that Made Brisbane

**Wednesday 8 September, 12.30pm-1.30pm**

This presentation provides a visual and descriptive history of Brisbane's early water supply system, and its critical importance for the development of the town in the late 1800s.

**RHSQ Book Fair (Re-scheduled event)**

**Sunday 26 September 26 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

Hundreds of books, mainly dealing with Queensland and Australian history, will be for sale. There will also be periodicals, magazines and some novels for sale.

**Queensland's Earliest Surveyors: Who, What and Where ?**

**Saturday 9 October 9:00 am - 1:00 pm**

With a line-up of interesting speakers this conference will commemorate some of Queensland's most significant early surveyors.

Find out more on the RHSQ website [here](#).

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## **Professional Historians Australia 2021 Conference**

Professional Historians Association (Queensland) is hosting the national conference of Professional Historians Australia in 2021

**History Transmitted: Connect – Consider – Challenge**

**Brisbane, Commissariat Store**

**Saturday 18 – Sunday 19 September, 2021**

This year's conference features a diverse range of speakers, with a keynote by Professor Melanie Nolan, Director of the National Centre of Biography at the Australian National University, and General Editor of the Australian Dictionary of Biography (ADB).

Details of the conference program and registration are available on the website [here](#).

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# Sands of Time

LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY CONFERENCE  
21-23 OCTOBER 2022

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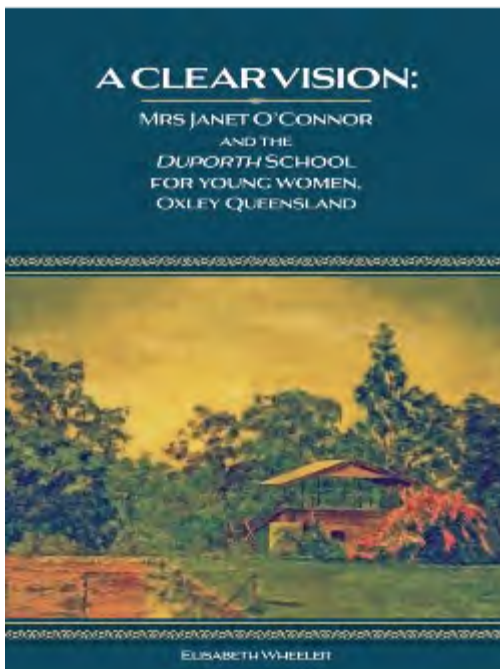
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## Book Reviews



**"A Clear Vision: Mrs Janet O'Connor and the Duporth School for Young Women, Oxley Queensland"**

**Author: Elisabeth Wheeler**

**Review courtesy of Alex Daw**

*Elisabeth Wheeler is uniquely qualified to undertake a work of this kind. Her early years were spent in Western Queensland and Brisbane. She was for many years an archivist and information manager working in both the public and private sectors and most importantly, independent schools. She discovered Mrs Janet O'Connor while employed as the school archivist at the Brisbane Girls Grammar school and was determined to tell the story of the school's founding principal; the woman who made a "significant difference in the education of young women at an*

*important time in the social and cultural development of Queensland”.*

This beautifully presented and well-organized work comprises many features dear to a family historian’s heart. Yes! There is a bibliography and an index, footnotes and appendices listing enrolments (when they could be located) and staff at both Mrs O’Connor’s school in the city from 1877-1887 and the Duporth School at Oxley from 1888-1920. There are plenty of illustrations too, both black and white and colour, which complement the text.

The author faced many challenges in documenting the work of Mrs Janet O’Connor, namely the “scant and disparate” records. Convinced that a school’s reputation is made through the evidence of its students, Wheeler devotes the last three chapters of the book to biographical vignettes of some of the more notable students. Many of the surnames will be familiar to Queenslanders e.g. Petrie, Cairncross, Lilley and Welsby.

The lack of official enrolment records did not daunt the author in her quest. She acknowledges the valuable source materials made available to her by the Queensland Women’s Historical Association and the Oxley-Chelmer History Group as well as descendants of “old girls” and those connected to the O’Connor family. And, of course, the National Library of Australia’s Trove.

*This work has much to commend it, from the excellence of its scholarship through to the subject matter itself which is an often-neglected topic. To me, the book’s greatest value and perhaps highest claim is that the reader is inspired to do more research; to read the many texts referred to throughout the narrative and even to plot a road trip to visit the many homes/stations in the surrounding districts.*

*I believe this book will be a welcome addition to local and family historians alike, who wish to gain a picture of life in early Brisbane and it sets a benchmark for those undertaking scholarly research.*

**" A Clear Vision: Mrs Janet O'Connor and the Duporth School for Young Women, Oxley Queensland"** is published by Elisabeth Wheeler & InHouse Publishing Pty Ltd Underwood, Queensland 2021.



For those QFHS members wishing to obtain a copy please contact Elisabeth Wheeler at [elisabethaus1@gmail.com](mailto:elisabethaus1@gmail.com) for a discounted price of \$33.00, plus postage (\$9.40) until 30 November 2021. There will be a limit of two books per

member.

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**Is there a book that has delivered an important breakthrough in your family history research or perhaps one that has provided fresh insights and directions? Why not write up a short review that we can share with other members?**

Contact [snippets@qfhs.org.au](mailto:snippets@qfhs.org.au) to discuss your review.



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## Acknowledgements

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)

The more we receive, the more frequently we can produce a Newsletter. If your submission does not appear in this issue, we will try to include it in a future edition.

Please note that reference to any product does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

Editor

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