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From the President's Desk

We hope you were inspired to engage with National Family History Month in some way. Here at QFHS we were fortunate to be able to open our doors to the local community at our *Open Day* on Saturday 21 August. It was a great opportunity to showcase what QFHS has to offer.

Although masks etc were the order of the day, the number of members and non-members visiting made for a lively atmosphere throughout the day. Some 19 non-members visited and about half took the opportunity to apply for membership. Overall promotion of National Family History Month resulted in 29 new members and 5 members re-joining the Society.

Our volunteers get a great sense of satisfaction in meeting and advising those with a passion for pursuing Family History Research. Here's a comment on the experience from Lyn Hooper (Library Team Coordinator and Management Committee Member).

"As a volunteer on Open Day, welcoming visitors and members alike outside the main door with Elaine our secretary, I must say I was surprised and pleased at the friendliness and excitement that the day brought. Having not been with a group of people for so long, it was lovely to talk to people about our passion for family history, and the visitors that I spoke to seemed just as passionate, and couldn't wait to join.

From outside you could hear the buzz of talking at the SIG groups. I don't think they really stopped talking all day. A lot of effort was put into the displays as well, which made for a happy atmosphere.

Although not so many visitors as previous years, I was pleasantly surprised that we had as many as we did. Well done to all the volunteers, and cheers to our new members."

The Management Committee sincerely thanks all those who contributed to the success of Open

Day. A list of individual acknowledgements appears below in a thankyou message from our Publicity Coordinator, Allana O'Kane.

Prompted by concerns expressed that there are remote members and potential members who could not attended Open Day, the Management Committee has endorsed the suggestion that an online event be devised to be held in the coming months. We'll post details on the QFHS website as soon as the event is organised.

In other news we have recently been advised by Brisbane City Council that the Society has been unsuccessful in the fourth and last to be assessed of the tenders that we had submitted for lease of community buildings. This is greatly disappointing as we had held some hope that our expression of interest for the Ascot property would be viewed favourably.

We will keep you updated on further plans and decisions in this space.

Best regards,

Kevin Haley

QFHS President



Calendar

September 2021

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

October 2021

01 Oct - Family Tree Maker User Group

02 Oct - DNA Interest Group

04 Oct - Queen's Birthday - Library closed

08 Oct - Fridays@QFHS - History of Brisbane trams and their contribution to Brisbane's

<u>development</u>

- 09 Oct Irish Interest Group
- 10 Oct Colonial India and the Far East Interest Group
- 13 Oct Management Committee Meeting
- 16 Oct New Members' Welcome and Orientation
- 16 Oct The Master Genealogist User Group
- 20 Oct Members' Meeting Guest speaker Dr Jennifer Harrison New Horizons: Populating

North-Eastern New South Wales, 1842-1860

24 Oct - QFHS Trout Game



A major undertaking such as Open Day requires lots of input from lots of individuals & I'd specifically like to thank those QFHS members who contributed to activities I undertook as Publicity Coordinator.

So, a very big & appreciative 'Thank You' from me to:

- Lyn Hooper for preparing the QFHS blue bags of goodies for Open Day visitors
- Sue Reid, Leanne Donovan & Lyndal Cosgrove for providing content re Education events
 & Publications for the blue bags
- **Charlotte Sale** for creating the vouchers for raffle prize winners & providing essential quidance

All of those listed below for their contribution to the Open Day powerpoint/slide presentation

- Marg Doherty & Pip Hughes
- Clem Ditton
- Alison Gardiner
- Gayle Thomsett
- Bev Moore
- Geoff Morgan
- Bev Young
- Jenny Davidson
- Max Hill
- Kay Rees
- Sarah Barry
- Rosemary Kopittke
- Sue Reid
- Dawn Montgomery

Pauline Heiniger for inserting 500 Open Day flyers into the recent edition of our Journal for posting to recipients & Sarah Barry for ensuring the flyer was attached to the eJournal.

Doug Eager for assistance with production of the flyers.

And the following members who distributed about 500 flyers in their local neighbourhoods:

- Carolyn Grimwald
- Judy Gunn
- Elaine Eager
- Kevin Haley
- Doug Eager
- Ann Swain

Elaine Eager for organisational support & essential attention to detail.

Without you all (& those I have regrettably overlooked due to my faulty memory) my Open Day publicity task would not be possible.

Allana O'Kane Publicity Coordinator

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

Happenings



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

New Horizons: Populating North Eastern New South Wales 1842 -1860

Presenter: Dr Jennifer Harrison

When: Wednesday 20 October 7.30 - 9.30 pm Where: Hybrid meeting - In person at QFHS

Library & Resource Centre or Online

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Jennifer Harrison will take a detailed look at the people who streamed into the north-eastern districts within the confines of colonial New South Wales. They were a cosmopolitan grouping from several European countries – all looking to leave behind difficult economic and social conditions. The incomers during these two decades contributed to a new world, far from family, friends and familiar sites.



Researching Indigenous Families and their stories from your

home.

Presenter: Dr Hilda Maclean

When: Wednesday 17 November 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Where: Hybrid meeting - In person at QFHS Library & Resource Centre or

Online

Instead of focussing on how to identify individuals, this session will look at Indigenous communities and their histories, and the material which can be accessed from home for free.

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.

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.

Our speaker: Michelle Patient

Register Online Now

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, Wooloowin, 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.

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



A history of calendars for the genealogist

Presenter: Jenny Joyce

When: Friday 12 November 10.00 -

11.30 am

Where: Online via **ZOOM**

Limit: 25

Understanding the complexities and quirks of the Julian and Gregorian Calendars can help shed light on inconsistencies in recorded dates.

This talk will also delve into such things as Regnal Years, Dating by Saints Days, Quaker Dates,

The Hebrew Calendar and French Republican Calendar.

While researching your family history you might come across any of these forms of dates, and having watched this presentation you will be able to understand them and perhaps clear up a family mystery.

Our speaker: Jenny Joyce

Register Online Now



Online Searching with QFHS

Our Indexes are a great Resource

Many wonderful volunteers contribute some of their time to the task of indexing parts of our collection and this results in QFHS offering many searchable data sets online for your convenience.

Queensland School Pupils Index (QSPI) Series 1-7

QSPI7 was released last month. This was the latest and final edition of our Queensland School Pupils Index project, indexing admission and other records of school enrolments in Queensland.

The full index series now includes more than 3,500,000 names covering dates from 1866 to 2016. It's simple to search and you may be surprised to discover family records that you didn't know existed.

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.

To view these and other datasets go to:

https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/searchable-datasets/ Scroll down to **New** and login.



Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Are you keen to boost your family history research skills?

The dates for our first 2022 six week beginner's course have been released. Mark your diary and book early as participant numbers are limited.



Finding Your Family: A beginner's course in family history research.

When: Commences Monday 14 February weekly for six weeks - 7:30 pm -

9:00 pm AEST (GMT+10) Where: Online event

Cost: \$60.00 members and \$90.00 non-members

Register Online Now



Finding Family in England and Wales Records

GSQ Annual Seminar When: Saturday 23 October 12:30pm AEST.

Where: Virtual Event via ZOOM

The Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) is holding their annual seminar titled 'Finding Family in England and Wales Records' on Saturday 23 October. See the GSQ website here for a full-program and list of speakers.

Bookings and Payment

Early Bird Price if booked by **30th September 2021**: GSQ/QFHS Members \$50 / Non-Members \$65

Price from 1st October 2021: GSQ/QFHS Members \$60/Non-Members \$75 Book online here.



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

The program for the November Family History Show has been released. Click here for details of topics, speakers and workshops.

Members' Noticeboard

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.

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*.

You can download a nomination form here. Please email your completed nomination form to 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 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 gettogether with other volunteers.

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



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 <u>welcome@qfhs.org.au.</u>

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?

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



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 so we can check.



Call for Education Program Speakers 2022

Do you have a skill or an area of expertise that you might share with you fellow QFHS members? Maybe you have an app or application or some software that you know very well and may be useful to others. Perhaps you have a favourite website, or you are familiar with the resources available for a state or territories of Australia or a county in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

The Education Sub-Committee is currently planning our programme for 2022 and would welcome you as a speaker. You can present via Zoom or—COVID permitting—in person at the Society. The Education Sub-Committee can provide any support you may need.

If you can help, please contact the Education Sub-Committee at education@gfhs.org.au

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. With life hopefully returning to normal by 2022 you may be keen to get involved in community work. Why not contact our Secretary 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@gfhs.org.au for further details.



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



New Burial, Army and Knighthood records

British Army, Royal Engineers Other Ranks: Casualty Cards

These detail-rich records cover casualties during and after World War 2. Consisting of both

transcripts and images of original documents, these records will enable you to uncover information on their injuries, next of kin and more.

Greater London Burial Index

The Greater Burial Index now includes new records from:

Chiswick, 1856-1866

Southwark, St George the Martyr Workhouse, 1835-1874

Southwark, St Olave, 1848-1866

Britain, Knights Of The Realm & Commonwealth Index

This index spans several centuries, with entries dating back to pre-1500 and continuing on to present day. Each result will provides transcript that includes birth years, biographies, award types and death years (if applicable) and more.

To explore these and other records Log-in to QFHS Website, click on <u>Online access</u> and select Findmypast

Online sites, Collections and Virtual Tours

Here are some suggestions for you to explore this month.

Hint: It's always a good idea to regularly check some of the main resources available here in Australia. Many public institutions have been busily adapting their records and archives to make them available remotely.



Brisbane City Archives

As part of our family history month contribution see our new family history resource for Brisbane Transport Staff working in the years 1939 – 1945 (link below) These records are particularly valuable as they are the only Council records that record the employment of female conductresses during the war. As they were only employed on a temporary basis official staff records were never created. The collection also includes records of staff who left for military service and those who were re-employed after military service. These records initially compiled for taxation purposes include names, addresses, job titles and work locations.

National Library of Australia

Blog - The past is present: Putting Family History in Context

For researchers exploring their family's narrative, the National Library has the resources to help you flesh out your family history, put it in context and bring it to life.

<u>Video Stories</u> - An extensive and informative collection of video presentations from 2021 covering a broad range of topics including Australian history and heritage.

Association of Genealogists & Researchers in Archives (AGRA)

AGRA is the UK association for professionals in the field. They publish a regular series of podcasts which you can listen to at a time of your choosing.

This month's (the first of the new series) is about how to best commission someone to do some research for you. Very helpful if you are truly stuck with someone and want to get a professional "on the ground" to have a look for you. See the podcast series <u>here</u>.

QLD Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages - Family History Bulletin

Take a look at the Family History Bulletin's winter Edition here. You'll find some great tips to help you track names using the Queensland BDM Registry.

Virtual Tour - Cromwell Museum at Ely in Cambridgeshire

For those who need a refresher on English history in the 1600s a virtual tour of the Cromwell Museum at Ely in Cambridgeshire could be interesting. See the site here.



New Information and Useful Research Advice

Researching Irish Death and Burial Records

Death and burial records form an important part of our quest to discover more about our ancestors and where they came from. As more and more records are coming online, now's a good time to take a fresh look at what's available, how to find it and how to interpret your findings. See further information here.

An Irish Explorer In Australia

Click <u>here</u> to read the extraordinary tale of Robert O'Hara Burke, who was commissioned by the Royal Society of Victoria to traverse the vast nation of Australia, from south to north and back again.

1800s Irish National Education Archives

By 1899 almost a million Irish children were being recorded annually as attending school. You can read more about two essential education related sources from the 1800s here.

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.

20 Aug2021

- Aberdeen NE Scotland FHS No 160
- Argyle Bulletin No 89
- Branching Out
- GSQ Generation Vol 44 No 4
- Isle of Wight Journal No142
- Peninsula Past Times 163
- Redcliffe FHG Newsletter
- Roots In The Forest
- Tree Of Life Vol 38
- Valley Genealogist Vol 36
- West Middlesex FHS Vol 39

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- Bedfordshire Vol 23
- Bulletin Vol 52
- Figtree 159
- Genie Allergy 103
- Hertfordshire People No 158
- Lancashire Vol 43
- Narre Warren District FHG Issue 129
- NZ Family Tree
- Pivot Tree 146
- Pivot Tree 147
- Pivot Tree 149
- Pivot Tree 150
- RHSQ Bulletin 866

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- Ances Tree Vol 34
- Midland Ancestor Vol 19
- Relatively Speaking Vol 40
- Northumberland Durham District FHS Vol 46

10 Sep2021

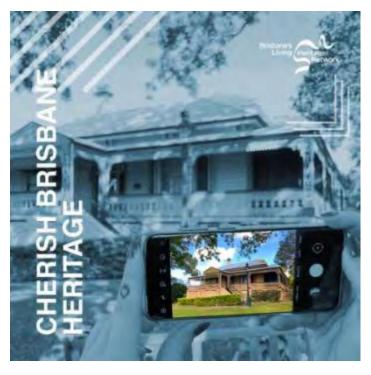
- Cedar Log 149
- Dorset Vol 34
- Endeavour 148
- Metropolitan 171

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

General items of interest



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 <u>Convenor</u> for assistance.



Brisbane's Living History Network 2021 Photo Competition

This spring Brisbane's Living Heritage Network (BLHN) - QFHS is a member organisation - is running a photo competition called *Cherish Brisbane Heritage*.

To participate, simply submit a photo taken in 2021 featuring an aspect of one of BLHN's 90+ member organisations of museums, galleries, heritage sites, historic houses and heritage gardens. This means you can enter a photo of your next visit with us.

The competition runs **10 Sept - 10 October**, with \$350 - \$450 cash prizes awarded in three categories: Place/Building, Object and People's Choice.

So get creative, get snapping, and head to the **BLHN** website for more details.



Eager to keep up with the latest news from Family History Organisations in Australia?

As a member organisation of the Australian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) QFHS receives copies of their regular newsletter Newsflash. The newsletter contains some interesting stories and updates from across Australia.

If you'd like to access the latest issue of Newsflash or past issues you can find a link to AFFHO Newsflash under Quicklinks on our home page here.

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?

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.







Book Reviews

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@gfhs.org.au to discuss your review.



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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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