

Snippets



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With the end of 2022 rapidly approaching, it's timely to reflect on our Family History discoveries and achievements in what has been an interesting and challenging year. We all started the year with nervous anticipation about the emergence of a new COVID variant, but fortunately QFHS was well positioned to continue to offer services, resources and learning opportunities to all. By mid-year the changing climate allowed us to open our doors to members again and offer hybrid activities to cater for in-person attendance, as well as a continuation of online options (which of course suits our more remote members perfectly).

Who would have anticipated that the second half of 2022 would throw up a completely different challengethat of finding a new home base for the Society after a long, stable period at our Gaythorne headquarters?

It's official now. Our Gaythorne Library and Resource Centre closed its doors for the last time on 18th October 2022 and all eyes are now focused on readying our new premises to serve your needs in 2023 and beyond.

I'm sure many of you will have special memories of visits, events, learning and togetherness at Gaythorne. We thank all current and previous members for their loyalty

and contributions over the past four decades, as QFHS has grown and adjusted to changes in technology, techniques and resources. In particular I am sure that we are all most grateful to those who have served as leaders and volunteers in the Society over that important period of time.

An exciting future lies before us. Our leaders and advisors have been working overtime to design and implement a purpose-built environment in our new Family History Research Centre at **46 Delaware Street, Chermside**.

We won't be able to offer services on-site for a few more weeks but there are still a number of interesting and important events on our calendar for 2022. On **21st November** those who have volunteered their services to QFHS during the year are invited to attend a **Volunteers Morning Tea** (either in-person or virtually). At the event we will announce the winner of the **2022 Services to Family History Award**.

Our last **Members Meeting** will be on **Weds 30th November from 7.30 - 9.30 pm**. Our guest speaker will be **Dr Colin Dillon AM APM**. Following the formal meeting we invite members to join in a celebration of what has been a successful and eventful year in our Society's history. You can attend in-person or on-line.

The coming weeks will be a very busy time for our teams. We'll keep you informed of all developments and we are working hard to limit any disruptions to our on-line services.

Keep an eye out for updates from your President and Management team and get involved if you can. **All offers of assistance are welcome**.

This will be the final Snippets for 2022. As Editor I wish to acknowledge all those who have contributed to the content, production and distribution of your newsletter. In particular I've greatly enjoyed receiving feedback, suggestions and items of interest from you, our readers. I hope to engage with many of you again, and bring you some stimulating news in 2023.

Regards,

Pat Smith
Editor



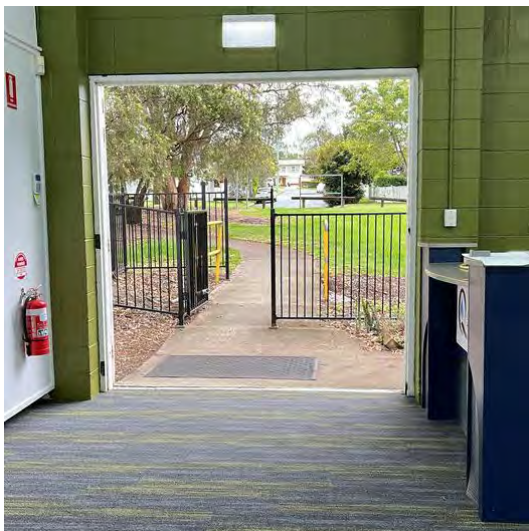
What's in this issue?

**Members Meeting Weds 30th Nov 7.30pm
(hybrid delivery - in person & on Zoom)**

**With special guest speaker Dr Colin Dillon AM APM
Come along to join in our End of Year Celebration**

What's news?

QFHS Family History Research Centre Opening 2023



Beginning a New Era at QFHS

Many volunteers are working to create a modern and comfortable **Family History Research Centre** at 46 Delaware Street, Chermside. Here's a sneak peak of our new home taking shape.

QFHS expects to open the new Centre in early 2023. If you'd like to help get our facilities and services ready for action email newpremises@qfhs.org.au

In the interim please respect the importance of keeping our work uninterrupted and safe, by resisting the urge to come out to the site until officially advised that we are open for business. QFHS will continue to send updates on progress throughout the end of year break and you can stay up-to-date with relocation news through this [special link](#) on the QFHS Website.



Irish Research Day

Thursday 24 November
11.30am - 5.00pm

Brisbane City Council Chermiside
Library

375 Hamilton Road, Chermiside
Parking available

Everyone welcome.

Come anytime between **11.30 am – 5.00 pm** and stay as long as you like. Work alongside others and help each other as required.

In preparation, we suggest you:

- review where you currently are with your research
- try to specify specific research questions or goals on which you would like to work.

On the day, bring whatever information and equipment you think you will need to help you work towards a productive day.

There will be plenty of friendly, experienced and helpful people there ready to assist & support each other.

Contact Dale Fogarty, the convenor of the Irish Interest Group, at irish@qfhs.org.au to register.

Looking for a special Christmas Gift?

QFHS Gift Memberships

A unique way to share the joy of family history.

You can arrange your gift via the QFHS website [here](#).



What's on?

Your calendar for the coming weeks



Events

Members meetings

30 November 7.30 - 9.30 pm (Hybrid - Brisbane City Council Chermide Library)

Guest Feature: "*My Life Story*" presented by Dr Colin Dillon AM, APM, 2022 Queensland Senior Australian of the Year, and Australia's first Indigenous police officer + End of year celebration

Seminars, Workshops, Courses and Conversations

[Talking about ...Voyages](#) 23 Nov 10.00 am (Online)

[Newspapers - Advanced Searching](#) 10 Feb 2023 10.00 am (Online)

[Talking about ...Riding the Railways](#) 22 Feb 2023 10.00 am (Online)

Other important dates

21 November Volunteers Morning Tea (Kedron-Wavell Services Club)

24 November Irish Research Day (BCC Chermide Library)

30 November Nominations close for Queensland Family History Book Award

11 February 2023 - New Members Welcome and Orientation

Special Interest Groups - SIG Meetings

Family History Writing Group 19 Nov - 9.00 am

The Master Genealogist User Group 19 Nov - 1.30 pm

Welsh Interest Group 20 Nov - 10.00 am

English West Country Group 24 Nov - 10.00 am

Central European Group 26 Nov - 10.00 am

Family Tree Maker User Group 02 Dec - 10.00 am



DNA Interest Group 03 Dec - 1.30 pm

Family Historian Software User Group 04 Dec - 1.00 pm

Irish Interest Group 10 Dec - 10.30 am

Colonial India and Far East Group 11 Dec - 10.30 am

Would you like to learn more about a particular interest group or perhaps join them for a meeting? Click [here](#) and select an interest group. You can contact the SIG Convenor if you have any questions or would like to join a meeting.



Members Noticeboard

President's update

Our new **Family History Research Centre** is taking shape at a great pace and we look forward to welcoming you there in 2023. I'd like to acknowledge the contribution made by so many members in recent months - it's been a mammoth task and not yet complete. As you can imagine, there've been a few challenges along the way but tenacity and goodwill from those involved have kept our two projects - departure from Gaythorne and the preparation of new premises to receive all our resources & equipment - on track.

I felt a little of the weight of history as I removed the final items from Gaythorne, took photos of empty rooms and handed over keys to the landlord's agent on Tuesday this week. With the end of the Society's tenure at Gaythorne, we can all gratefully reflect on the extraordinary people who have given of their time, knowledge and skills to build a society worthy of our pride and continued commitment. QFHS is well-positioned in terms of our reputation locally and, more broadly, in the Family History community. While our existing depth of talent and resources, coupled with a new purpose-designed facility, should see us move from strength to strength in the coming decades, the sustainability of the Society depends not only on income from member numbers but also on input from volunteers. Many community organisations fail for the want of volunteers and we would have been sorely challenged over these last few months without the hundreds and hundreds of volunteer hours so generously donated by our members.

In recognition of all our volunteers - our various teams, committee members, library assistants, education event managers, SIG Convenors & support crew, program leaders, painters, nailers, packers & unpackers - we will be holding a **Volunteers Morning Tea** on **November 21st** at the **Kedron-Wavell Services Club in Chermide**. This will be a hybrid event so our remote access members can participate in the proceedings. Please join us.

It's time to participate in the **QFHS Journal Article of the Year: Members' Choice Award**. Please check your emails for an invitation to nominate your choice for the award. It's just a small way to show your appreciation for the work of the Journal Team & all contributing authors and, you never know, you could win a prize, too!

Our **November Members Meeting** on **November 30th** will provide a final opportunity for all members to get together before the festive season. This hybrid meeting will be held at the **Brisbane City Council Chermide Library** and will be preceded by a presentation from Dr Colin Dillon, Australia's first indigenous police officer and 2022 Queensland Senior Australian of the Year. Living history. Once again, members have the opportunity to contribute a festive pantry item or toy to a **QFHS Christmas hamper** to be donated to an appropriate local charity. If you would like to donate to the hamper and assist those in need, please bring your contribution to the Volunteers Morning Tea on November 21st or the Members Meeting on November 30th. Alternatively, you may like to make a donation via the website [here](#) - just add 'Christmas Hamper' to the comments and we'll know to add

it to the hamper.

The final note for this final Snippets of the year is this: the future for the Society looks bright. We have 900+ members, interested & dedicated volunteers, investment in a new premises to project us well into the 21st century, a commitment to upgrading our IT infrastructure and a forward looking Management Committee.

Of course, any future is best built on the solid foundations of the past and members will soon be encouraged to participate in planning for the future. What are we doing well? Where can we improve? What can we imagine for the years ahead? How can it all be best managed?

Yes, these are bright and exciting times for the Society and all who care for it.

Best wishes to all

Allana O'Kane
President



Members Meeting
+
End of year Celebration

**Wednesday 30th November 7.30 - 9.30 pm (AEST -
no daylight saving)**

Hybrid Event: attend in person or on-line

Guest speaker: Dr Colin Dillon AM, APM

**Venue: Brisbane City Council Chermside Library
375 Hamilton Road, Chermside**



My Life Story - Dr Colin Dillon

Dr Colin Dillon is a Kombumerri man of the Yugambah nation. His Country is Queensland's

Gold Coast but his extraordinary life has taken him all over the State, and he has now been recognised as the 2022 Queensland Senior Australian of the Year, and Australia's first Indigenous police officer.

Dr Dillon stepped into the uniform two years before the 1967 referendum, which saw the counting of Aboriginal people in the nation's census, and a decade before ratification of the Racial Discrimination Act.

He was the first serving police officer to voluntarily come forward and give first-hand evidence under oath to the Fitzgerald Enquiry in 1987.

(Image Credit "By Sarah Smit, National Indigenous Times")

[Register your attendance here](#)

Volunteers Morning Tea

Monday 21 November 10 am-12 pm
Kedron-Wavell Services Club
21 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside

All volunteers are invited to morning tea as a thank you for the wonderful work you undertake on behalf of the Society. The annual Award for Services to Family History will also be presented.



[Register now](#)

This will be a hybrid event. You can join us in person or on-line.

As in previous years we invite you to bring along a donation to our Festive Gift Hamper.



Services Outage

Interruption to FamilySearch and vLibrary

As our Library and Resource Centre is closed, we cannot offer access to FamilySearch as part of our Affiliate Library arrangement. The good news is that FamilySearch offers a lookup service if you are in need of a particular record.

Unfortunately, members are not able to search the vLibrary catalogue from home.

We are investigating the issues with our telecommunications provider and hope to resume normal service as soon as possible.

Did you know you can access Ancestry at your local library? Some local libraries also have access to FindMyPast as well.

Please bear with us as our wonderful IT team do their best to rectify the problem as soon as possible.



Over the coming weeks you can easily find out what's happening with QFHS by subscribing to our Facebook page.

We'll be posting regular news and photos as our Family History Research Centre takes shape.

Click [here](#) to join us.

Events

Taking about

Learn@QFHS



Talking about ...Voyages



Join fellow members for an informal chat

Wednesday 23 November
Commencing 10.00 am
Online

Click [here](#) for more information

Newspapers - Advanced Searching

with Sue Reid

Friday 10 February 2023
10.00 - 11.30 am

Where: Online event Limit: 25

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register here](#)



Talking about ... Riding the Railways

Join fellow members for an informal chat

Wednesday 22 February 2023
Commencing 10.00 am (AEST)
Online

Click [here](#) for more information



Finding Your Family

A Beginner's Course in Family Research

Summer Program

Commences Monday 13 February
2023

Weekly for six weeks

Where: Online event Limit: 10

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register here](#)

Is there a topic you'd like to propose for a Talking About session in 2023 ? We're also keen to hear from members who are able to lead a discussion? Contact Sue Reid with your ideas.

Good Reads

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORIAN

Journal of the Queensland Family History Society Inc.

Have you enjoyed the articles in our journal this year? Support our wonderful volunteer authors & our Society by taking part in our

Journal Article of the Year: Members Choice Award

Everyone taking part will go in the draw for a prize.

All members recently received a survey invitation to nominate your top Queensland Family Historian article for 2022 as part of the **Journal Article of the Year: Members Choice Award**.

The author of the article receiving the most votes will win a prize – a \$75 gift voucher & a commemorative certificate, and the satisfaction that their article resonated with so many readers.

It's easy to review all of this year's articles. Members can access the *Queensland Family Historian* 2022 editions via the QFHS website [here](#). Remember you need to be logged in to access these and previous years' editions. As an added bonus you'll find some great stories to fill in your reading hours over summer.

Happy reading.



What's Online



Queensland School Pupils Index (QSPI) Part 7 **New Records Added**

A further 278,000 entries have just been added to the online Queensland School Pupils Index Part 7 database.

The additional data includes names from 202 schools. The schools include both large and small from across Queensland – including a number of very large schools such as Aspley SS, Balmoral SHS, Burleigh Heads SS, and Bundaberg Central SS, smaller schools such as Boulia SS, Bli Bli SS, Bowen SS, and Cairns Central Infants SS and other very small schools such as Buckland SS, Cassowary SS, Cockatoo Creek SS, and Fortune's Crossing SS.

Check the uploaded list of schools [here](#). All those marked “new” are schools that have had records added.

Remember ...you must be logged in as a QFHS member to access these resources.



Are you preparing a list of family history research goals for the new year? Why not invest a little time exploring our on-line resources? Try out some keyword or name searches. It's an excellent way to improve your skills and awareness of the available datasets and collections.

Log-in on the [QFHS website](#) and select online access. Click on any of the three headings across the top of the screen and you will see a full list of all that's available.



Introduction to QFHS - Online

QFHS has produced a series of introductory videos for those interested in learning more about the society and family history research.

Click [here](#) to go to our Youtube channel where can view each of the five videos.

Perhaps you know someone who has an interest in family history and would like to learn more about QFHS? Anyone can access these videos via the QFHS website. Simply click on the Youtube icon located on the bar at the bottom of the [homepage](#).



Ten Facts About Irish Gravestones

An ancestor's headstone holds the promise of uncovering clues that might take us back further. Headstone inscriptions can help us fill gaps in our family history - a date, a maiden name, it's all genealogy gold!

Ireland xo reaching out can help you master on-line searching for your ancestors and their graves. Read more [here](#)

Picture Ipswich Webinars

The webinar *Chasing Our Past At Home: Picture Ipswich* presented by digital archivist Melanie Rush is a guide to using the Picture Ipswich website. <https://www.pictureipswich.com.au/nodes/view/19359?>

Picture Ipswich is a website of Ipswich (Qld) Libraries. Amongst other resources are a series of twenty-four "Chasing our Past" and "Chasing our Past at Home" webinars which may be of interest to not only those with a connection to the city, but to anyone interested in Queensland history. This webinar will give you an idea of the breadth of the content of this website, including pictures, images of handwritten manuscripts, digital books and

much more.

Thanks to member Nancy Edwards for sharing the link to this excellent resource.

Latest Online Journals

- Ancestor Vol 36 2 2022
 - Ancestor Vol 36 3 2022
 - Cheshire Ancestor Vol 53 1 2022
 - CQ Genie Ologist No 144 2022
 - Crier 2022 09
 - Journal Vol 17 04 2022
 - Kin Tracer Vol 29 3 2022
 - Kin Tracer Vol 29 4 2022
 - Kin Tracer Vol 30 1 2022
 - Manchester Genealogist Issue 58 3 2022
 - Relatively Speaking Vol 41 4 2022
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- Footprints Vol 45 2 2022
 - Lanarkshire Journal No 80 2022
 - Patrick Plains Gazette Vol 39 2 2022
 - Valley Genealogist Vol 37 3 2022
 - BCGS Cariboo Notes 39 3 Winter
 - Journal GenSoc Ireland Vol 23
 - Descent Vol 52 3 2022
 - Dumfries Galloway NL104 2022
 - Narre Warren 134 2022
 - Parramatta Packet Vol 28 3 2022
 - RHSQ Bulletin 879 2022
 - Wiltshire 167 2022



Reminder: You must be logged on to the QFHS website to access the journals. On the homepage click the Resources tab and then select Electronic Journals under the heading Subscription Journals.

General Items of Interest

The Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants



QFHS recently received an introduction letter from this world-wide Society. They write:

"Mayflower Societies worldwide hold meetings and activities for members to socialise and share stories with other Mayflower descendants. In Australia, we aim to hold two meetings of Australian members annually, and may involve special interest guests such as writer Sue Allan from London, UK. Her website is www.mayflowermaid.com, if you would like to view free videos and see the books she has written.

Our Australian members share a pride in their heritage and a desire to keep the stories and achievements of their ancestors alive for future generations. We have members scattered throughout Australia and we look forward to meeting and sharing stories."

The society invites any person who might consider to be a descendant to contact their Historian historian@mayflowersociety.org.au. You can learn more about the Society via their website [here](http://www.mayflowersociety.org.au) or you can contact the Australian Chapter Secretary, Connie Riley email: secretary@mayflowersociety.org.au



Woodford and District All Small Schools

20th May 2023 10am to 4pm at Woodford Community Hall



<i>Roll call for past students, teachers and families from the Schools</i>		
Neurum	Villeneuve	West Vale
Durundur	Kalangara	Stoney Creek
Bellthorpe	Bellthorpe West	Stanmore
Mt Delaney		Woodford
Commissioner's Flat	Crohurst	Dahmongah
Peachester	Bracalba	Mt Mee
Banana Settlement	Delaney's Creek	St Mary's

The Woodford Historical Society is holding a reunion for all the schools that are or have been in our area.

But we will need your HELP

- HOW YOU CAN HELP
- Start spreading the word so we can contact as many past students, teachers and their descendants as possible and keep as many people as possible up to date on progress.
 - Follow our Facebook page 'Woodford Historical Society and Museum' for updates.
 - If you have photos or memorabilia to share, we would like to start scanning photos asap and cataloging what we will have to display.
 - We would welcome anyone who would like to help out in any way.

All enquiries & bookings phone Donna on 0429899115 or email woodfordhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com

Online bookings can be made at www.trybooking.com/BWOGL

A joint collaboration by Woodford Historical Society, Kilcoy District Historical Society, Peachester Historical Society, Mt Mee Historical Society, Bellthorpe Progress Association, Delaney's Creek School and Woodford State School



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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

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

The Turrbal & Jagera peoples are the Traditional Owners of the land where QFHS is establishing our Family History Research Centre.



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