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February is flying by and there's plenty of news to share with you.

Firstly all of our teams breathed a great sigh of relief with the opening on 17th January of our new Family History Research Centre at **46 Delaware Street, Chermide**.

Just as we were busy welcoming members, training our volunteers and completing the inevitable tweaks, the news came through that Brisbane City Council was willing and eager to replace the existing weather-worn roof. Hopefully you all received the email announcing a short but necessary closure of the Research Centre. We are now open for business again (with solid protection from the Queensland weather). If you can, do call in and acquaint yourself with the new layout and location of your desired research resources. **Our Library Assistants will be on hand as always to offer guidance and advice.**

As Allana mentioned in last month's update, we are in need of several volunteers to train-up and take on roles as Library Assistants in 2023. This is a rewarding role which can accommodate your individual availability. The LAs are our ambassadors and important to the functioning of the Society. Responsibilities include welcoming members and

visitors, conducting tours of the new premises, and assisting others to locate resources. If you can volunteer for five hours once a month and would like to join our LA team, please contact LA Roster Coordinator Dette Glenday, detteglenday@bigpond.com. Full training will be provided and this is an excellent way to learn about new resources that will assist you in your own research.

Thus far members and visitors have been thrilled with the new facility. We'd like to hear about your impressions and receive any feedback that might help us improve our services. Email us at snippets@qfhs.org.au to share your thoughts and ideas.

Our program of events for 2023 continues to grow but you know what they say about 'best laid plans'... **Unfortunately, we must postpone our Open Day, originally planned for 26 March.** Read the President's Update for more detail.

Have you taken part in one of our **Talking About...** discussion groups? These free sessions are open to all members and the online format enables anyone to join in from home. Simply register via the QFHS website and you'll receive a Zoom link to log in at the appointed time. Upcoming sessions include:

Talking About...Riding the Railways with host Lyndal Cosgrove on **Wednesday 22 February 10am-12 noon.**

Talking AboutRoyal Connections with host Nancy Edwards on **Wednesday 22 March 10am-12 noon.**

Our new **Presenting...** series continues with guest speaker Eve Terry (National Archives Australia) on **Wednesday 15 March from 1.00-2.15 pm.** Eve will focus on **Innovation and Invention** sharing her knowledge of **Patents, Trademarks and Designs.** You will also hear from QFHS members Chris Schuetz, Wendy Angliss and Beverley Hay whose ancestors helped invent refrigeration. This will be a hybrid event with participants able to attend online or in person at the Family History Research Centre. You can register your attendance [here](#).

We are also offering a Learn@QFHS session on **Friday 10 March 10-11.30 am** which will be of special interest to many. VW Brother Brodie Taylor CSM will present **Finding Your Masonic History - A journey through the Masonic State Archive, Library and Museum of Queensland.** This is an online ticketed event. You can book your place through the QFHS website [here](#).

Wishing you some great research outcomes as the year progresses. Keep sending me your tips on useful sites, interesting resources and local family history events.

Regards,

Pat Smith
Editor

What's news?

QFHS Family History Research Centre Now Open



Opening Hours

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday
10am - 3pm**

Details of the new facility and services can be found on our [website](#) and check the online [Calendar](#) for up to date information on events and holiday closures.

Research Centre access for non-members

Non-members may use our Research Centre. We charge a fee of \$8.50 per hour or \$17 per day to allow access to all our collections. Should you wish to join the Society within two weeks of your visit, this fee will be deducted from your first year's subscription.

President's Update

Dear members

We've started the year with a planning session to identify **a range of priorities** to drive the Management Committee's focus and ensure the Society remains vital and healthy well into the future.

Specific priorities include

- An upgrade to IT infrastructure with an immediate emphasis on a membership

management system and a new website.

- Ensuring all the elements of the Society that provide value to our members are clearly identified, articulated and delivered.
- Our budgetary processes are well governed and income streams are sufficiently broad and sustainable.
- Our membership is interested and engaged. The depth and breadth of our volunteer labour force is one indicator of this, as is the participation rate in our programs and services.
- The reputation of QFHS is consolidated in the family history community.

Each priority will take energy and enthusiasm to deliver. The Management Committee will provide leadership and other resources but please remember the old saying 'many hands make light work'. These important priorities will not be realised without contributions of time, energy, knowledge, innovative thinking from our community. None of us has it all. None of us can do it all. But together we can do a lot.

There will soon be more information about these priorities available on our website.

We encourage all members to keep yourselves informed, to contribute ideas, reactions, suggestions for improvement and, if you can, to give your time and energy to one of our endeavours.

Progress is being made on developing **The Members Lounge** - a co-ordinated program of activities that will draw together some programs we already offer and supplement them with new ideas.

The new Members Lounge will provide

- added value to members – more no-cost activities, at more times of the day
- exclusive member-only benefits
- relaxed companion activities to the 'work' of research
- more opportunities for interaction between members

The emphasis will be on participation and you'll be able to join the activities online or in-person.

Finally, an **update on our new premises at Chermside**. Lovely new roof and guttering all round. Fabulous big screens to make our hybrid meetings more inclusive of our members smiling faces whether you're in Chermside or in your pyjamas at home on Zoom. An active group of volunteers whipping the garden beds into shape. A new improved Welcome Desk. Colourful and comfy chairs for working at our PCs or your BYO laptop.

And, **still to come** over the next few months, after our landlord approves the projects:

- A new front door, plus portico and painting to front façade.
- Signage at footpath and to front façade.
- Improved earth bunds to the northwest corner and a front garden of native plants

New cabinetry and benchtop, a new door and security screen to add more natural light and ventilation to the kitchen area.

- Relocation of the large water tank from the high (west) side to the low (east) side of the building and installation of a new shed to securely house the bins away from what will be our beautiful front façade.

Understandably, our Premises Team is currently having a little lie down :) after the period of intense activity during September-January so we still have our Honour Boards to hang inside, as well as a member noticeboard and various other framed documents and artworks to add history and character to our freshly painted walls.

The necessary delay in completing works on the building - particularly the façade - means we must **postpone Open Day, originally planned for late March**. It's now more likely our Open Day will be held in late May instead. This will give us breathing space to not only have the building in top shape but also to bring to fruition plans for new activities for the event that brings the community to our door. We expect to have an Official Opening - a special formal celebration for the entire Society - during August, Family History Month. More detail will be provided when dates are locked in.



Your Management committee has written to both Prime Minister and the Minister for the Arts to **advocate for the maintenance of funding for the national treasure that is Trove**. If you appreciate the excellent resource that Trove provides for all Australians with an internet connection, wherever they are throughout Australia, and would like to add your voice to the nearly 20,000 others who've already signed the petition, [here](#) is the link to the Parliament House website. **The petition closes on Wednesday 22 February.**

So, members, there's a lot happening at QFHS! I very much hope you are as energised about the future of the Society as your Management Committee is and will find ways of adding your goodwill and contributions to the mix that ensures the Society's success.

Best wishes to all

Allana O'Kane
President



**Presenting...our monthly Guest Speaker program:
free presentations on an interesting range of topics**

Don't miss the next session:

Presenting...Innovation and Invention: Patents, Trademarks and Designs

Speaker: Eve Terry (National Archives Australia)



Sunlight Soap trademark, 1896. BP5/6, VOLUME 4

Followed by a presentation from QFHS members whose ancestors helped invent refrigeration : Chris Schuetz, Wendy Angliss and Beverley Hay.

Wednesday 15 March 1 pm (AEST)

Note: This presentation is online only.

Bookings are essential.

What's on?

Your calendar for the coming weeks



Events

Members Meetings - now held on the first Monday of the month

Monday 6 March 1pm - hybrid event

Monday 3 April 1pm - hybrid event

Bookings essential.

Please check website for agenda, reports and consultation topic of the month.

Seminars, Workshops, Courses and Conversations

22 February 10am (Online) [Talking about...Riding the Railways](#)

10 March 10am (Online) [Finding Your Masonic History: A journey through the Masonic State Archive, Library and Museum of Queensland](#)

15 March 1pm (hybrid) [Presenting...Innovation and Invention: patents, trademarks and design](#)

22 March 10am (Online) [Talking about...Royal Connections](#)

14 April 10am (Online) [Using Signatures to Identify Families](#)

Bookings essential. Please check [website](#) for more information.

Other important dates

Thursday 9 March **Irish Research Day 10am- 3pm**

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Upcoming SIG Meetings 2023

Family Tree Maker 4 Mar - 10am

See feature below for more information about group.

DNA (experienced) 4 Mar - 1.30pm

The topic for the March meeting will be *"If I were starting my DNA now..."*

From a basic level at the start this will mainly appeal to those with some DNA experience.

Family Historian Users 5 Mar - 1pm

Irish (Research Day) 9 Mar - 10am

See feature below for extra details on Irish Research Day.

Scottish 11 Mar - 10am

Topic for the month - "1921 Census is out – at last."

Qld Pre-separation 11 Mar - 1.30pm

Master Genealogist 16 Mar - 7pm

Family History Writing 18 Mar - 9am

Welsh 19 Mar - 10am

See feature below for more information about the group.

English West Country 23 Mar - 12pm

Please check the QFHS website or contact the group convenor to confirm your meeting location. Meetings may alternate between online or in person at our **Family History Research Centre - 46 Delaware Street, Chermide**.



Irish Special Interest Group Research Day

**9 March 2023 10am - 3pm
QFHS Research Centre**

**46 Delaware Street,
Chermide**

Parking available

Everyone welcome

Come for the whole day or stay for a few hours between **10.00 am – 3.00 pm**.
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. Also, bring your lunch.

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

Due to the popularity of this event it is necessary to register by contacting **Dale Fogarty, convenor of the Irish Interest Group**, at irish@qfhs.org.au.

Don't miss out! Register now.

Note: This event is held in QLD time, AEST: no daylight saving. (GMT+10)

Learn more about QFHS SIGs

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.

This year Snippets will feature different Interest Groups each month ... bringing you more information on what they do and what might interest you.

Welsh special interest group



We're a small, friendly, interactive group. Our focus is (mostly!) on all things related to family history in Wales and researching the Welsh.

Challenges of researching family in Wales include the plethora of people sharing the same surname, the patronymics naming system where surnames change each generation still in place into the mid-1800s, and the popularity of nonconformism leading to a lack of 'official' church records. Oh, and of course it's a bilingual country – records may be written in Welsh.

The group meets on the third Sunday in January, March, May, July, September, and November between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.

Our informal meetings provide opportunity for sharing problems and successes. There is often a short presentation, later uploaded to the QFHS website [here](#).

Upcoming topics include a discussion of the [Welsh migration to Patagonia](#), and a presentation about [Glamorganshire's industrial heritage](#).

All members (or prospective members) interested in Wales are welcome. Contact our

convenor **Charlotte Sale** at welsh@qfhs.org.au to find out more or to arrange to attend a particular meeting

Family Tree Maker

User Group



Do you wish to find out more about Family Tree Maker, no matter how familiar you are with the program? If so, the QFHS FTM User Group is for you.

At the monthly meetings we collegiately discuss issues raised by members to assist them to achieve what they want to do with the program – to record, display and export data from their family trees. For example, the topic may concern Custom Reports: What can these reports be used for? How are they set up?

Your suggestions or questions are welcome - at, before, or following a meeting.

Please email familytree@qfhs.org.au for further information.

Our enthusiastic group meets on the first Friday in February, April (usually but not this year due to Easter), June, August, October, and December between 10.00 am and 11.30 am. We also hold meetings on the first Saturday in March, May, July, September, and November between 10.00 am and 11.30 am.

Upcoming meeting date: Saturday 4 March

Note there is no meeting 6 April due to Easter public holiday.

Note: Meetings are held online using Zoom until further notice.

Members Noticeboard



**New Members Welcome and
Orientation**

**Friday 17 March
10am-1pm**

Are you a new member?

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. This is a great opportunity to get to know our facilities, resources and the services we can offer you. Find out more [here](#)

Unable to attend on that date? Another session will be held on **Saturday 15 April 9.30 am - 12.30pm (AEST)**. This is an **online** meeting.

For bookings or queries please email welcome@qfhs.org.au.



Ask QFHS

Online help is at hand

Do you have a quick family history or genealogy question?

Our **Ask QFHS** service will connect you with one of our panel of experienced members to help.

For example, help with:

- Finding out how to use a particular website or resource
- Understanding an unfamiliar term or phrase in a record
- Get recommendations for where to find record

Email: askqfhs@qfhs.org.au and find out how we can help.



Don't forget to renew your membership

Is your current membership with our Society due for renewal ?

If so, you should have received a recent email reminder. You can contact our Membership Secretary email membership@qfhs.org.au if you're not sure. And please don't forget to let us know if you change your email address so that we can update our Database.

Renewal fees remain the same price this year - Single Membership \$70.00, Family or Associate Membership \$105.00 and Journal Only Subscription \$35.00.

For instructions on how to renew see the QFHS website [here](#)

Action to preserve Trove

A number of members have contacted Snippets and QFHS to highlight concerns over the future funding of Trove. This significant resource is internationally recognised as an important repository of Australian history and is well-used by Family Historians across Australia and world wide.

On the basis of Trove's significance to Family History Research we have decided to publish some details that may help inform our members on the current situation and options for action if you wish to express your view.

Please click [here](#) to read a recent background article published on media platform "The Conversation".

A petition has been registered with the Australian Parliamentary Office. If you wish you can see details on the Australian Parliament Website [here](#).

Please note: QFHS refrains from expressing or endorsing political views. The information published above is done so as part of our editorial mission to inform Snippets readers of news relating to Family History Research.



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 ... Riding the Railways

Join fellow members for an
informal chat

Wednesday 22 February

Commencing 10am (AEST)

Online

Click [here](#) for more information



Finding Your Masonic History

A journey through the Masonic State
Archive, Library and Museum of Qld.

**Presenter: VW Brother Brodie
Taylor CSM**

Friday 10 March

10 -11.30 am (AEST)

Online

Click [here](#) for more information



Talking about ... Royal Connections

Join the discussion from home

Wednesday 23 March

Commencing 10am (AEST)

[Register here](#)

Online

Click [here](#) for more information



Using Signatures to identify Families

Presenter: Eric Kopittke

Friday 14 April

10 -11.30 am (AEST)

Online

Click [here](#) for more information

Presenting

Innovation and Invention Patents, Trademarks and Designs

Presenter: Eve Terry (NAA)

Plus a special presentation by

QFHS members

Wednesday 15 March

Commencing 1pm (AEST)

Online and in person (QFHS

Research Centre)

Free event

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register here](#)

To review all upcoming events Log-in to the QFHS website and click the Events tab at the top of the page. Then select the event category to see a full list of all events currently scheduled. Remember to monitor the lists on a regular basis as new events are added as topics and speakers are finalised. Make sure you book early as numbers are sometimes limited.

[Register Here](#)

What's Online



[Queensland Family Historian Names Index 1979-2022.](#)

This Index is updated after every new edition and our journal is available online.

[Global Keyword Search](#)

With Global Keyword Search you can search all our datasets in one easy action.

Click here and login with your QFHS user name and password

Enter your keyword. e.g. surname, given name, place name, occupation. If you are searching on more than one term, separate your keywords by a space or an asterisk.

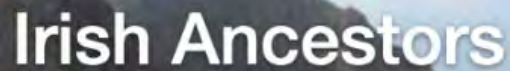
Remember ...you must be logged in as a QFHS member to access these resources.

International Databases

QFHS members can access The Genealogist, My Heritage, and Irish Ancestors from home.



Log in to the QFHS website and select online access. Click on The Genealogist and follow the instructions to access records.



John Grenham has generously provided access to Irish Ancestors. Select online resources when you log in to the website and click on Irish Ancestors to start searching.



Log in to the QFHS website and follow the instructions to log in to this site.



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. You can also watch an informative video on our new Family History Research Centre.

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](#).

Latest Online Journals

- Ancestor Vol 36 4 2022
- Bridges Branches 128 2022
- Cheshire Ancestor Vol 53 2 2022
- Essex Family Historian 178 2022
- Hertfordshire People No 163 2022
- Journal Vol 17 05 2023
- Patrick Plains Gazette Vol 39 3 2022
- Timeline Vol 25 1 2022
- Dyfed Vol 14 7 2022
- FHC The Genealogist Vol 17 04 2022
- Gold Coast Rootes 143 2022
- Gold Coast Rootes 144 2022
- HAGSOC Vol 45 No 4 2022
- Relatively Speaking Vol 42 1 2023
- SAG Descent Vol 52 4 2022
- East Yorkshire Banyan Tree 172 2022
- East Yorkshire Banyan Tree 173 2023
- Founders 54 1 2023
- Journal 190 2022
- Lambing Flat Vol 45 1 2023
- Liverpool 21
- Liverpool 22
- Liverpool 22

- Northamptonshire Footprints Vol 45 3 2023
- Lithgow DFHS Vol 37 2 2022
- Narre Warren District FHG 135 2023
- RHSQ Bulletin 881 2023
- Wyong Tree Of Life Vol 40 1 2023
- Yorks Family Historian Vol 48 3 2022
- Aberdeen NE Scotland FHS No 164 2022
- Genie Allergy 106 2022
- Genie Allergy 107 2022
- Genie Allergy 108 2022
- Goulburn Argyle Bulletin No 95 2023
- Hampshire Vol 49 Issue 3 2022
- Maranoa Enquirer No 96 2021
- Maranoa Enquirer No 97 2022
- Maranoa Enquirer No 98 2022
- Maranoa Enquirer No 99 2022
- Maranoa Enquirer No 100 2023
- Northumberland Durham Vol 47 2 2022
- Peninsula Past Times 169 2023
- Redcliffe Newsletter 2021



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



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc
Enriching family history

GSQ run a number of seminars and workshops throughout the year. QFHS members can enrol in these events at a discount rate.

Upcoming events include:

The Dead Do Tell Tales
February 25 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM AEST

\$20.00 – \$30.00

Death and burial in Queensland:
a rich source of family history records, Dr Kerry Raymond;
and Decoding the Stone, Dr Hilda MacLean.

**Methodists, Presbyterians, Quakers and more: discovering your non-conformist
ancestors**

March 4 @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM AEST

\$20.00 – \$30.00

With guest presenter: Pauline Williams

Find more details and make your booking on the GSQ Website [here](#)



QSA Talks researcher expression of interest

Expressions of interest (EOI) are invited from researchers who have used QSA records in their published research.

QSA Talks is a series of public lectures that share research and history connected to Queensland Government records.

If you're interested in applying to be a presenter in the QSA Talks program, please email your CV and presentation synopsis to programs@archives.qld.gov.au. More details are available [here](#).

Submissions will be reviewed after **1 July 2023**.



Museums of History NSW and using the NSW State Archives Collection

The historic houses, museums and collections, which were previously administered by Sydney Living Museums, and the archives and records in the NSW State Archives Collection have been brought together in the Museums of History NSW.

All the web-based resources on the former NSW State Archives collection are now available through the new Museums of History NSW website.

- You can search both collections by selecting 'Search' in the top right corner of the Home Page at: <https://mhns.w.au/>. When you click on 'Search' you can enter a search term or choose between going direct to either State Archives' indexes or State Archives' catalogue.
- The simplest and most direct way to the State Archives collection on the new site is to click on 'Search State Archives' on the Home Page. This will take you to the [State Archives Collection page](#).

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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

*The Family History Research Centre is located on
the traditional lands of the Turrbal & Jagera peoples.*

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