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A very full month of events coming up with lots of SIGs having their final meeting for the year. At the Members' Meeting on Wednesday, 16 November, we will acknowledge another member who has given significant service to QFHS. Do come along and enjoy a festive supper with fellow members.

The Calendar of Events for 2017 has been added to the website for you to lock in your favourite events in your diary.

Calendar

- 04 Nov - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 05 Nov - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 07 Nov - Management Committee Meeting
- 11 Nov - [Fridays@QFHS - Topographical and Cadastral Maps of Queensland](#)
- 12 Nov - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 16 Nov - [Members' Meeting - Presentation of Award for Services to Family History](#)
- 18 Nov - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 19 Nov - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 19 Nov - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 20 Nov - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 24 Nov - [English West Country Interest Group](#)
- 26 Nov - [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 02 Dec - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

With technology forging ahead at record speed we need your help to keep your society equal with like-

minded societies, if not ahead of the rest.

We need people with an interest in any of the following areas:



- Project management
- Web site design and development
- Software development
- Hardware virtualisation
- Database management
- Machine (PC) setup and management
- Network skills

If you can assist please email our [Technical Advisory Group](#)

Library Assistant Roster for 2017

Dette Glenday is currently compiling the roster for 2017 and would like to hear from any LA who can do the 5th Tuesday. That only equates to five days next year.

The survey taken earlier this year asked if members would like to have the library open on Saturday mornings for research. There was strong support for that to occur so if you are available to cover Saturday from 10.00 am to 1.00 pm please [email Dette](#).

If you would like to become a Library Assistant, please don't hesitate to contact Lyn or Wendy [here](#). Full training will be given and you will be made very welcome, make new friends, and help the society go forward.



Members' Meeting

and

Presentation of QFHS Services to Family History Award

The final Members' Meeting for the year will be held at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 16 November.

Following the presentation of the Award, a festive supper will be held to celebrate another successful year.

Do come along and, if possible, bring a plate to share.



I would like to take this opportunity to remind all members that it is a requirement of membership that ID is visible at all times when in the library. If you have not received a clear plastic sleeve for your membership card, with pin for attachment to pocket, please ask a library assistant the next time you visit. If you prefer to purchase a QFHS lanyard they are available at the front desk for \$4.

Visitors to the library must sign-in and wear a Visitors ID for the duration of their visit.

Lockers must also be used, including all SIG meetings. All Membership conditions [here](#)

Bev Young
President - QFHS

Happenings



Celebrating the 100th anniversary of Mitchelton State School

22 October 2016

QFHS members Dorothy Jeffrey, Rosemary Kopittke and Eric Kopittke attended the Mitchelton State School centenary celebrations. The Publications group had prepared a CD on which were indexes of the available admission registers for the Infants and State School - listing admissions in alphabetical and register order as a series of linked PDF files. The index covers the period to 1997 when digital registers were introduced. Unfortunately, the registers for the years 1933 to 1951 have not been located and so those students are not included in this index.

If you have a connection with the school, copies of the CD can be purchased at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne, for a cost of \$10. If you are a country member and wish to order a copy please add \$3 postage and mail to PO Box 171, Indooroopilly, 4068, or email your details to [Bookshop Convenor](#).

A great example of our Society connecting with the local community.



Family and Local History Conference and Fair

19 - 21 May 2017 on the Gold Coast

Early Bird registration opening soon.

Make sure you [subscribe](#) to the mailing list to be first with latest news.

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Topographic and cadastral maps of Queensland

Presenter: Bill Kitson



Bill Kitson will present a session on topographic and cadastral maps of Queensland. Divided into two parts, his talk will cover Topographic Mapping in Queensland 1839 to 1970 and Cadastral Mapping in Queensland 1839 to 1970. Topographical maps indicate land contours, rivers, land forms, etc. and cadastral maps show extent, value, and ownership of land. Bill Kitson a highly respected spatial historian and is one of Queensland's best known surveyors. Bill became interested in researching the lives and work of the men that mapped Queensland following a 1974 Survey Office investigation of the surviving markers along the Queensland State borders. In 1980, he was appointed as curator of the then newly established Lands, Mapping, and Surveying Museum. Register online Bill continues to share the history of mapping and surveying in Queensland. His passion for preserving surveying heritage and his generosity in sharing his knowledge of the spatial industry is unsurpassed.

When: 11 November 2016

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

Cost: \$11 members and \$15 non-members

[Register online](#)



Finding your family: a beginners course in research

Presenters: QFHS tutors

This six week course will be very comprehensive for someone wanting to start researching their family history, but unsure of the process. Content will include home sources, organisation, BDM certificates, archives, libraries, newspapers, overseas research, and much more. Registrations will be limited to 15 people. The cost includes: The book, *Where do I start?: a brief guide to researching your family in Australia and New Zealand* by Shauna Hicks (rrp\$19). For non-members, complimentary use of the QFHS Library and Resource Centre for the term of the course.

When: 13 February 2017

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$50 members and \$75 non-members

[Register online](#)

Seminar

Family history on the cheap

Presenter: Shauna Hicks



Family history can be an expensive and time consuming hobby, but there are ways to save both time and money. Shauna will be outlining her favourite tips and strategies over three sessions.

Session 1: Essentials looking at home sources, BDMs, both certificates and alternative sources, genealogy societies and family history societies.

Session 2: Overview of websites to make the most of Google, the internet, and social media.


Session 3: Making the most of libraries and archives both in Australia and overseas.

Shauna is the author of a number of research books published by Unlock the Past, including *Family history on the cheap*, now in its 2nd edition.

When: 9.00 am to 12.30 pm on 4 March 2017

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

Cost: \$20 members and \$30 non-members





did you know?

QFHS has reciprocal rights with interstate and NZ societies

Are you planning on travelling over the holiday break? Perhaps you plan to do some research in another state.

QFHS has agreements with some interstate and New Zealand societies entitling members to reciprocal visiting rights. Members of these societies may use our Library and Resource Centre free-of-charge on production of evidence of current membership.

For more information check [here](#)

Members' Noticeboard

National Archives Preservation Facility in Canberra

The relocation of records to the NAPF in Canberra is an exciting evolution for the Archives. The architecturally designed, environmentally sustainable building has storage for approximately 25 per cent of its extensive collection. It will house 104 kilometres of paper records, more than nine kilometres of audio-visual records and a digital archive, ensuring the preservation and conservation of the irreplaceable collection continues into the future.

There will be disruption to access to the Canberra-based collection from **30 October 2016 to 1 July 2017** as they relocate 15 million records from multiple repositories and rehouse them in the NAPF.

For more information go [here](#)

Ashgrove Historical Society launch new book

Ashgrove Historical Society is launching a new book *'Lost Ashgrove - The changing face of a Brisbane suburb'* Saturday 5 November at Ashgrove Library at 10.00 am. The book documents the historic and contemporary aspects of Ashgrove with images and accompanying text. Great gift idea at \$25.

The book can also be purchased at a stall outside Woolworths, Ashgrove, on Friday 4 November between 10.00 am and 5.00 pm.

Web Wanderings

List of Motor Owners in Queensland: Names, Addresses, Makes of Cars (1923)

The State Library of Queensland has acquired and digitised a copy of a rare book listing all those people who owned motor vehicles in Queensland in 1923. The publication lists the owner's name, address and make of car. You can find the digitised book [here](#) and a blog about the book [here](#)

New from Findmypast

Available via subscription or free at the QFHS library.

[British Army, Worldwide Index 1851](#)

[Britain, Registers of Licences to pass beyond the seas 1573-1677 BROWSE](#)

[Great Britain & Ireland, Society of Friends \(Quaker\) periodicals](#)

[England Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

[Warwickshire Burials](#)

[Yorkshire Baptisms](#)

[Scotland Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

[Scotland Monumental Inscriptions Index](#)

[Scotland Deeds Index 1769](#)

[Scotland, Paternity Decrees 1750-1922](#)

[Scotland Pre-1841 Censuses and Population Lists](#)

[Scotland Registers & Records](#)

[Ireland Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

[Ireland Roman Catholic Parish Registers Browse](#)

[Ireland, Histories & Reference Guides](#)

[Easter Rising & Ireland Under Martial Law 1916-1921](#)

[Irish Newspapers](#)

[Wales Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

[Wales, Monmouthshire workhouse registers 1837-1929](#)

[Wales, Monmouthshire Electoral Registers 1839-1889](#)

[Wales, Monmouthshire Electoral Registers 1832-1889 Image Browse](#)

[Wales, Monmouthshire marriage notices 1859-1877](#)

[Australia Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

[New Zealand Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

[Canada Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

[Canada Census 1901](#)

[New Brunswick Birth and Baptism Index 1769-1899](#)

[Ontario Birth Index 1860-1920](#)

[United States Billion Graves Cemetery Index](#)

[United States births and christenings 1867-1931](#)

[United States deaths and burials 1833-1970](#)

[United States marriages](#)

[United States, Connecticut Town Vitals, The Barbour Collection Indexes](#)

[United States, Transatlantic Migration Indexes](#)

[United States, Early American Families Indexes](#)
[United States, Early American Vital Records Indexes](#)
[Easter Rising & Ireland Under Martial Law 1916-1921 Browse](#)

FamilySearch

Free to search

[Australia Victoria Inquest Deposition Files 1840-1925](#)
[Australia Tasmania Civil Registration of Births 1899-1912](#)
[Great Britain War Office Registers 1772-1935](#)
[BillionGraves Index](#)

New from Ancestry

Available via subscription or free at the QFHS library

[Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Baptism, Marriages, and Burials, 1538-1812](#)
[Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Births and Baptisms, 1813-1915](#)
[Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Marriages and Banns, 1754-1930](#)
[Oxfordshire, England, Church of England Deaths and Burials, 1813-1965](#)

General items of interest

Elderly New Zealanders Building Their Own Caskets

Dozens of groups have sprung up across the country, providing retirees with new friends and, ultimately, cheaper funerals. Scores of retirees across the country have formed clubs so they can get together and build their own coffins. They say the activity is cost-saving and helps to combat loneliness. You can read more [here](#)

500 Years of English Slang

Green's Dictionary of Slang contains nearly 100,000 words supported by over 400,000 citations that go all the way back to the middle ages. The dictionary is now available [online](#)

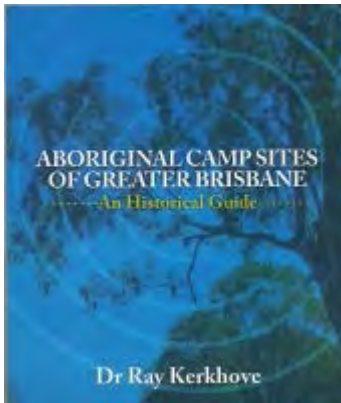
Reunions

Dixon Family Reunion

The Descendants of Frederick Horatio and Jane (nee Eckford) Dixon are holding a family reunion on 25 November 2017 at Maitland, New South Wales to celebrate the 200th anniversary of Fred arriving in Australia.

Some associated families include: Baker, Bell, Black, Capp, Clift, Coward, Eckford, Gallen, Hills, Mitchel, Muirhead, Paterson, Sutlers, Tait, Volmer, Walters. For further details go [here](#) or [Facebook](#) Or contact: Allan Shephard via [email](#) or telephone

Book Review



Our aim in writing up our family history is to produce a work which is readable and enjoyable but also informative. Those with early Brisbane forebears might consider weaving indigenous life into the narrative. It is here that we could well hit the brick wall. Prior to 1824 the Brisbane area was well populated with indigenous campsites to be found in some areas even up to the 1950's. Despite this there is little written on such settlements and we may rely on tales which may or may not be accurate.

Dr Ray Kerkhove has remedied this situation with *Aboriginal Campsites of Greater Brisbane - An Historical Guide*. The publishers state that this is the first book of its kind in Australian History. The book focuses on 15 key settlements in the Greater Brisbane area. There are numerous photographs, many in colour. Each section has a detailed map of the site while the narrative follows a pattern on tradition uses, historical significance and then historical development. The work is sourced in detail. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

Published by Boolarong Press 2015 196 pages.

Shelved at QFHS Library at H4/000 47 1

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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.

Pauline Macfarlane

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