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There are several Special Interest Group meetings in March. If you have an interest in any of the groups, they will welcome you. No need to book, just arrive by scheduled starting time.

Shauna Hicks will be presenting *Family history on the cheap* to help us all with the family history budget. Tips and strategies will be discussed.

Do you remember *The Petrov Affair*? Perhaps there was more to the story than reported at the time. Greg Cope will speak on this topic at the Members' Meeting on 15 March at 1.00pm.

Electronic Queensland Family Historian

Recently you received an email detailing how to access your Queensland Family Historian electronically. We hope you took the time to go online and evaluate the benefits of the electronic copy, now referred to as the *eHistorian*.

The *eHistorian* has many advantages over the printed copy.

- You receive the *eHistorian* earlier and in full colour
- You are able to click on links in the *eHistorian* for instant access to any websites listed
- You can increase font size of the *eHistorian* by pressing *Ctrl+* twice
- You will receive instant access to back issues of the *eHistorian* from 2008
- You will have access to both a yearly index and to a combined index covering a number of years

If you have found the electronic version of interest to you we would ask that you cancel your print copy. Simply [email](#) our Membership Secretary to edit your record.

Calendar

- 03 Mar - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 04 Mar - [Seminar: Family history on the cheap](#)
- 04 Mar - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 06 Mar - Management Committee Meeting
- 06 Mar - [Finding your family: a beginners course in research. Week 4](#)
- 06 Mar - *DNA Research at Albany Creek Moreton Bay Library 10.00am
- 10 Mar - [Fridays@QFHS: Research in Victoria](#)
- 10 Mar - *Scottish Research at Arana Hills Moreton Bay Library 2.00pm
- 11 Mar - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 13 Mar - [Finding your family: a beginners course in research. Week 5](#)
- 14 Mar - *DNA Research at Caboolture Moreton Bay Library 10.00am
- 15 Mar - [Members' Meeting - Australia and the cold war. The Petrov Affair](#)
- 16 Mar - *DNA Research at North Lakes Moreton Bay Library 11.00am
- 17 Mar - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 17 Mar - *Scottish Research at Redcliffe Moreton Bay Library 2pm
- 18 Mar - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 18 Mar - [TMG User Group](#)
- 19 Mar - [Welsh Interest Group](#)
- 20 Mar - Genealogical Society of Queensland visit
- 20 Mar - *DNA Research at Woodford Moreton Bay Library 10.00am
- 20 Mar - [Finding your family: a beginners course in research. Week 6](#)
- 23 Mar - [English West Country Interest Group](#)
- 24 Mar - [Fridays@QFHS - Wikipedia: what and how](#)
- 25 Mar - [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 31 Mar - [Library Assistants' Team Meeting](#)
- 01 Apr - [Library Assistants' Team Meeting](#)

* The presenter at these events at Moreton Bay Libraries is QFHS member, Chris Schuetz. Check with individual libraries for booking information.

Reminder: The library is closed for research on 1st, 4th, and 5th Monday nights. and open on Saturday from 10.00am to 4.00pm. More detail on the [website](#)

Happenings



Family and Local History Conference and Fair

19 - 21 May 2017 on the Gold Coast

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



Members' Meeting - 15 March at 1.00pm

Our Guest Speaker this month is Greg Cope from the National Archives. Greg will speak to us about ***Australia and the Cold War - The Petrov Affair.***

The Petrov Affair was a Cold War spy incident in Australia in April 1954, concerning Vladimir Petrov, Third Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Canberra. The greatest domestic outcome of the Petrov Affair was the Labor Party Split, which had immediate and long lasting consequences for the Labor Party and the Australian political landscape. Come along and bring a friend.

German Interest Group Meeting and Presentations

Meetings feature a short talk or workshop relevant to Central European research: use of the library, finding towns, reading old German records, or locating the correct parish. Meetings start at 10.00 am and finish at 12.00pm. No need to book, just come along.

25 March - How did our ancestors from Germany and Poland live? Gail and Don Jender will tell us about their recent visit to Hungarian & Croatian historical village museums. Conditions in those villages would have been similar to conditions in Germany or Poland.

27 May - Do you get the most from the Society's extensive map collection? Bob McAllister will tell us about the German maps in the Map Room, and Keith Treschmann will show us how to utilise Meyers gazetteer to locate towns and villages.

Chermside and Districts Historical Society tours of Lutwyche Cemetery

The Chermside and Districts Historical Society is conducting two guided tours of the Lutwyche Cemetery led by our Society Archivist. Each tour will highlight different aspects of the history of the cemetery and the significance to our district.

- **Saturday, 25 March 9am** - tour of the general section of Lutwyche Cemetery (Approximately 2 hours)
- **Saturday, 22 April 9am** - tour of graves of military significance (Approximately 2 hours)

Cost: A gold coin donation would be appreciated.

Meet at Kitchener Road gates at 9am (second gate from Gympie Road). Please wear comfortable shoes and bring hat and water. Enquiries to: Archivist Beverley

(07) 33502874 or Secretary Carolyn (07) 33593022 or [email](#)

Brisbane Boys College Scottish Highland Gathering

On Sunday, 26 March, from 11.00 am to 4:30 pm at Brisbane Boys College, Miskin Oval (entrance off Moggill Road) at Toowong. Pipe bands and massed pipe bands, drum majors, Scottish stalls and Scottish clans, food outlets. More information [here](#)

Library Assistants' Team Meetings

If you are a volunteer Library Assistant you would have received an invitation to attend the first of our 2017 Team Meetings to be held on Friday, 31 March, and repeated on Saturday, 1 April.

With technology changing rapidly and new resources being added to our collection on a regular basis it is vital that you attend to be updated on what's new and to be able to assist researchers.

Simply click on [SELECT A DATE](#) and again on **REGISTER**. Complete the details.

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



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 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

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

Don't miss it!

Register online



Research in Victoria

Presenter: Helen Vince

This workshop looks at the tools and resources available for researching family history in the state of Victoria. See how much can you research without leaving sunny Queensland and the options available for research on a visit to Victoria. Hints on those hard to find relatives.

When: 10 March 2017

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

Register online



Contribute to Wikipedia: what and how

Presenter: Dr Kerry Raymond

Learn what local and family history information can be added to Wikipedia, and learn how to add the information to Wikipedia. This is an hands-on computer course. Participants should have basic computer skills, e.g. using a web browser, Register online Register online copy-and-paste, basic word processing such as Microsoft Word. The presenter, Dr Kerry Raymond, is a local and family historian, and is the first Wikipedian-in-Residence at the State Library of Queensland.

When: 24 March 2017 10.00 am - 12.00 noon

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

Note: This is a workshop so numbers are limited. Book early to avoid disappointment

Register online

Blogging to maximise your family history research



Presenter: Alex Daw

Alex will provide an overview of the benefits of blogging your family history, including giving:

- an overview of how to set up a blog on different platforms
- a guide to the essential elements of a blog
- some tips for successful blogging

When: 12 May 2017

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)



Seminar

A full day *Family Tree Maker* seminar is to be presented by John Donaldson, Doug Elms, and David Stephen, from VicGum at the Queensland Baptists Conference Centre in Gaythorne on **Tuesday, 23 May (9:00 am-3:00 pm)**. Lunch and morning tea will be provided.

Cost: QFHS & VicGUM members - \$45; non-members - \$55.

Registration for this seminar is now open on the QFHS website.

[Register online](#)

Seminar

German research

Presenter/s: Jennifer Lange and Eric Kopittke



Researching your German ancestors can present challenges for family historians; language, geography, knowing what records to consult and where to find them. Our seminar, German Research, will help you through some of these challenges.

Sessions

Eric Kopittke: Introduction to German research: What you need to do to get started in researching your German Ancestors: e.g. collecting information from local sources to establish the place of origin.

Janette Lange: How can the Lutheran Archives assist you?

Janette Lange: Researching German family history from areas now in modern day Poland.

Eric Kopittke: Church and Civil records in Germany.

More information [here](#)

When: 3 June 2017

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre

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

[Register online](#)

Web Wanderings

Western NSW Hotels & Publicans Licenses 1865 – 1900 and part of Central NSW Hotels & Publicans Licenses 1865-1870

If you have an interest in NSW Publicans and Pubs, you may find lots of interesting info [here](#)

More information on Eastern Australia Publicans and Pubs can be found [here](#)

Public Records of Victoria new website

Public Record Office Victoria holds an extraordinary array of records created by the Victorian Government from the mid-1830s to now. Take a look [here](#)

Trove

The Trove Helper tool provides a series of clickable links to Trove Newspaper search results based on the information entered. The results obtained by clicking each of the links is intended to quickly provide a reasonable starting point which can then be further refined on Trove. Check it out [here](#)

England/Wales Births and Deaths

The [General Register Office](#) has released online indexes for England/Wales births 1837-1915 and deaths 1837-1957. They show mother's maiden name for births even *before* 1911, and age at death even *before* 1865. These new indexes are

different from (and maybe more accurate than) the existing ones. Warning! If the death index says 'age 11yrs', it may really be 11 days, 11 weeks or 11 months. It's best to search without specifying the age. Index searches are free after you register and confirm your email address. For a short trial period the certificates cost just £6.

Public Research Office of Northern Ireland

PRONI's guide to church records is available [here](#)

Irish cemetery records

Glasnevin - Due to the meticulous record keeping of Glasnevin Trust since 1828, they can help you find your relatives, family history or discover more about the stories of the people buried in [Glasnevin Trust Cemeteries](#)

Belfast - Burials date to 1869 and the site covers [Belfast City, Roselawn and Dundonald Cemeteries](#). Free searchable transcription database of burial records.

Kerry - Records for [140 Kerry local authority cemeteries](#). Free searchable transcription database, images also available of burial registers.

Historic Graves - Records cover a large part of the country, particularly good for the midlands and Munster (ex. Kerry). Free searchable transcription database, images also often available for the actual gravestones. Not all gravestone images are transcribed, so it is sometimes worth browsing the images for a given cemetery. Search [here](#)

IGP Archive - Ireland Genealogy Projects Archive has transcriptions for cemeteries throughout the country, broken down by county. Most are text files of data, so using the Find/Search function on your browser can be useful. Search [here](#)

Honourable East India Company Ships Logs

This new website for [Honourable East India Company Ships Logs](#) includes passengers and crew indexes and transcriptions of the original Journals and Logs held by the British Library.

Nazi SS Commanders & Auschwitz guards names & photos posted online

The Polish Institute of National Remembrance (INR) has posted the names of nearly 10,000 Nazi SS commanders and guards who helped in the extermination of more than a million Jews at Auschwitz.

The huge searchable database, which includes hundreds of photographs, has been uploaded in an attempt to dispel false claims that many of the guards were Polish. The list of 9,686 names are predominantly German and their pre-war occupations are listed as farmers, butchers, teachers, cobblers and all manner of jobs. You can read more in an article [here](#) and go to the Polish Institute of National Remembrance' Auschwitz Guard database & website [here](#)

New Records at FamilySearch

[Australia, Victoria, Outward Passenger Lists, 1852-1924](#)

[Australia, New South Wales, Deceased Estate Files, 1880-1923](#)

[British Newspaper Archives, Obituaries](#)

[Denmark, Copenhagen City, Civil Marriages, 1739-1964, Index 1877-1964](#)

[Hungary, Jewish Vital Records Index, 1800-1945](#)

[Hungary Civil Registration, 1895-1980](#)

[Netherlands, Archival Indexes, Miscellaneous Records](#)

[Sweden, Västernorrland Church Records, 1501-1940; index 1650-1860](#)

Findmypast

Available via subscription, or free at the QFHS library.

What's new at Findmypast? Click [here](#) to view the latest releases.

Family Reunions

Annual Immigration/ Shipping Reunions 28th, 29th and 30th July 2017

The Maryborough Family Heritage Institute Inc. will be holding 140th anniversaries for the arrival of **SARACA**, **CITY OF AGRA** and **LAMMERSHAGEN** 1877 voyages to the Port of Maryborough, Queensland.

All descendants, families and friends of the above ships are invited to attend. Weekend activities planned: Portside by Night tour, display of family trees and memorabilia, Saturday reunion lunch, shipping books for sale, Gatakers by Night and Sunday in the Park train rides. For more information [email](#) the organisers.

Members Noticeboard

Do you have a favourite website?

Perhaps a website that you have found useful and lesser-known than some of the subscription websites.

Would you like to share it with fellow family history researchers? It might be just the help that a member needs to find an elusive family member.

Email details to Snippets Editor [here](#)

CD Sale

QFHS is offering its overstocked products at throwaway prices.

Biographies, Cemeteries, Refidex Guides, Queensland Government Gazettes.

Grab a bargain [here](#)



General items of interest

New free app to help visitors in Dublin trace their Irish ancestors

Just released is a free and interactive Irish Genealogy Research App; Your Dublin Map Guide to Irish Genealogy and History Sources. This '**Ancestor Network**' App displays a list of the leading Dublin-based libraries, archives, research centres, historic sites and museums. These are linked to a detailed interactive map of Dublin containing supplemental information such as physical and web address location, contact details, and opening hours.

This App functions as your historical and genealogical guide in navigating through the streets of Dublin and to make the most of your time visiting or researching in Ireland. The app is easily downloaded for free from the App Store by simply searching Ancestor Network and is only compatible with Apple iPhone and iPad devices on IOS 9+

Early Victorian photos featured on new website

The William Henry Fox Talbot Catalogue Raisonné contains the complete corpus of the works of the Victorian inventor of photography on paper. More than 25,000 known surviving Talbot negatives and prints are now online.

The photographs are taken from 1839 to 1846. In most cases, these are the only known photographs of that era. The collection is available [here](#)

Treasures in the QFHS CD Collection

Educational Sources – Part 2 (Focus – Teachers)

In last month's *Snippets*, the focus was on records that relate to students (and their parents). However, the QFHS Library and Resource Centre also holds digitised copies of the *Qld Education Office Gazette* (1899-1959). Published monthly, these journals provide teacher appointments, promotions and transfers, resulting in a teacher's career path being tracked relatively easily. Some assumptions about

where the teacher may have lived can therefore be legitimately drawn, with one proviso – teachers have not always lived in the “towns” where they taught; quite often they resided in the larger town within a district, made possible through the construction of better roads and teacher ownership of motor vehicles. The Gazettes occasionally provide notifications of schools that have been opened or closed (as does the QFHS CD *Queensland Schools Past & Present*). To help put your research in context, the Gazettes, historically being the prime method of communication with schools, contain not only Departmental instructions concerning the range of issues with which schools were concerned, but details about ancillary activities – Project Clubs, the Junior Red Cross, ABC broadcasts to schools, and senior examination results, for example.

Geoff Morgan

Trivia

Derbyshire couple get married 65 years after split

A couple have finally married after they were forced to call off their engagement 65 years ago. Read more about their delightful reunion [here](#)

The US Presidency and its Irish connection

This visual was created to show the US Presidents who had at least some Irish ancestry. 22 American presidents claim Irish roots which is half of all the 44 presidents up to and including Barack Obama. You can see the visual [here](#). Depending upon your web browser, it may display as a miniature image. If it is miniature, most web browsers can display it larger by simultaneously pressing ‘Control and the Plus Key’ several times.

The man who dresses up as his ancestors

Peruvian artist and photographer Christian Fuchs is obsessed with his illustrious ancestors and spends months painstakingly recreating portraits of them, posing for them himself whether the ancestors were men or women.

You can read more about Christian Fuchs and view photographs of his ancestors alongside modern photographs of himself in an article [here](#)

A Family Portrait on a large scale

More than 500 members of a single Chinese family have convened for a gigantic group portrait that captures the dramatic transformations their country has undergone since its economic boom began almost four decades ago. View it [here](#)

Family Tree of Vincent Van Gogh (always pronounced as Van GO)

His dizzy aunt	Verti Gogh
The brother who ate prunes	Gotta Gogh
The brother who worked at a convenience store	Stop N Gogh
The grandfather from Yugoslavia	U Gogh
His magician uncle	Where-diddy Gogh
His Mexican cousin.....	A Mee Gogh
The Mexican cousin's American half-brother.....	Gring Gogh
The nephew who drove a stage coach	Wells-far Gogh
The constipated uncle.....	Can't Gogh
The ballroom dancing aunt	Tang Gogh
The bird lover uncle	a Flamin Gogh
An aunt who taught positive thinking	Way-to-Gogh
The little bouncy nephew	Poe Gogh
A sister who loved disco.....	Go Gogh
An uncle who was a French writer.....	Victor Hugh Gogh
And his niece who travels the country in an RV	Winnie Bay Gogh

...I saw you smiling - there ya Gogh!

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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.

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Pauline Macfarlane

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