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Do you wonder what social media is all about? i.e. Facebook, Twitter, Blogging, Wikipedia, etc. We hear it referred to each and every day. Some members, their children and their grandchildren can't live without it.

Social media is the collective of online communications channels dedicated to community-based input, interaction, content-sharing and collaboration. Sounds a lot like doing family history! Alex Daw will explain *Blogging* to those interested members and the benefits of blogging your family history on 12 May at 10.00am (see below).

You will note on the Calendar that there are several public holidays this month. Easter, Anzac and Labour Day will see the library closed for research on those days. Don't forget to find a couple of books in the lending library to spend a few hours relaxing during that period.

Calendar

- 31 Mar - [Library Assistants Team Meeting](#)
- 01 Apr - [Library Assistants Team Meeting](#)
- 03 Apr - Management Committee Meeting
- 07 Apr - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 08 Apr - [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 14 Apr - Good Friday - **CLOSED**
- 15 Apr - Easter Saturday - **CLOSED**
- 16 Apr - Easter Sunday - **CLOSED**
- 17 Apr - Easter Monday - **CLOSED**
- 19 Apr - [Members' Meeting - Biographical Database of Australia](#)
- 20 Apr - * DNA and Genealogy Research at Deception Bay library at 10:30am
- 21 Apr - * Scottish Records (basic) at Caboolture Library at 10.00am

- 22 Apr - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 25 Apr - Anzac Day - **CLOSED**
- 28 Apr - * Scottish Records (basic) at Deception Bay Library at 10.00am
- 29 Apr - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 01 May - Labour Day - **CLOSED**
- 01 May - [Pre-Separation Group meeting and morning tea at 10.00am](#)
- 01 May - Management Committee 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](#)

Change of date: Due to the Footsteps in Time Conference on the Gold Coast, the Welsh Group have changed their May meeting from Sunday 21 May, to Sunday 28 May.

Happenings



Battle for Australia - 75th Anniversary

This year is the *75th Anniversary of the Battle for Australia* and a display has been set up in the library to raise awareness and to honour the brave men and women who fought to keep Australia safe. The Map Team and the Print Library Cataloguers have put a large amount of time into preparing this display for you. Do drop in and take a look.

A display board has been reserved for your family stories. If you have a family

member who served in WW2 and you would like to have that person recognised with a photograph, a story, (or both), please take it to the library and attach to the board signed ***What's your family story?*** If you are unable to visit please email your item to secretary@qfhs.org.au The display will remain intact until early May. Photo courtesy of Maurice Friend.

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



Family and Local History Conference and Fair

19 - 21 May 2017 on the Gold Coast

Check out the program [here](#)

German Interest Group Meeting and Presentations

Do you get the most from the Society's extensive map collection? On Saturday **27 May at 10.00am**, Bob McAllister will tell us about the German maps in the Map Room, and Keith Treschman will show us how to utilise Meyers gazetteer to locate towns and villages.



Members' Meeting

When: 19 April at 7.30pm

BDA is a new research tool for historians and genealogists comprising transcripts and indexes of many original records and published biographies of deceased individuals who arrived in or were born in Australia, starting from the earliest times. Ann Swain will be using our BDA to demonstrate. Visitors welcome.

Dayboro celebrates 150 Years, 1867-2017

Although it is 100 years since the name of the town was changed from Terrors

Creek to Dayboro, its history goes back quite a bit further. On 12 June 1867, William Henry Day made application to lease Portion 1 Parish of Samsonvale under the *Sugar and Coffee Regulations of 1864 and 1866*. Portion 1 Parish of Samsonvale contained an area of 667 acres (269.9 hectares) and is the block on which the majority of Dayboro township is now situated. In 1917 the name of the township was changed from Terrors Creek to Dayboro, honouring William Henry Day.

The main celebration will be at the annual Dayboro Day Festival to be held on **Sunday, 28 May 2017**. More details [here](#)

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



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 Seminar

[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](#).

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](#)

Life Notes: recording people and their stories

Presenter: Sam Davison



Sam will present a workshop on how to develop and record life stories, drawing on his experience doing this professionally, as well as his general background in storytelling and communications over the last 20 or so years. He will show the importance of recorded life stories as historical records, and also in the techniques for curating and capturing these stories.

Typically, Sam's workshop is aimed at people who might be interested in recording their own stories, but it could also involve capturing the stories of other people in the family. See Sam's website, [Life Notes](#).

The workshop runs at around 45mins, involving time for participants to engage in

hands-on story-development activities.

When: 23 June 2017

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)

6 week course

Finding your family: a beginners course in research

Presenter/s: 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.

Presenters: QFHS Tutors

Please read our [cancellation and non-attendance policy](#)

When: commences Monday 26 June 2017 for six weeks 7.30pm to 9.00pm

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Cost: \$50 members and \$75 non-members (see inclusions above)

[Register online](#)

Seminar

Online newspapers: Trove and the British Newspaper Archive

Presenter: Sue Reid



Trove Digitised Newspapers—what is on the website? In this session, Sue will demonstrate how to navigate your way around the newspaper website, how to

conduct searches, and some of the features available from the simple search screen.

Trove Digitised Newspapers—advanced techniques. This session will deal with advanced searching, hints on why you cannot find what you are looking for in the newspapers, name searching, and some tips on how to work around difficulties of optical character recognition.

The British Newspaper Archive. QFHS members can access the British Newspaper Archive at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre. Sue will show how to use this valuable resource for research in the United Kingdom both through the British Newspaper Archive website and findmypast.

When: 5 August 2017

Where: Queensland Baptists' Conference Centre

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

[Register online](#)

Members' Noticeboard

Leyburn and District Historical Society Plaques Project

Thirty-five plaques and an associated trail brochure, which tell part of the story of Leyburn's beginnings from the early 1840s, will be unveiled at a ceremony held on Saturday, 22 April. The opening will commence at 10.00am at Liberator Park on the corner of the Toowoomba - Karara Road and the Leyburn - Millmerran Road. At the close of formalities, visitors are invited to inspect nearby plaques before Morning Tea at the QCWA Hall in Macintyre Street.

Brisbane Square Library free history talks

- ***If Walls Could Talk: Researching Brisbane houses.*** Saturday, 22 April 2pm-3pm. Brisbane houses hold many secrets about the city's people and past. Heather Richards from Brisbane City Council's City Architecture and Heritage Team will uncover stories about Brisbane houses and the families that occupied them, and share tips and resources for revealing the history of your own house.
- ***Mid twentieth-century buildings of Brisbane.*** Saturday 29 April 11am-12noon. Modernism emerged as a new style of architecture in Brisbane following World War II. Join Marianne Taylor from Brisbane City Council's City Architecture and Heritage Team as she discusses how this movement revolutionised Brisbane's built environment, from public buildings such as Annerley Library, La Boite Theatre and St Andrew's Church, to private residences such as Torbreck, Jacobi Residence and the many post-war homes that dot the suburban landscape.
- ***ANZAC cottages.*** Saturday 6 May 11.30am-12.30pm. Join Dr Carmel Black

from Brisbane City Council's City Architecture and Heritage Team as she reveals the history behind ANZAC cottages. Find out why these houses are an important part of the city's cultural heritage and how they expressed the community's gratitude to the families of soldiers killed or injured during World War I.

- All events are free but bookings are essential – call the library on (07) 3403 4166 to reserve your place. Brisbane Square Library, 266 George Street, Brisbane.

Annual Immigration/ Shipping Reunions 28th - 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.

Books are compiled on each of the journeys and, where possible, family stories of the passengers and descendants of the voyages. We would appreciate hearing from any descendants who would like to contribute stories and photographs to these publications, which will be on sale during the celebration.

Please see [Maryborough Family Heritage Research Institute Facebook](#) page for the passenger lists for 2017 Celebrations.

Museum of Brisbane

Sit. Pose. Snap. Brisbane Portrait Photography 1850 – 1950 explores the phenomenon of studio portrait photography in Brisbane, and shows how the process of capturing and sharing a portrait evolved from the formal studio sittings of the 19th century through to candid and relaxed photographs of the mid-20th century. See more [here](#)

Museum of Brisbane is located on Level 3, Brisbane City Hall King George Square, Brisbane. Free entry daily from 10.00am to 5.00pm, until 30 July.



Books missing from the Print Library

As a result of the recent stocktake of the Print Library it is apparent that several books are missing from the shelves. Perhaps you may have picked up a book by mistake when researching and have not had the time to return it. If that is the case it would be appreciated if you could drop it back into the returns box near the front entrance when you next visit.

Remember that almost all books in the Lending Library are duplicates of print library publications and two books can be borrowed for two weeks. Take a look the next time you visit.

A list of the missing books can be viewed [here](#)

Web Wanderings

A Card Index on Jewish Holocaust Victims is now online

A card index of the Reich Association of Jews in Germany is now available online. The card index of the Reich Association of Jews in Germany (Reichsvereinigung der Juden in Deutschland) comprises 32,264 registration cards, primarily those of Jewish school pupils, emigrants and deceased persons. You can read more [here](#) and find the index [here](#)

What's new on Findmypast

New data is being added daily. Check out latest additions [here](#)

What's new on Ancestry

Australian additions can be searched [here](#)

General items of interest

Convict Ancestors Unit at the University of Tasmania

The University of Tasmania is offering a family history unit commencing on 24 April, as part of our Diploma of Family History; the unit is entitled 'Convict Ancestors'. The unit is fully online and has a 100% HECS scholarship for domestic students, meaning that you will not incur a tuition fee or debt for studying the unit. The unit includes important information on how to read and interpret convict records, as well as tips on how to make sense of trial records and information from other judicial and penal series. Applications are open now, and you can apply [here](#)

The National Archives of England and Wales fees are changing

On 1 April 2017, the fees charged by The National Archives at Kew, Richmond, Surrey, for research, paper and digital copies of records, and some other services, will change. A summary of the new pricing structure is available [here](#)

The Irish Genealogical Research Society (IGRS) launches story writing project

2016 was the 80th anniversary of the founding of the IGRS. To mark this important milestone the Society launched a story writing project to collect and preserve stories about people's favourite Irish-born ancestors.

This first tranche of stories from the project to be published can be found [here](#) More stories from the Society's 80th Anniversary Archive will be posted over the coming weeks.

Findmypast YouTube Channel

Get to know your ancestors and build your own family tree with leading family history website Findmypast. Enjoy watching videos where you can learn genealogical research tips. Go [here](#)

Treasures in the QFHS CD Collection

London Maps through the ages

If we are to gain a depth of knowledge about the lives of our ancestors, then understanding the structure of the localities in which they lived is essential, whether that be in a city, village, or rural district. The QFHS Library and Resource Centre's Map Room holds a significant number of maps from which to gain an understanding of where our ancestors lived. Many historical maps are now available online – for example, the Queensland Government's *Historical cadastral map series—Queensland*.

In addition to these resources are the maps in the QFHS CD collection. One of these is *London Maps through the ages*, published in 2001 by the Archives CD Books Project. This series of pdf files presents maps dating from 1666 ('London and suburbs after the great fire') to 1938 ('London maps from Kelly's Directory'). Most of the maps provided on the CD, however, are of London during various years in the 19th Century.

Some maps are more detailed than others, but all provide an insight into the streets and key buildings in areas of interest, or in the case of the 1666 map, where buildings once were. Those published in the early 20th Century focus on parts of London in more detail, coupled with detailed street indexes – for example, from 1917, 'Bartholomew's Handy Reference Atlas of London'.

This CD can be found directly from the Library Catalogue or by searching the List of CDs on the Main Page of the QFHS computer network's menu system.

Geoff Morgan

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Pauline Macfarlane

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