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The long awaited Queensland State Conference, Footsteps in time, is almost upon us. Registration for the Conference has now closed but a very exciting free to all Family and Local History Fair will be held on Friday 19th May. No registration necessary.

If you use Family Tree Maker software to hold all of your precious family records and photographs don't miss the full day seminar that will be held on Tuesday, 23rd May, at the Queensland Baptists' Conference Centre. Experts from VicGum will answer any questions you have and a pleasant day with like minded members is assured.

We have been invited to spend a day on Stradbroke Island visiting the very interesting museum and cemetery, together with a little social interaction with fellow members. If you have never been to Straddie, or not for a long time, this is a great opportunity to travel across with friends.

Calendar

- 05 May - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 06 May - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 12 May - [Fridays@QFHS - Blogging to maximise your family history research](#)
- 13 May - [Scottish Interest Group](#)
- 17 May - [Members' Meeting - You are not going to eat that, are you? No, I just want to iron my shirt with it](#)
- 19 May - [Footsteps in time Conference opens](#)
- 19 May - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 20 May - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 23 May - [Family Tree Maker Seminar](#)
- 25 May - [English West Country Group](#)
- 27 May - [Central European Interest Group](#)
- 28 May - [Welsh Interest Group](#)

- 31 May - Management Committee 2017-18 nominations close
- 02 Jun - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 03 Jun - [German Research Seminar](#)

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

Griffith Centre for Social and Cultural Research public lecture

An historian wanders into the present: Writing gender history and the limits of reconciliation

Presenter: Professor Pamela Scully from Emory University, Atlanta USA.

In this public lecture, Professor Scully reflects on what it means to have 'wandered into the present' after decades of scholarship on South Africa and colonialism in the 19th century, and on humanitarianism, gender and slavery. Drawing on her recent work on gendered violence and the Truth and Reconciliation Commissions in South Africa and Liberia, her involvement in Ebola collaboration, and her research on the Nobel Prize winning President of Liberia, Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, Professor Scully considers the relationship of history to political change in the present.

When: Thursday, 11 May, 5pm for a 5:30pm start

Lecture: – 5:30pm to 7pm

Where: The Ship Inn Function Room, South Bank Campus (S06_2.02). To RSVP, go [here](#)



Members' Meeting

Guest Speaker: Greg Hallam

When: 17 May 2017 at 1.00pm

You are not going to eat that, are you? No, I just want to iron my shirt with it!

1 October 2016 marked a century since the Queensland Government took control of the major railway refreshment rooms on the railway system. In 1916, the Queensland Railway Refreshment Rooms came into being with J.J. Fallon being the Manager of the State RRR. At the time, the Railways operated 28 Railway Refreshment Rooms across the state, three buffet carriages, and 14 leased premises. The RRR also

operated bathing facilities across the state as well, for weary, grimy passengers who had endured long times of travel with open windows, coal smoke, and soot for company on the way, at places such as Rockhampton, Mackay, Townsville and Cairns.

For those who remember RRR this is a not to be missed talk. Will bring back lots of memories and I am sure a few laughs. Visitors welcome.

Queensland State Archives Event: A Dynamic Map of Native Police Movements

Queensland State Archives is hosting a free event on 19 May 2017 from 10:30am to 11:30 am at Queensland State Archives Lecture Theatre 2, 435 Compton Road Runcorn.

Guest Speaker, Griffith University Visiting Fellow, Dr Jonathan Richards, will discuss his digital mapping project based on pre-separation records of the Native Police held at Queensland State Archives. Using historical maps and documents and GPS software, Dr Richards locates the places identified in these records to build a picture of Native Police movements and activities in south-east Queensland.

Places are limited, so please book [here](#) to reserve your place.



Family and Local History Conference and Fair

19 - 21 May 2017 on the Gold Coast

Conference Registration has now closed but don't miss the opportunity to attend the **Family and Local History Fair** on Friday 19th May. There will be free talks from 9.30am by experts from Ancestry, Trove and Family Search, plus over 30 exhibitors tables for you to browse from 12 noon onwards.

More information [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.

Historical Excursion to North Stradbroke Island

By arrangement with Elizabeth Gondwe of the North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum, QFHS is organising a social outing in the form of an historical excursion to North Stradbroke on Monday, 28 August. We will spend time in the old cemetery at Dunwich and in the North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum. A local bus trip to Point Lookout is also planned.

Excursion agenda on Stradbroke:

- 10:25am Guided tour of Historical Cemetery at Dunwich plus some history of notable residents
- 11:25am Depart by bus for Point Lookout (bus trip 20 minutes each way)
- 12:50pm Depart Point Lookout for return trip to Dunwich
- 01:15pm North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum
- 03:55pm Depart Dunwich for Cleveland by water taxi

You need to organise your own travel to Cleveland (perhaps car pool). There is adequate parking space at Stradbroke Ferries for your car, or you can travel by train to the Cleveland Station where you will be met by a courtesy coach to take you to the water taxi departure point. Those travelling by car could share as much as possible.

Cleveland to Dunwich: The Flyer water taxi to Stradbroke departs from Toondah Harbour, Corner of Middle Street and Emmett Drive, Cleveland. Time of departure: 9:55am. Travel time: 25-30 minutes. Disembark at One Mile Jetty, Dunwich, at 10:25am.

Dunwich to Cleveland: Depart One Mile Jetty, Yabby Street, Dunwich, at 3:55pm. Arrive back at Cleveland at 4:25pm.

Costs are:

- Water taxi (Stradbroke Flyer) return fare: \$19.00 (Pensioner Concession \$9.50).
- Bus Fare Dunwich to Point Lookout and return: \$9.40 return or Concession \$4.60 return).
- Museum tour charge: \$10 per head

Lunch: Bring your own eats and drinks, or buy on the Stradbroke Flyer (can be expensive) or preferably at local Stradbroke stores. No bookings are required for the Stradbroke Flyer. You can pay at the Cleveland Ferry Office or on the water taxi. To help with this event's organisation, RSVP by 21 August to: secretary@qfhs.org.au

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

Family Tree Maker

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.**



Cost: QFHS & VicGUM members - \$45; non-members - \$55 (includes morning tea and lunch).

[Register oline](#)

Seminar

German research

Presenter/s: Jennifer Lange and Eric Kopitke



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 Kopitke: 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 for around 45 mins, 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

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](#)

How to research a World War I digger

Presenter: Paul Sutton



For this workshop, Paul will invite one or more participants to provide the name and service number of a World War I digger whom they would like to research.

Paul will go through the various online and offline sources that will help to piece together the digger's military service, and provide interpretation and context.

These records might include the digger's service record, unit war diary, Red Cross files, and repatriation files. Paul will also include official histories, maps, and photographs.

Note.

If you wish to provide the name and details of a WWI digger for Paul's presentation, an ideal person would be one who was killed or wounded in battle, thus we would

know where that digger was at a certain time. However, you are also welcome to bring details of diggers who were not killed or wounded. Preferably, the digger would be one whose service record has not already been researched.

When: 14 July 2017

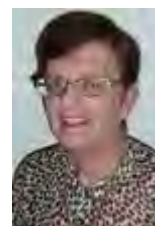
Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

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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 Register online Register online 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](#)



DNA testing and genealogy: the basics

Presenter: Ann Swain

Are you interested in DNA testing to extend your family history or are you confused by test results?

This session will cover the basic biology and jargon so you can understand what the three main types of genetic genealogy DNA tests can give you. It will also cover the interpretation of the test results.

When: 11 August 2017

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register Online](#)

Web Wanderings

Findmypast Roman Catholic Church Records

The Roman Catholic Church is the largest Christian denomination in the world, and keeps some of the richest genealogical records that can be found anywhere. Historically, it has been difficult, impossible even, to gain access to these records. Findmypast is working to digitise the records of the Catholic Church, bringing millions of records from Ireland, Scotland, England, the USA, and Canada online for the first time and opening up research possibilities that simply didn't exist before. Enjoy searching at: [here](#) Free access from the QFHS Library.

Church of Ireland Historic Parish Registers

The Church of Ireland has just published an updated list of historic parish registers for Ireland. This very useful 96-page pdf document lists by parish and diocese what baptism, marriage and burial records exist by date range and where to find them (including where to look online). You can download the guide [here](#)

Findmypast New Records

A list of the latest releases can be found [here](#)

Check out the latest video: Introducing the 1939 Register.

Available by subscription or free at the QFHS library.

General items of interest

The Jewish Genealogical Society of Great Britain Library has Moved

The JGSGB Library has moved to a new home in the Society of Genealogists Headquarters at 14 Charterhouse Buildings, Goswell Road, London EC1M 7BA. Opening dates and times can be found [here](#)

Perpetual Copyright Ends

On 22 March 2017 the Copyright Amendment (Disability Access and Other Measures) Bill was introduced to the Australian Parliament. The Bill will end perpetual copyright for unpublished materials, and, as a result, millions of historical manuscripts will be freed into the public domain on 1 January 2019.

The Australian Libraries and Copyright Committee released a statement on the tabling of the Copyright Amendment Bill - read more [here](#)

"Australia's Last Convicts" reprobates, rogues and recidivist

The Friends of Battye Library Inc. are proud to announce the publication of the above book. Western Australia was the last of the Australian colonies to receive transported convicts, with the last cohort arriving in Fremantle on the Hougoumont on 9 January 1868. In recent times there has been considerable research into the lives and fate of many of the Convicts transported to West Australia. Swan Genealogy has identified 74 photographs of West Australian Convicts found in the 19th Century Convict Register, Fremantle Prison Registers, and surviving Fremantle Prisoner photographs held at the State Records Office of Western Australia. This publication contains these photographs and information contained within these volumes.

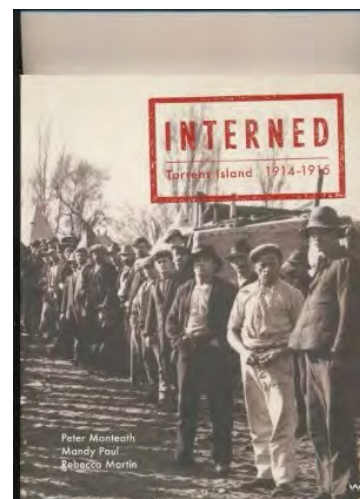
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Book Review

Interned. Torrens Island 1914 - 1915

Monteath, P., Paul, M. and R. Martin

On 5th August 1914 the S S *Scharzfels* steamed into port in Adelaide. Flying the German flag it was piloted to its berth and at this point its master was instructed to haul down the flag. The ship and its company were placed under naval guard. World War 1 had been declared. The *Scharzfels'* arrival posed a few awkward questions - what of its cargo, officers and crew?



A rather clever arrangement was reached with the original crew and Australian command sailing to Melbourne and Sydney to offload the cargo. The German master and his officers remained in Adelaide. Their ship, renamed the *Araluen*, was used in our waters, it being a trophy of war. It was sold much later to Japan.

From this point South Australian historians, Peter Monteath, Mandy Paul and

Rebecca Martin, track the fortunes of the Germans as they were shuffled around South Australia which was very obviously ill equipped to handle this matter. The trios' work accompanied the exhibition - *Torrens Island 1914 - 1915* - at the South Australian Migration Museum in 2014 to 2015.

The book contains a superb collection of photographs. Many are the work of Paul Dubotzki. A trained photographer he was in New Guinea at the outbreak of war but it remains unexplained how and why he turned up in Adelaide. Interned he was allowed (oddly) to keep his camera and we now have such a wonderful collection as a result of that decision.

Apart from providing a detailed account of life in an internment camp the book also addresses contemporary attitudes to aliens in this period. Life under the War Precautions Act could be marked by profound disruptions for many German Australians who found themselves behind the barbed wire. Some were moved around like pawns. The text and photos generate an empathy for men who simply found themselves in the wrong place at the wrong time.

Published by Wakefield Press 2014. 115 pages with detailed sourcing and referencing. Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

Trivia

Woman Finds Lost Father with a DNA test

Krista Brian was always told that her father that she had never met was dead. She also was told that she had Mexican ancestry. At 37 years of age Krista took a DNA test with Ancestry. When the test results came back, she received two surprises. Read more [here](#)

Most Popular Baby Names for 2016 in New South Wales

Harper and Muhammed rise but Oliver and Olivia still top the list. Details of other names can be found [here](#)

How Popular is Your Birthday?

A peak in births in late September show that more babies are conceived in the weeks leading up to and days after Christmas than at any other time of the year.

Birth data for England and Wales has been used to look at trends in the most and least popular birth dates over the past two decades. It reveals that highest number of births occur at the end of September. The interactive graphic shows the average number of births on any given day and the rank from first to 366th. Check it out [here](#)

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Pauline Macfarlane

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