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National Family History Month is an initiative of AFFHO (Australasian Federation of Family History Societies). This event is held in August annually and expertly organised by Shauna Hicks.

On Tuesday evening, **1 August, at 9.00 pm** Alex Daw and Charlotte Sale, both busy QFHS members, will speak live on ABC 612 to promote both NFHM and QFHS Open Day. Do take the time to listen in. I am sure it will be entertaining.

Tuesday, 1 August, is also the first of the **31 stories for 31 days** to go online. A fresh story each morning in August to start your day.

Saturday, 12 August is our Annual Open Day. If you are a Library Assistant and can spare a few hours, or the full day, we need more guides to show our visitors around the library. Please email president@qfhs.org.au if you can help.

Calendar

- 01 Aug - [National Family History Month commences](#)
- 01 Aug - Tune in to ABC 612 at 9pm to listen to Alex Daw and Charlotte Sale chat about Family History Month and QFHS Open Day
- **01 Aug - Day 1 of '31 stories for 31 days'**
- 04 Aug - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 05 Aug - [Seminar - Online Newspapers: Trove and British Newspaper Archive](#)
- 07 Aug - Caloundra Family History Group visit
- 07 Aug - Management Committee Meeting
- 08 Aug - Unlock the Past Researching Abroad. Details below.
- 09 Aug - Unlock the Past Researching Abroad. Details below.
- 11 Aug - [Fridays@QFHS - DNA testing and genealogy. The basics.](#)
- 12 Aug - [QFHS Open Day](#)

- 16 Aug - [Members Meeting - William Taylor MD, MLC.](#)
- 19 Aug - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 19 Aug - [New Members Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 25 Aug - [Library Assistants Team Meeting](#)
- 26 Aug - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 31 Aug - National Family History Month concludes
- 01 Sep - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 02 Sep - [Library Assistants Team Meeting](#)
- 02 Sep - [DNA Interest Group](#)

Date Claimer for October

The DNA SIG will be holding an extra meeting on **Saturday, 7 October**. The meeting will be a question and answer session.

Happenings



To celebrate this Australia wide event held in August each year, QFHS members have written and submitted a family story.

A new story will be available on the QFHS website every morning in August. Please keep in mind that these are 'stories'. They are written by members for members. Stories will have few or no sources attached as would be the case if they were published in the journal or elsewhere. However, reference is made to information found in various forms simply by being a member of QFHS and the help of our wonderful library assistants.

I think some of the authors may never have written an item for publication in the past so we hope you enjoy the experience. Perhaps it might be the start of your own family history in book form. The QFHS Family History Writing Group would welcome you into their group.

Do check out other NFHS events [here](#)



National
Institute for
Genealogical
Studies

A gift certificate from the National Institute for Genealogical Studies (NIGS) for any online course from a choice of over 200 courses is available to a QFHS financial member.

More information and application details can be found [here](#)



Unlock the Past will be holding a 2 day seminar (particularly German) on 8-9 August at Kedron Wavell Services Club, Chermside.

- Features: hear leading international family history presenters. Chris Paton (Scotland) and Dick Weissleder (German-European stream)
- various local speakers. Ann Swain on Tuesday (QFHS British holdings) and Eric Kopittke on Wednesday (QFHS German holdings)
- learn about records you didn't know existed
- find out what your local societies have that can help with your search
- over \$1000 in prizes

For more information go [here](#)



QFHS Open Day
12 August 2017
Invite your friends

Organisers have been busy preparing for the 2017 Open Day. The theme this year is **Links in a Chain**. This is the one day of the year when all Special Interest Groups come together to answer questions. Do invite friends to come along. Discounted Membership, raffles, second hand books, and other discounts will apply.



The Society of Australian Genealogists is excited to be hosting the 15th Australasian Congress on Genealogy and Heraldry at the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Darling Harbour, Sydney. Congress is held every three years under the auspices of AFFHO, the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations and brings together passionate family historians from around Australia and many parts of the world. Keynote speakers are Paul Blake, Lisa Louise Cooke, Ruth Graham, Paul Milner, Angela Phippen and Judy G Russell. The program, and details of others speakers, including Sue Reid, are on the website now. More information [here](#)

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

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.

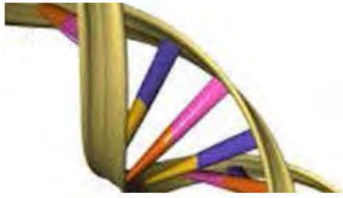
The British Newspaper Archive. QFHS members can access the British Newspaper Archive at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre. Sue will show how to use this valuable resource for research in the United Kingdom both through the British Newspaper Archive website and findmypast.

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](#)

Research in South Australia and the Northern Territory

Presenters: Bob Thistlethwaite and Chris Schuetz



Many people from Britain and Europe came to South Australia during the 19th century. Many moved on; some to Queensland and also some to the Northern Territory. The Northern Territory was part of South Australia from 1863 to 1911. Compared to the volume of shipping on the southern clipper route, only a few immigrant vessels came to Queensland via the northern route through the Torres Straits, but many merchant vessels plied regularly between Asian ports and Darwin. These merchant vessels also carried passengers. If your family members were in South Australia or the Northern Territory, this session will help you to find their records.

When: 8 September 2017 from 10 am to 11.30 am

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)

Bus trip to Queensland State Archives



Presenters: QSA staff

Join us for a visit and behind-the scenes tour of the Queensland State Archives. We will travel by bus from the Library and Resource Centre, leaving the QFHS Library and Resource Centre promptly at 9.00 am for the trip to Runcorn. You will need to be at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre by 8.45 am.

We will have some free time at the Archives before the Archivists take us on a behind-the-scenes tour. After the tour, we will have more time in the Reading Room for your own research.

Note: The tour is optional. You may choose to spend the day researching with the assistance of the helpful QSA staff.

When: 20 October 2017

Cost of bus fare: Members \$20.00, non-members \$25.00

Closing date: Bookings for this trip will close on Friday 29 September 2017 to enable QSA to make arrangements for staff to guide the tour.

Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.

[Register online](#)

Wikipedia, beyond the basics: photos and more

Presenter: Dr Kerry Raymond



This is an hands-on-computer course. Topics to be covered include photos, categories, infoboxes, and Talk pages.

Participants should have attended one of the previous introductory courses 'Contribute to Wikipedia' at QFHS (or have prior experience contributing to Wikipedia using the Visual Editor).

Please check before the session that you can remember your Wikipedia user name and password (and do any password recovery or new account creation before arriving).

If possible, participants should bring a USB drive containing:

- a digital photo of a church (or other community building). It must be a photo you have taken yourself; do not bring other people's photos.
- a scan (or digital photo) of an old photo of a church (or other community building) taken in Australia before 1955 (check your family photo albums).

In both cases, you should know the name and approximate location of the building (e.g. Smallville Town Hall or St Peter's Catholic Church at Bigtown) and the approximate date of the photo (very rough approximations will do for historic photos, e.g. 1930s)

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: 22 September 2017

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)



QFHS Buddy Program

Are you a new member? Experienced members are waiting to assist you to get you started on your family Register online history journey

Buddies are experienced QFHS members who will assist new members by meeting at an agreed time to provide one-on-one guidance, encouragement, and sharing of experience. The arrangement is available for between three and six months. Email Coordinator [here](#)

If you would like to be a Buddy to a new member email Coordinator [here](#)

Members' Noticeboard

Do you have a favourite website?

Perhaps it is a small little known site that proved useful in your family research. Maybe one that gave you the breakthrough you did not get from the large subscription sites.

If so, why not share it with fellow members. Simply send the URL, with a short outline of what it contains, to snippets@qfhs.org.au It will be published in a future edition of Snippets.

Discontinuance of Microfilm Distribution

On 1 September 2017, FamilySearch will discontinue its microfilm distribution services. The last day of ordering at QFHS will be 23 August, 2017. The change is the result of significant progress made in FamilySearch's microfilm digitisation efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology. You can learn more [here](#)

Did you know that the Society holds a large number of LDS films ordered by members on extended loan. These films are available to all and a list can be found [here](#). Ask a Library Assistant for access.

How did they get here? Immigration in Australia from 1788 onwards

Migrating to a new country was one of the most dramatic life changes anyone undertook, and investigating the migration journey of your ancestors is a key part of family history research. This presentation to be held at Brisbane City Council Hamilton Library at 10.30am on Wednesday 2 August by the Genealogical Society of Queensland will help you find and understand Australian immigration records. Entry is free and bookings essential.

Phone 3403 1050 to reserve your place.

Web Wanderings

Genealogy in the Burbage area of Wiltshire

If you have family from this area you will find something of interest in this site. They have a (free) mailing list which you should use if you wish to ask a question about your ancestors. Go [here](#)

Forces War Records Offers a New Collection: Pipers of Scottish and Overseas Regiments 1914-18

There is a long history of Bagpipes and the British Army; much of the Army's battles since the mid-1700s had been fought with pipers playing. The original purpose of the pipes in battle was to signal tactical movements to the troops during battle. This collection records all of the men who belonged to these pipe bands during the First World War. Apart from their general military information, this collection notes their fate (if applicable) and a brief outline of how the bands were utilised. Whilst this often states that the band was quickly withdrawn from frontline service – due to their importance with regards to moral, often even no longer being used as stretch bearers. It is quoted that over 1,000 pipers died during WWI. Available via subscription or free at the library [here](#)

Presbyterian Church Records Now Available on ScotlandsPeople

More than 36,000 new Presbyterian Church records, covering the period 1744 to 1855 have been added to ScotlandsPeople website. The 20,255 births and baptisms (1744-1855), 10,368 marriages and proclamations (1729-1855) and 5,422 death and burial records (1783-1855) may be especially helpful for anyone searching for a person born or baptised, married or died before the introduction of statutory registration in 1855. More details available [here](#)

New Records Added by the Mallow Heritage Centre, Co Cork

Various National School records added to the Roots Ireland website from the database of the Mallow Heritage Centre, Cork North. For a full list of the genealogical sources now online for Cork North go [here](#)

Canadian Expeditionary Force Personnel Service Files Online

There are now 461,575 of 640,000 files available online of Personnel Records of the First World War database. The Personnel Records of the First World War database is available [here](#)

Huge Genealogical Database of Ukrainians Born in 1650–1920 is Now Online

A huge database of people born in the territory of contemporary Ukraine between 1650 and 1920 is now available online .The database includes 2.56 million people and is expected to reach 4 to 5 million in 2019. The access to its contents is free of charge. All the users who register profiles on the project's website can construct their own family trees. You can read more [here](#) Please note that this website is in Ukrainian. Translate option available. Go [here](#)

General items of interest

Australians Provide Fake Names Amid Census Privacy Fears

In the 2016 census, many Australians provided fake names and withheld their date of birth. A sharp drop in the number of respondents allowing authorities to keep their data archived for 99 years was also noted. In the 2016 Australian census, about one per cent of respondents gave no name or a fake name, while three per cent chose to provide their age instead of date of birth. Details may be found [here](#)

How to Express Your Condolences for a Loved One

The page was recently endorsed by the International Funeral Directors' Association (USA) and it may be helpful to anyone that has recently lost a loved one or is about to attend a funeral. Go [here](#)

Mother and Daughter Reunited after 50 Years Apart Thanks to a Genealogy DNA Test

Another recent reunion story describes Cathy and daughter Karen, who were able to find each other after 50 years apart through a MyHeritage DNA match. Both couldn't be happier with their amazing discovery and are hoping others wouldn't have to wait as long. Read more about their story and watch a video of their exciting reunion moment [here](#)

Family Buys Hilarious Birthday Card for Grandpa, Finds Out it has an Old Family Photo

A 12-year-old in Kansas recently found a hilarious card to give to her grandfather for his 74th birthday. The card had a very old-fashioned family photo on the front, with everyone looking very stern and serious. On top it said, "It's your birthday!" Her mother also laughed when she saw the card. Then she stopped laughing when she looked closer. A man in the photo looked a lot like her grandfather and of her great-grandmother. You can see more [here](#)

We're All Related to Royalty (If You Go Back Far Enough)

Everyone with European ancestry is descended from Kings and Queens. Dr Adam Rutherford, a leading geneticist, said this is not remarkable at all. If you research your European ancestry far enough, you undoubtedly will find a number of royal ancestors in your family tree. You can read the details [here](#)

Book Review

An Interesting Read from the Lending Library

This is a preview of a book I took out at the Lending Library and I really couldn't put it down as it was so interesting and I learnt about things I didn't think I needed to know.

'Battlefields Then & Now by John Man & Tim Newark'

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The name of this book caught my eye, as I had just finished reading about Gallipoli. However, it is not just about WWI or WWII, although a few of those battlefields are included. 22 battlefields are described from Alexander the Great in 331 BC to Desert Storm Iraq in 1991 via some from the American Civil War, Zulu and European wars.

It is an easy-to-read account of the methods used, the weather, the landscape, the disasters, blunderings, victories and the men who were involved. Lots of illustrations and maps, and best of all, the battle site as it is today with a transparent sheet showing the battlefield as it was.

It will not help you find an ancestor, but I found it very informative and difficult to put down and it gave me a more vivid insight on what our ancestors lived through during wars. A good historical read, and worthy of time out in our busy world.

Lyn Hooper - member M4620

Trivia

Painter Salvador Dali's body to be Exhumed for Paternity Suit

A judge in Madrid has ordered the exhumation of the body of Spanish artist

Salvador Dalí to get DNA samples for a paternity suit. A Spanish woman, born in 1956, said her mother, had a clandestine affair with the painter in 1955. The judge said there were no biological remains or personal objects of the artist to be used in the test. He died in Spain in 1989 at the age of 85. Details may be found [here](#)

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Pauline Macfarlane

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