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QFHS is very excited to be able to present a seminar by world renowned expert in Genetic Genealogy, Dr Maurice Gleeson. Dr Gleeson is making a short speaking tour of Australia and New Zealand and has agreed to speak to QFHS and GSQ members at the Queensland Baptist Conference Centre on Saturday 19th May. Non-members are also invited to attend. A unique opportunity to hear this highly acclaimed expert explain the mysteries of DNA for genealogists. Don't miss it even if you have not yet had your DNA done.

Our next *Finding your family: beginner's course in research* will commence on Monday 23 July. This course will be held at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre in the morning and numbers are strictly limited.

Several bookings have already been received so if you wish to attend please register now.

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## Calendar

### QFHS Events

- 01 Apr - Easter Sunday **CLOSED**
- 02 Apr - Easter Monday **CLOSED**
- [06 Apr - Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- [07 Apr - DNA Interest Group](#)
- 09 Apr - Management Committee Meeting
- [13 Apr - Fridays@QFHS - Focused advice session](#)
- [14 Apr - Irish Interest Group](#)
- 18 Apr - Members' Meeting - Stories from the first 80 years of BUSHkids
- [21 Apr - New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- [21 Apr - The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 25 Apr - Anzac Day **CLOSED**
- [28 Apr - Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

## External events

- [14 Apr - Oral History Basics Workshop at Wynnum BCC Library](#)

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## Happenings



<https://www.facebook.com/groups/222839735126440/>

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### Members' Meeting - 18 April



**Guest Speaker:** Adrian Harrison

A short meeting followed by a talk by Adrian Harrison on the *Stories from the first 80 years of BUSHkids*.

Do join us for what will be a very interesting talk.

This is a **night meeting** and starts at **7.30pm**.



### QFHS Buddy Program

Are you a new member? Experienced members are waiting to assist you to get you started on your family 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.

If you would like to be a Buddy or a new member and would like to have a QFHS Buddy to assist you email the Coordinator [here](#)

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



## Seminar

# Genetic Genealogy

**Presenter:** Dr Maurice Gleeson

**Maurice Gleeson** is Education Ambassador for the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG), a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists (APG), and organiser of Genetic Genealogy Ireland, the annual national conference on DNA and genealogy. He was born in Dublin where he trained as a medical doctor. He is currently a psychiatrist, a pharmaceutical physician, and a part-time actor as well as a genetic genealogist.



**Session 1:** Managing your matches: a step-by-step approach to interpreting your DNA matches

**Session 2:** Marrying DNA and Irish family tree research

More information can be found [here](#).

**When:** Saturday, 19 May 2018

**Where:** Queensland Baptist Conference Centre

**Cost:** \$25 members and \$40 non-members

[Register online](#)

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**What's in the QFHS print library? Free Event**

**Presenter:** Librarians



The QFHS print library holds a vast store of resources which can help your family history research. The print library has books and journals which have been collected since the foundation of the Society in 1979.

The collection of books includes how-to guides, family histories, copies of all entries

in the QFHS Book Award, local histories, war unit diaries, and much, much more. The Society also hold a huge collection of journals from Australian and overseas family history and genealogy societies.

Topics covered will include v-Library, printed books, QFHS journal collection, QFHS Book Award collections and family histories, conference papers, and more.

Come along and hear how these resources can aid your research.

**When:** 11 May 2018

[Register online](#)

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### **QFHS Trout Game.**



**Game Master:** Ann Swain

Allow yourself the privilege of having a fun day in family history and play the Trout Game.

**When:** Friday 20 May 2018 from 10am to 4pm

**Where:** at the QFHS Library.

**Cost** is \$5.00 which includes morning and afternoon tea (BYO lunch).

For more information and to make a booking go [here](#)



## **Seminar**

# **FamilySearch**

**Presenter:** Paul Parton

**Paul Parton** is a presenter for FamilySearch in their Outreach program. He also gives technical support to 145 Family History Centres Australia-wide. He has had an interest in family history for more than 45 years. Paul was a professional trainer prior to his retirement as Pacific Area Director of Information Technology Services with FamilySearch's parent organisation.

**Session 1:** Discovering more in the record vault.

**Session 2:** From search to research with FamilySearch.

**Session 3:** FamilySearch Family Tree.

More information can be found [here](#)

**When:** Saturday 2 June 2018

**Where:** Queensland Baptist Conference Centre

**Cost:** \$25 members and \$40 non-members

[Register online](#)

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**X marks the spot: researching cemeteries**

**Presenter:** Helen Vince



Discovering the graves of our ancestors can be extremely rewarding.

This workshop looks at the resources available for finding those grave sites. As well as examining online resources, the workshop will provide practical tips and traps for the unwary.

- Are they really in the cemetery?
- What does the terminology mean?
- Are there errors on the headstones?

**When:** Friday 8 June 2018

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)



**MyHeritage: hands on**

**Presenter:** Rosemary Kopittke

MyHeritage is a leading destination for families to discover, share, and preserve their family history and DNA. The records are available in 42 languages and the platform has many innovative technologies and as well as data exclusive to MyHeritage. These technologies importantly save you time allowing more time for thinking and researching.

Come and learn how to make best use of the resources MyHeritage offers.

This hands-on session will be offered twice, once in the morning and once in the afternoon.

Please select the **one** session you wish to attend.

**When:** 13 July 2018

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

**Numbers are strictly limited so book early to avoid disappointment.**

[Register online](#)

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### 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 12 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

**Note:** This is a **daytime** course.

**When:** Commences Monday, 23 July 2018

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

**Numbers are limited so book early to avoid disappointment.**

[Register online](#)

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## Members' Noticeboard

### QFHS Membership fee increase

A motion to increase new membership and renewal fees was put to the Members' Meeting on Wednesday, 21 March, 2018. Members voted unanimously that fees as detailed in the February Queensland Family Historian will apply from 1 April 2018.

### QFHS Management Committee

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### Oral History Basics Workshop

*Oral History Queensland* is running a workshop which covers the basics in recording oral histories including interviewing techniques, ethics, transcribing. The workshop will be run by Lesley Jenkins, a very experienced oral historian, Churchill Fellow and Life Member of Oral History Queensland. This is a "hands-on" workshop which will provide practical experience.

**Venue:** Wynnum Library

**Date:** Saturday, 14 April 2018.

**Time:** 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

**Cost:** \$100.00 for OHQ members, \$120.00 for non - members.

Bookings essential.

**Contact details:** [Suzanne Mulligan](#), Oral History Queensland, or 07 3376 1865.

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## Web Wanderings

### Italian prisoners of war on Queensland farms remembered

Of the estimated 350,000 Italians who were captured or surrendered in North Africa, more than 1,500 prisoners were sent to Queensland to work on farms. Read more [here](#)

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### Sugar Exemptions in Queensland 1922 – 1923 data

This series consists of a register kept by the Agriculture and Stock Department of Certificates of Exemptions granted (or refused) to Aliens under the Sugar Cultivation Act of 1913. Under the Act it was unlawful for aliens who had not passed a dictation test to cultivate sugar cane, but regulations allowed for exemptions in certain circumstances. Agricultural and Stock Department, and certificates of exemption then issued. Check [here](#).

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### **State Archives New South Wales free webinars**

The program of free webinars covering the next six months is open now for registration. Each webinar will focus on the wonderful resources of the NSW State archives collection and how to access them. More information [here](#)

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### **Sydney Morning Herald 1955 – 1995 available online**

Search every edition of the Sydney Morning Herald and The Sun-Herald between January 1st, 1955 to February 27th, 1995 [here](#). You need a NLA card that can be acquired by registered online.

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### **State Records of South Australia Passenger Lists online**

Digitised passenger lists from 1845 right through to 1940 now available online [here](#).

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### **Ancestry adds Historic New Zealand Police Gazettes**

If you had an ancestor in New Zealand who was on either side of the law, then this might be an interesting collection to search. This collection can be searched by first name, last name, year of birth, keyword and trial date. Access is by subscription or free at the library. Go [here](#)

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### **Destination: Australia. National Archives of Australia share post-war migrant stories.**

Share your story, read about other migrants' memories and explore our photos – to see if you recognise someone you know. Between 1946 and 1999 government photographers snapped 22,000 images of people arriving and living in Australia. You can view them online in the National Archives' collection [here](#).

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### **Family naming patterns**

A helpful resource for those starting their family history journey. Go [here](#).

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### **Beyond 2022: Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury**

On 30 June 1922, at the outset of the Irish Civil War, a cataclysmic explosion and fire destroyed the Public Record Office of Ireland at the Four Courts, Dublin. Flames and heat consumed seven centuries of Ireland's recorded history, stored in a magnificent six-storey Victorian repository known as the Record Treasury. On the centenary of the 1922 blaze, Beyond 2022 will unveil Ireland's Virtual Record Treasury—a digital reconstruction of the Public Record Office of Ireland building and its collections. More information [here](#) Click on the video.

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### **The Methodist Historical Society of Ireland online index of Methodist Ministers who served in Ireland**

The Index is a free online resource and includes notes for each minister, the years they served and years of their birth and death. In addition there are often notes and comments appended about migration, movement between denominations and education etc. The index and full details can be found [here](#).

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### **Tracing your Irish Jewish Roots online**

This all-encompassing database includes nearly 60,000 records and very easy to search. Registration is free [here](#)

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### **Scottish Indexes tutorial**

A [video](#) to assist you find Scottish ancestors online.

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### **Cemetery records for Eastern Necropolis Cemetery, Glasgow, 1861-1995 now available online**

Glasgow burial records are digitised and available for viewing in QFHS library - these are the registers for the Eastern Necropolis 1861-1995. Go [here](#).

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### **Scotlands People update**

Over 2.7 million valuation entries for 1935 have been added to the website. You can now search 118 million entries. A subscription site [here](#).

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### **Scottish asylum patients 1858 - 1915**

This index is free to search but a fee applies if you wish to purchase an image. The index covers 180,731 admissions to asylums, involving 115,900 individual patients. Search [here](#)

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### **Free BMD upgraded**

FreeBMD is a registered charity that aims to transcribe English and Welsh birth, marriage and death records. These official government records go back as far as 1837. The website currently has some 266.4 million records. Check [here](#)

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### **6 of the most catastrophic weather events in British history**

With the recent severe weather events in Britain it is interesting to learn about past events. Our history, if we care to learn from it, has seen this all before. Go [here](#)

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### **The International Bomber Command Centre (IBCC) Digital Archive online**

The International Bomber Command Centre project includes recording, preserving and relating the stories of all those involved with, or impacted by, Bomber Command during the Second World War. Covering the contribution of the men and women from over 60 nations, at all levels, the project will bring to life not only the period of the War, but the fight to gain recognition and the work undertaken to rebuild Europe's cities.

More information [here](#)

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### **Online Parish Clerks database of Cornwall**

All transcribed by volunteers worldwide. Go [here](#).

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### **New from Findmypast**

#### [Gloucestershire, Bigland's Monumental Inscriptions](#)

Search over 1,500 records of monumental inscriptions recorded in Ralph Bigland's 'Historical, Monumental and Genealogical Collections Relative to the County of Gloucester'.

#### [Somerset Will Abstracts](#)

Explore six volumes of Rev Frederick Brown's Abstracts of Somersetshire Wills. The volumes were published between 1887 and 1890 although the abstracts themselves cover the 16th, 17th and 18th centuries.

#### [Hue and Cry Police Gazette Index](#)

Over 63,000 records have been added to our Hue and Cry Police Index. The Gazette was an English newspaper that published notices of wanted criminals and the offences they committed.

#### [Britain, Knights Of The Realm & Commonwealth Index](#)

Over 400 new records have been added to the Knights of the Realm & Commonwealth index. The index covers 17 different honours and decorations, both current and dormant, and includes records dating back to the 11th century.

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## **General items of interest**

### **RootsTech 2018 Videos**

If you were not fortunate enough to attend RootsTech you might like to watch some of these very interesting [videos](#).

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### **Who Do You Think You Are?**

Australian series 9 begins April 19 on SBS. Check [here](#).

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## Treasures from the QFHS CD collection

- *The Indian Army and Civil Service List*, July 1861. Issued by Order of the Secretary for India in Council. (623 pages)
- *Thacker's Indian Directory*, 1895. (1855 pages)

A recent *Fridays@QFHS* session by Dette Glenday focussed on researching family history in British India. The two recently installed pdf files listed above are relevant to this research, and provide wide-ranging information about India of the day. However, *Thacker's Directory* cannot be searched using Ctrl-F, for example, whereas the 1861 publication is open to word searches. Nonetheless, both have comprehensive content tables, and detailed indexes.

Given the manner in which the British ruled India during the Raj (1858-1947), both books focus on the Bengal, Bombay and Madras presidencies. However, *Thacker's Indian Directory*, in its extended title, makes specific reference to Rangoon, as well as Calcutta, Madras, Bombay, Lahore, Allahabad, and Simla.

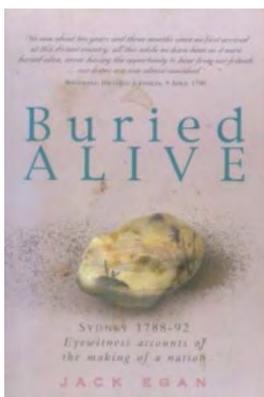
The *Indian Army and Civil Service List* of 1861 presents lists of personnel (mainly officers) in the various regiments, both regular and irregular, as well as the names of those who recently died, retired or dismissed, for example. *Thacker's Directory* (1895) includes both military and civil service directories. However, much of this document focuses on commercial interests, including "a complete guide to tea companies, their capital, agents, secretaries, gardens, factory marks, etc.". The directory also presents lists of government pensioners, railway officials, and legal officers, among others. Alphabetic lists of both British "Residents" (336 pages) and "Principal Native Inhabitants" (40 pages) are provided.

These documents can be accessed from the QFHS Library Catalogue by searching for "Miscellaneous Records", or via the *Search by Category* menu and selecting *Miscellaneous Records...*

Geoff Morgan

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### Book Review



Sometimes I think I would like to have been a fly on the wall in 1788 as Arthur Phillip and those around him struggled to eke out an existence. Jack Egan in *Buried Alive - Sydney 1788-92* offers something similar as the next best thing.

He has gathered from eye witness accounts the story of those first five years. These accounts have been drawn from diaries, letters, journals, and paintings by 28 persons who range from Phillip down to Bennelong and a few lesser known indigenes. The presentation is

chronological.

The paintings cover water color scenes of early Sydney while a detailed map helps to locate the activities. There are pencil portraits of the key players.

The work is sourced and indexed. 351 pages

First published by Allen and Unwin 1999

Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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## Lost property

The following items have been in the Lost Property basket in library for some time. If they belong to you can you please collect or email [Lyn](#) to advise what you would like done with them. If unclaimed by April 30 they will be disposed of.

- 2 certificates in a plastic cover. One is a Polish marriage certificate in name of Antoni Grzesiak and Marta Zgarnuch dated 1947. The other is a Polish birth certificate in the name of Antoni Crzesiak. These were left on Open Day 2017 in the map room.
- A green binder with copied German certificates and maps relating to people called Anna Sophia FIEBELKORN and Carl Fredrich Ernst BERLIN.
- A Logitech mouse (black and grey).
- Enclosed with a rubber band, a yellow spirax notepad with Unlock the Past booklet called "Where do I Start". (This may have been left by an attendee of the Monday night beginners course. Abandoned the week ending 2nd March 2018).



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