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August is National Family History Month and is an initiative of the Australian Federation of Family History Society (AFFHO). Events will be held throughout Australia and focus on genealogy, family history, heraldry, seminars, expos and other related subjects. A calendar of events can be viewed [here](#).

Saturday, 25 August, is our Annual Open Day. If you are a Library Assistant and can spare a few hours or a full day to show our visitors around please email [\\_](#) to advise your availability.

With the addition of thousands of digitised records added to many websites, check below in Web Wanderings to search and explore these sites. Included new records are from Australia, England, Scotland, Ireland and India.

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### Calendar

01 Aug - AFFHO: National Family History Month commencing

[03 Aug - Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

[04 Aug - DNA Interest Group](#)

06 Aug - Finding Your Family: a beginners course in research  
Management Committee Meeting

[10 Aug - Fridays@QFHS - Trove Newspapers: keeping track of your research and helping other users](#)

[11 Aug - Irish Interest Group](#)

[12 Aug - Colonial India and the Far East Special Interest Group](#)

13 Aug - Finding Your Family: a beginners course in research

[15 Aug - Members' Meeting - Wal Stubbings, Wharfie](#)

17 Aug - GAGHA Biannual Conference

[18 Aug - New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)

20 Aug - Finding Your Family: a beginners course in research

25 Aug - QFHS Open Day

27 Aug - Finding Your Family: a beginners course in research

31 Aug - Library Assistants Team Meeting

## National Family History Month concludes

### Outside Events

**2 Aug** - Exploring family histories, U3A Keynote Speakers, Brisbane Square Library at 1.30pm

**16 Aug** - *DNA testing and genealogy: the basics*, Kenmore and District Historical Society, at Kenmore Library at 7pm

**23 Aug** - *All Things Cemeteries* at Deception Bay Library at 10.30am

**23 Aug** - *Life in Australia in your ancestor's time* - from literary sources at Arana Hills Library at 2pm

**27 Aug** - *Life in Australia in your ancestor's time* - from literary sources at Albany Creek at 10am

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## Happenings

### *New, New, New*

#### **Commonwealth Electoral Roll (Queensland) 1969**

- Covers all 1,018,458 electors in the 1969 roll at the National Archives of Australia
- 30% more entries than 1959 roll
- Provides all information in the roll
- Searching on name and other details with QFHSdatasearch - especially useful for finding family groups, e.g. by specifying a surname and sorting on place of living within subdivision



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#### **Members Meeting - 15 August 2018**

**Guest Speaker:** Lesley Synge, co-author of *"Wharfie"* which is available in our library. Call number H6 STU 1

A short meeting followed by an interesting talk on the remarkable life of Wal Stubbings, who worked on the wharves of Strahan, Hobart and Brisbane for 40 years.

This is a night meeting and starts at 7.30pm.

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## OPEN DAY

### *Your family genes*

This is your invitation to visit us on Open Day  
to celebrate our families and  
***National Family History Month***

Invite friends and family to come along to this annual event.



**Saturday 25 August**

10.00am - 3.00pm

58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

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### Membership Renewal

As you will be aware renewal notices to members with memberships expiring 30 June were not included in the May Queensland Family Historian.

That was not an oversight. Most members now choose to renew online or by direct debit (transfer) with no form required. If you choose to renew by direct debit the details are available on our website [here](#). If you are visiting the library you may choose to renew there or, if you prefer, complete a Membership Renewal form and post it. Download form [here](#). Please advise any changes to your contact details by emailing Membership Secretary [here](#).

**Note:**

- If you are renewing by direct debit (transfer) it is imperative that you note **last name and member number**. If not, the society receives a deposit with no way of knowing who deposited it.
- If you are renewing by cheque the bank demands that you include the ***FULL Queensland Family History Society Inc. as the payee***. They will not accept QFHS and return the cheque to the Treasurer for editing. It will then be returned to you by post.
- If your membership expires and is renewed within 3 months, your subscription will be backdated.
- If more than 3 months has passed since your membership expired, you will be required to complete a new application form and pay the annual fee plus the joining fee of \$14. You will receive a new expiry date.

**Renew online now**



### **Parliament House: Celebrating 150 Years**

The 4th of August 2018 marks the 150th anniversary of the first sitting of the Queensland Parliament in the now heritage-listed building in George Street, Brisbane. To mark the occasion, the Queensland Parliament, in partnership with The Royal Historical Society of Queensland (RHSQ), will present an historical seminar.

Click [here](#) for program details and for booking details go [here](#).



### **Conference of German-Australian History and Heritage at the University of Adelaide 17-19 August 2018**

If you can't join the conference in person in Adelaide, the streaming service is now available allowing you to buy streaming tickets. Go to this [site](#).

**NOTE:** As QFHS is a member of GAGHA, all QFHS members are entitled to a discount. The code to

enter on the booking site is **8EA2320AD5**.

Dirk Weissleder and Andrea Bentschneider will present five workshops at the German Club, East Brisbane on 21 and 22 August on the history and heritage between our two countries. For details of Adelaide Conference and topics, times and cost of each workshop being held in Brisbane check [here](#).

Click [here](#) to register for talks on 21 August.

Click [here](#) to register for workshop 1

Click [here](#) to register for workshop 2

Click [here](#) to register for workshop 3

Click [here](#) to register for workshop 4

Parking at the German Club: Enter from Vulture Street into the driveway just past the club. About 40 spaces. Alternatively, bus routes go through the Woolloongabba Bus Station or an apartment block corner Main and Vulture Streets may allow parking for a fee.



## Exploring family & local history - Brisbane 2018

Assisted immigration - German - English - Scottish - Irish - beyond just indexes  
World War I - Freemason ancestors - medical - historic photos online  
Combining family and local history

**Who:** Unlock the Past

**When:** 19 - 20 October 2018

**Where:** Queensland Baptist Conference Centre, Gaythorne

More information can be found [here](#)

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FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY CONFERENCE & FAIR  
24 – 26 May 2019

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## QFHS Buddy Program

Are you a member?  
Experienced members are waiting to assist you to get 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 are 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

**Trove newspapers: keeping track of your research and helping other users.**

**Presenters:** Sue Reid and John Warren



**This session is for those who have some experience of using Trove Digitised Newspapers**

- What are the benefits of having a Trove account? We will show you how to use tags, comments and lists
- John Warren, Trove's top text corrector, will share his insights to editing OCR text and assisting other users.

**When:** 10 August 2018

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)





## Preserving your memories

Presenter: Peter Zaini and Joanne Copp

### Converting your old family home movies to a digital format.

Do you have old home movies which you would like to convert to a digital form? **Peter Zaini** started [RetroMedia](#) in 2006, turning his life-long hobby in audio and video production into a business. Pete looks forward to sharing his solutions with you for future proofing your family memories.

### Create a beautiful album to store and display memorabilia and images across time.

Most of us have family memorabilia we would like to display. One option is to create an album of memories to do just this. **Joanne Copp** started [Inicio Albums](#) in 2007. Her handmade albums become cherished keepsakes, capturing your family's stories and special memories for you and future generations to enjoy. She looks forward to sharing with you how her albums can be used to do this.

**When:** 24 August 2018

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)

### Under the Act: researching Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples



Presenter: Kathy Frankland

The 'Under the Act' presentation provides an overview of the administrative control of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Queensland. The presentation looks at the various pieces of State legislation which led to the large scale removal of Aboriginal people from their traditional countries and more specifically the removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children to missions, reserves and mainstream institutions. The presentation will also cover how to undertake Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander family history in Queensland.

**When:** 9 November 2018

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)

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### **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:** 14 September 2018

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre

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

[Register online](#)

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## **SEMINAR**

### **DNA for genealogists**

**Presenter:** Kerry Farmer

Kerry has been teaching family history classes since 1997. With degrees in both science and humanities, she is on the Board of the Society of Australian Genealogists and convenor of their Education Committee. A regular speaker at conferences and other events, Kerry is also the Director of Australian Studies for the National Institute for Genealogical Studies, developing their course series 'Certificate in Genealogical Studies – Australian Records'.

#### **Kerry's presentations.**

**I've done my DNA test, what's next?** What should you do after you have received your DNA test results? How can you take advantage of the information received? Learn about the benefits (and risks) of uploading your



DNA raw data to GEDmatch.

**Coupling DNA with traditional genealogy.** Learn from case studies how DNA combined with traditional genealogical research techniques can break down genealogy brick walls.

**Chromosome mapping.** Learn the techniques and gain the benefits of working out from which ancestor you inherited specific DNA segments.

**When:** 6 October 2018

**Where:** Queensland Baptist Conference Centre

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

[Register online](#)

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### 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.

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

**When:** 12 October 2018

**Cost:** \$20 members and \$25 non-members

[Register online](#)

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## Members' Noticeboard

### Colonial India and the Far East Special Interest Group



Dette Glenday, Wendy Angliss and Charlotte Sale are the convenors for this exciting new group which will meet on the second Sunday of even numbered

months.

First meeting: 12 August 2018

Time: 10.30-12.00

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Click [here](#) for more details.

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**A Revolution in Learning has come for you to explore!!!**

We have recently started a YouTube channel for QFHS primarily as a vehicle for the tutorials being created by our new volunteer, Laurie Lee.

I'm sure you'll see the value and also the possibilities for QFHS to do other work here such as podcasts, meetings, seminar videos and tutorials in other aspects of QFHS's broader footprint.

YouTube has a service (CreatorAcademy) for helping users to build and craft their online presence. See an example [here](#).

I now seek your input and feedback - and hopefully your participation in this brave new world.

**John Perryn (TAG Team)**

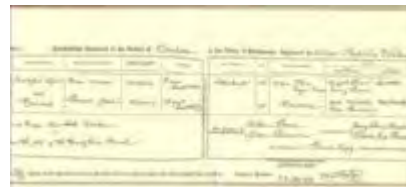
Click [here](#) to view the tutorials

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## Web Wanderings

### Queensland

#### New search for Qld BDMs



- Access Qld BDMs & go to "Family History Research" page
- Click on "Family History Research Service"
- From here you can filter your search to birth, marriage or death **or** if you simply search by **surname only** you will display **all** the entries in the records in all categories.
- Select the person of interest to proceed with the purchase of the certificate
- Continue scrolling the page and you will find records of people with a

similar name who may be associated with that person

This new feature makes searching much easier as one search can produce all records without adding first names or parents' names, start and end or actual dates of the event. The charges are the same.

This link may provide more information on how to search for your ancestors.

Click [here](#).

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### **Inquests 1859-1897**

Discover your ancestor in this index compiled from the inquest files created by the Justice Department for the period 1859 to 1897. Each result will provide you with a transcript including a combination of your ancestor's name, alias, and inquest year, any additional notes, their file number, reference and item ID. Search [here](#)

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### **New South Wales**

*Remembering the Past* is a dedicated site providing copies of original articles and resources with the aim of shedding new light in the lives of ordinary people and their families in colonial Australia and beyond.

Go [here](#) to view this article featuring a list of towns and stations in New South Wales in 1832, arranged alphabetically, stating the distance from Sydney.

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### **Victoria**

#### **Topics Pages**

Have you had a chance to explore our topic pages for easy access to the most popular research topics and their related records?

Topics include Wills and Probates, Family History, Passenger Records and many more. Underneath each topic is a drop down menu for specific record collections.

Click [here](#)

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### **TASMANIA**

#### **Diploma of Family History**

The *University of Tasmania* is offering a short genealogical course, namely, the [Diploma of Family History](#).

This course is offered entirely online and comprises of eight units which all focus on different aspects of researching and accurately recording family history.

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The first unit that will be offered is *Introduction to Family History*, which commences on Monday, 6th August and concludes on the 28th September.

If you would like more information about the *Diploma of Family History*, please refer to our [website](#).

Apply online through the [application page](#) and all applications close on 3rd August.

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## Grove sites of Tasmania

Grave sites of Tasmania can be found online [here](#).

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## England

### New opening times London Metropolitan Archives

Changes to the LMA opening times will be implemented on 3 September 2018. Check [here](#) for new schedule.

Check on this [link](#) for further explanation and information from London Metropolitan Archives.

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### General Register Office, London - Update to buying birth and death certificates

Great news for family historians!

The GRO has extended the Pilot Test of birth and death registers in PDF format .

The service will continue for the foreseeable future and each application must be made on line and include the GRO index reference number. **Cost is £6.**

The full announcement appears on the [website](#).

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### York's Archbishops Registers Revealed

Free access to over 20,000 images of Registers produced by the Archbishops of York, 1225-1650, in addition to a growing searchable index of names, subjects, places and organisations.

The registers are a valuable, and in many cases, unexploited source for ecclesiastical, political, social, local and family history - covering periods of war, famine, political strife and religious reformation in the Archdiocese of York and the wider Northern Province. Search [here](#)

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## England

Uncover new facts about your English ancestors - more than 29,000 new records are available for you to search in the listed four districts:-

1. Cambridgeshire Registers and Records. Go [here](#)
2. Buckinghamshire Registers and Records. Go [here](#)
3. Thames and Medway Baptisms. Go [here](#)

4. Thames and Medway Burials. Go [here](#)

Additional new records to search:-

- Kent, Lydd's Birth Register 1757-1815 - over 2,400 records. Click [here](#)
- Lancashire Baptism. Click [here](#)
- Lancashire Banns and Marriages. Click [here](#)
- Lancashire Burials. Click [here](#)
- Sussex Monumental Inscriptions - Total records 24,941. Click [here](#)
- Northumberland and Durham Memorial Inscriptions - Total records 1,191,133. Click [here](#)
- Durham Registers & Records of BDM's covering 14 parishes. Click [here](#)
- Yorkshire Burials - Total 5,164,222. Click [here](#)
- Berkshire Registers & Records. Click [here](#)
- Greater London Burial Records. Click [here](#)

## Scotland

- Jacobite Histories, 1715-1745 - ranging from memoirs to songbooks, the collection consists of digital PDF images. Click [here](#)

## India

Did your relatives work and live in British India? Trace their amazing life stories using the British Library collections:-

- Watch the video giving an overview of the British in India Collection. Go [here](#)
- A-Z of records, type "India" in the search field. Go [here](#)
- Search the British in India Collection. Go [here](#)

## Birmingham City Council's Bereavement Services

An online database of over 1.5 million records covering 11 cemeteries and 3 crematoria up to 2014. The initial search is free – a digital download of the register with full details is £5. Search [here](#)

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## Ireland

### Glasnevin Trust cemetery records online

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, Dublin. Go [here](#).



### North County Dublin burial records

Fingal County Council's Archives Service has teamed up with the Burial Grounds Section to provide access, for free, to all the records of burials it holds.

Fingal County Council is responsible for burials in 36 graveyards in North County Dublin. For

the majority of these, the Council holds a record of burials dating back to at least the 1930s.  
<https://buried.fingal.ie/>

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### Honouring our World War 1 Ancestors

Join us as we remember the Great War that changed the world, and explore draft and service records that may hold information about your ancestors who served. Upload photos and personal accounts about your WWI ancestors, and preserve their legacy forever.

Learn [more](#)



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## General items of interest

### Notice to all members

We currently subscribe to the website **Biographical Database of Australia**, however, due to insufficient use of the site we will not be renewing our subscription when it runs out in the next month.

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A reference archivist from [Queensland State Archives](#) will visit State Library every Monday to help with research, using the catalogue and indexes. You'll even be able to request to view original records — and as long as the items aren't too big or fragile to transport, you can view them in the John Oxley Library.

To pre-order a QSA record, complete the [online form](#) or email [info@archives.qld.gov.au](mailto:info@archives.qld.gov.au) by 12noon on a Wednesday to have it delivered the following Monday.

Starts: 14th May 2018 - 10:00-5pm  
Runs: Every week on Monday, until 31st Dec 2018  
Venue: John Oxley Library Reading Room, Level4, State Library, Stanley Place, South Bank  
Cost: Free  
Bookings: No bookings required  
More information: John Oxley Library Phone (07) 3840 7898

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### **Oral History Queensland Inc.**

This organisation is a non-profit body whose members practice and promote oral history by documenting and recording oral traditions, stories and memories that have been passed down from generation to generation.

Check below for booking details:-

**Venue:** Pine Rivers Heritage Museum, Old Petrie Town, 901-949 Dayboro Rd. Whiteside

**Date:** Friday, 24 August 2018

**Time:** 10am to 4pm

**Cost:** \$100 for OHQ members, \$120 for non OHQ members

**Topics covered:** Basics in recording oral histories including interviewing techniques, ethics and transcribing.

The "hands on" workshop will be run by Lesley Jenkins, a very experienced oral historian, Churchill Fellow and Life Member of Oral History Queensland.

**Contact details:** [Suzanne Mulligan](#) 07 3376 1865

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### **Escape into the past with a history walk around Toowong's business area**

Join members of the Toowong and District Historical Society Inc. on a history walk around High and Jephson Streets and Sherwood Road.

**When:** 9.45am for a 10.00 am start, Sunday, 5th August, 2018.

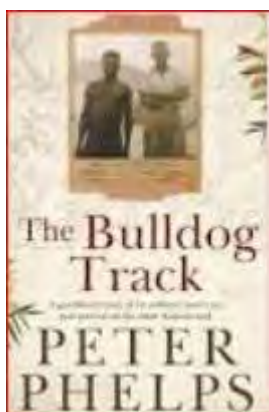
**Where:** Meet at the Toowong Post Office Business Centre at 9.30am.

**Length:** Approximately 1½ hours.

Check their [website](#) for more details.

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We all know Peter Phelps as an actor but his second book "The Bulldog Track" is a very personal account of his grandfather, Tom Phelps' incredible survival in New Guinea during WWII and his escape by the 'other Kokoda Track.'

The unforgettable escape was documented on Tom's helmet in indelible ink.

Peter will be in-conversation with acclaimed local author Kari Gislason at **Garden City Library on Wednesday 1 August, 6-7pm** discussing his grandfather's story and his experiences writing the book.

The event is free but bookings are essential via [Eventbrite](#).

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**Are you related to the Gilles Family who came from South Australia to Queensland around 1914?**

1866)

**Osmond Gillies (1788-**



Osmond Gillies was South Australia's first Colonial Secretary. The Burnside Historical Society, South Australia has recently initiated a project in conjunction with the National Trust SA to restore the grave of Osmond Gilles which is in a poor state of repair.

As he had no direct descendants they would like to make contact with descendants of his brother Lewis. It is their understanding that some of these lived in Brisbane at least from 1914. Go [here](#) for more information on the project.

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Will you be in Sydney during the period 19 July to 11 August?

To coincide with Family History Month, the Society of Australian Genealogists is holding a series of webinars and workshops at 120 Kent Street, Sydney. Click [here](#) to learn how to use SAG's new online events registration system



or visit their [website](#) for more details.

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Some family trees have beautiful leaves and some have just a bunch of nuts. Remember, it's the nuts that make the tree worth shaking.

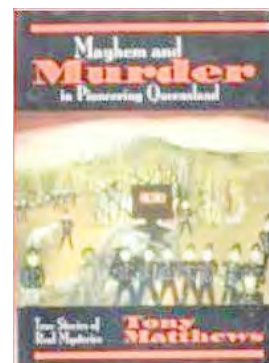
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## Book Review

Treasures in the Lending Library

### Mayhem and Murder in Pioneering Queensland by Tony Matthews

Spine label number: **LL H3 45 4**



Don't be misled by the title. Yes, it is about murder, suspicious and unsolved deaths in the early settlements from Brisbane to North and Central Queensland. More importantly it gives a fascinating insight into the hardships our early settlers experienced in the need to make sufficient money to survive. The reader is taken on a trek through the deserted country of western Queensland, the gold fields of the Palmer River and Gympie, and the lonely life in the Outback. We meet stockmen on the Darling Downs, a bushranger, a bungling bank robber, swagmen, swindlers, wife and husband killers, poisoners, thieves, and many more.

The most fascinating aspect was the extraordinary risks and pure hell it took for both whites and Chinese who came inland from the coast to walk or ride to the Palmer River gold fields. Many did not survive. The rough track was constantly being attacked by the aboriginals who were incensed by these people invading their land. We get a glimpse of the friction between the Chinese gold seekers.

It is an eyeopener to realize how much the early colonial police force was able and capable of catching the miscreants, including the native police and trackers. We get an insight on the early jury system.

Included are rough maps of the locations where events took place.

Overall a very good read, as the author engages his readers in such a way that the past comes alive so that you are almost reliving the events while they happened.

Reviewed by Lyn Hooper – M4620.

June 2018

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We would like to thank all those who have taken time out to send items of interest to our "Snippets" mailbox at - [snippets@qfhs.org.au](mailto:snippets@qfhs.org.au)

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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