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As we're nearing the end of the year we still have some interesting educational programs organised for you.

One of great interest is Kerry Farmer's DNA seminar scheduled on Saturday 6 October - only a week away so make your booking soon as time is running out. See below for more details.

Using the library Saturday and Sunday

With the summer weather nearly upon us why not think about using our lovely, cool air conditioned library for your research and comfort at the weekends.

Don't forget we're opened most Saturdays and Sundays from 10am to 4 pm - you can check our website for half day opening times.

Our dedicated library assistants who work the weekends would love to see you and, as always, will offer their assistance and expertise to you.

Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Calendar

- 01 Oct - Queen's Birthday - Library closed
Management Committee Meeting
 - 05 Oct - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
 - 06 Oct - [Seminar - DNA for Genealogists](#)
[DNA Interest Group](#)
 - 12 Oct - [Fridays@QFHS - Bus trip to the Queensland State Archives](#)
 - 13 Oct - [Irish Interest Group](#)
 - 14 Oct - [Colonial India and the Far East Special Interest Group](#)
 - 17 Oct - [Members' Meeting](#)
 - 20 Oct - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
 - 27 Oct - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
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Happenings



Members' Meeting - 17 October 2018

Guest Speaker: Ann Swain

Pre-Separation Immigrant Settlement.

The talk will include an overview of early European settlement, exploration, immigrations schemes and other factors influencing population spread in Queensland before its separation from NSW in December 1859.

Pre-Separation Certificates will be presented to members who have authenticated their descent from one or more ancestors prior to 1859.

All welcome.



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

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

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](#).

Bus trip to Queensland State Archives
Presenters: QSA staff



Only a few seats left.

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.

When: 12 October 2018

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

[Register online](#)



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](#)



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](#)

**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](#)

Are you up to date on the latest information on our Facebook & You Tube sites - click on the links below to see what's new & interesting.



Members' Noticeboard



Have you looked at our lending library lately????

There are so many interesting books on the shelves waiting for you to read.

One has the interesting title of "**Notorious Strumpets and Dangerous Girls**" (LL D5 10 6)

This book, authored by Philip Tardif, a Tasmanian with 2 convicts in his ancestry, covers the lives of convict women in Van Diemen's Land from 1803 to 1829. A weighty book of historical significance.

A new addition to the shelves is "**The Isle of the Dead**" (LL D7 15 43)

This book tells the historical background of the cemetery at Port Arthur Penal Establishment from 1830 to 1877 and includes photographs and a map of the island.

"**Buried Alive**" (LL B3 1 30) is a first of a planned series of books on Australian history authored by Jack Egan who is known for archiving Australian cricket.

The book contains eyewitness accounts of the making of a nation covering Sydney for the period 1788 to 1792.

LOST&FOUND

Did you misplace your favourite jacket?

A black jacket has been lurking at the library lost property for the past month or so - if you recognise it as yours please ring & let us know so we can hold it for you to collect.

Description: "Urban Active" brand with red collar & zip

Size M

Web Wanderings



Subscription site or free at the library

What's new from Find My Past? Many sites are listed for you to check this month.

- England & Wales Electoral Registers 1832-1932 - search [here](#)
- England & Wales Electoral Registers 1920-1932 - search [here](#)
- Montgomeryshire, Wales Memorial Inscriptions - search [here](#)
- Dorset Memorial Inscriptions - search [here](#)
- Kent. Folkestone Cheriton Road Memorial Inscriptions - search [here](#)
- 9,000 additional Yorkshire burials records added - search [here](#)
- 5,000 additional Yorkshire baptism records added - search [here](#)
- Jersey, German Occupation Prosecutions 1940-1945 - search [here](#)
- Jersey, German Occupation Identity Cards 1940-1945 - search [here](#)
- England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland, Isle of Man & Channel Islands Companies House Directors & Electoral Registers 2002-2018 - search [here](#)



New Dublin Records

1,000 gravestone inscriptions to their database have been added including:

St. Colmcille's, Sword (Roman Catholic)

St. Colimba's. Sword (Church of England)

Search [here](#)

City of London Cemetery: free registers online



The registers from 24th June 1856 to 7th October 1955 are online. They're not indexed. There are 33880 register pages, and there are 20 per screen. Suppose you're trying to find a possible burial in 1909 you might guess that page 1200 would be about right; in fact that leads to burials in 1915. Your next try might be page 1100 which turns out to be is 1907, so page 1125 should be about right for 1909 - and it is. (Details courtesy of Peter Calver, Lost Cousins.) Click [here](#)



German Genealogy Online - Free Access

Two websites to go to are <http://compgen.de> **OR** www.genealogy.net.

Although most of the tabs bring up German language pages, a few give the option of English or German. Of course, Google translate (translate.google.com) can be used to get a fair English translation of any of the German language pages.

Look at the OFBs tab - this stands for *Ortsfamilienbücher* (Online heritage books). Records of births/baptisms, marriages and deaths/burials for a large number of places have been extracted and organised by families. The red dots indicate the places for which data is available and the little map may be dragged and zoomed.

The *Metasuche* (Metasearch) tab allows all of the databases to be searched at once.

Data is being added to all the time, so if you do not find anything now, look again later. Click [here](#) to search either website.

Information provided Eric Kopittke

General items of interest

**Come and join in the centenary celebration of the Railway
Extension to Mitchelton**



From this to this

When: Sunday 4 November 2018 from 7am to 12 noon
Where: Mitchelton carpark - traffic entry via Kedron Avenue
Pedestrian entry via Blackwood Street.

The date will coincide with the Blackwood Street Markets and include entertainment, information booths etc.

QFHS has been invited to participate and showcase our society.

I'm sure many of you have travelled the Ferny Grove line or been to the Mitchie Markets so make this another calendar event for your family.



Change is Coming in the Reading Room

The QSA Reading Room is getting a much needed make-over between now and November. To kick things off our Runcorn facility will be closed between Friday 5 October to Monday 8 October. We apologise for any inconvenience and thank you for your patience during this time.



State Records of South Australia - service changes

For anyone who has research interests in South Australia, go [here](#) to read all about the changes which occurs this month. Notice courtesy of Gould Genealogy.



DESPATCH

Newsletter of Public Record Office Victoria

Here are some interesting reads from the Public records Office of Victoria:-

A Journey of Admirable Style

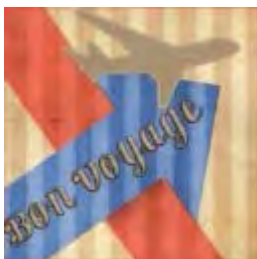
Recently, while volunteers were digitising will and probate records held within our collection, they were amazed to come across a larger file than the rest. This file contained, not only a will, but also a beautiful little diary, notebook and personal letters. These documents take us on a journey down the Amery family tree, crossing continents and spanning almost 100 years. Go [here](#) to read this poignant story.

Researching houses that are no longer there

What do you do when you are writing your family history, you want to go into detail about your ancestor's home, but the house no longer exists? Erica Cervini found a creative way of finding intimate details about similar houses while researching at the Ballarat Archives Centre. Go [here](#)

No Country for Working Men - hardship on the homefront

From the stories of families to stories from across Victoria during WWI, records held at Public Record Office Victoria can provide insights into the efforts to find work for the down-and-out during the Great War, including this piece of correspondence. Read all about it [here](#)



Are you planning a research trip to Cambridgeshire, England in 2019?

Cambridgeshire Archives and Huntingdonshire Archives will closed to the public on 1 December 2018 in preparation for their move to Ely in 2019. They anticipate reopening in the summer of 2019. For more information go [here](#).

New Norfolk Asylum - Van Dieman's Land

The Female Convict Research Centre Inc. is seeking submissions for their next book which will

be about the New Norfolk Asylum which ran from 1827 to 2000. They are particularly interested about convicts who may have been patients there.

During that time it underwent several name changes. [Visit](#) our website for more information.



Genealogy Definitions: -

Cemetery: (N) A marble orchard not to be taken for granite.

Floor: (N) The place for storing your priceless genealogy. records

Genealogy: A haystack full of needles. It's the thread I need.

Kinship: It's all relative.

Research: What I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing!

Genealogy: When you confuse the dead & irritate the living.

Book Review

"If I can you can: decipher Germanic records" by Edna M. Bentz

This book is a must when you start looking at German records written in the old German script. It gives examples of the alphabet written in different styles, both upper case and lower case.

It also gives examples of 'relationship' words, Genealogical Terminology and Symbols in Script, German and English.

Common Abbreviations, The Church Year and Feast Days, months and days of the year are also included in both German and English. It goes further and gives examples of terminology as well as illnesses and occupations in Latin, English Danish and German Script.

There is a section on what was going on regarding religious and political history, music, art and literature and daily life in the world and community.

Available in the lending library - Call number - W(Ger) 2 73 1

Submitted by Del Bergman

HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF BRISBANE

By John H.C. McClurg (1893-1969)

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It may be a small book that is likely to be overlooked amongst the larger items in our

lending library, but do not be fooled. It is full of historical information of Brisbane and not of pictures and sketches.

Mr. McClurg was himself an interesting character. He was a member of the Customs Department and worked mainly in Brisbane. His love of history saw him reorganising the library of the RHSQ, and writing papers on the Customs House and customs department.

The book covers the changes of names of Brisbane streets, why early land sales helped formulate the naming of suburbs, and who was lucky to have a suburb named after them and why.

It's hard to imagine that we might have had city streets named Blanche and Maud following after Alice Street in the city. And what about Digit Street?

Some of our respected early settlers were never acknowledged by any type of memorial by name, but at least they are mentioned in this book.

Our author has researched many districts such as Boggo, our early gaols, and graveyards and with the Brisbane Children's Hospital in the news at the moment, read about our early hospitals and the health of our forebears.

With so many snippets of little-known information of early Brisbane, it is hard to put this book down.

Reviewed by Lyn Hooper - M4620

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