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There are several Special Interest Group meetings in November. If you have an interest in any of the groups, they will welcome you to their sessions. There is no need to book, just arrive by the scheduled starting time bringing with you any queries for discussion and resolution, your knowledge and expertise to share with others and best of all meeting other members with similar interests.

# Calendar

- 02 Nov Family Tree Maker User Group
- 03 Nov DNA Interest Group
- 05 Nov Management Committee Meeting
- 09 Nov Fridays@QFHS Under the Act: researching Aboriginal and Torres
   Strait Islanders
- 10 Nov Scottish Interest Group
- 16 Nov New members' Welcome and Orientation
- 17 Nov Family History Writing Group
- 17 Nov The Master Genealogist User Group
- 18 Nov Welsh Interest Group
- 21 Nov Members' Meeting War Brides in Australia: Speaker Greg Cope
- 22 Nov English West Country Group
- 24 Nov Central European Interest Group
- 26 Nov QFHS Volunteers' Morning Tea
- 30 Nov Closing date QFHS Family History Book Award 2019

#### **Outside Events**

Paul Ham is speaking about his new book at Redcliffe Library on Wednesday
7 November at 7pm. Paul's new book is entitled New Jerusalem: the short
life and terrible death of Christendom's most defiant sect and is
something of a departure for him as it details the story of religious obsession

and persecution, of noble ideals trampled to dust, of slavish sexual surrender....all in the name of Christ. Go here for booking details.

# Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



Members Meeting - 21 November 2018 Guest Speaker: Grep Cope

Starts: 7.30pm Ends: 9.30pm

Both WWI and WWII produced war brides coming into Australia and leaving Australia. WWI saw many men return to Australia with brides, while some men would desert them in the UK. WWII would see the biggest mass exit of Australian women leaving for the United States and as a result would lose their citizenship (no dual citizenship allowed). Records in the Archives reveal the reality of the situation and give us details of the women and children during this time. This is the final meeting for the year.

A festive supper to celebrate another successful year will follow. Please bring a plate.

# 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 2nd Edition (rrp \$25).
- For non-members, complimentary use of the QFHS Library and Resource Centre for the term of the course.

When: Commences 11 Feb 2019

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre Cost: \$55 members and \$80 non members

We have increased the cost of the course to reflect the cost of the new

edition of Where do I start?

For more information check our website here.

**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-member

Register Online

## **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 new member and would like to have a QFHS Buddy to assist you, email the Coordinator here.

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



## QFHS Morning Tea - Monday 26 November

If you are one of our valued volunteers you will have received your personal invitation to attend the end of year morning tea hosted by the Management Committee in appreciation for the wonderful work you undertake on behalf of the society.



Event registration is by invitation only and via the link in the email you received on 21 October.

Make sure you register to attend the event and an Apology option is available if you are unable to be there.

Without your assistance QFHS could not operate.

The 2018 Award for Service to Family History will also be



#### **Christmas Hamper Donations**

We are seeking a wide range of non-perishable goods including general food items and Christmas items for our hamper which will be located in the reception area of QFHS.

Your donations are a great way to provide families with dignity and joy during the holiday season. Please check the expiry date of food items. Toys and Christmas gifts are also suitable to donate.

The hamper will be delivered to the Salvation Army prior to Christmas for distribution.

# Web Wanderings



### Subscription site or free at the library

What's new from Find My Past? Check the links below for all the records that have been added to their site in the last month.

- Welsh county baptisms, marriages, banns and burials visit the website here
- Welsh registers & records Parish registers & local history publications here
- 56 million records relating to Wales A-Z of record lists go here
- Kent Wills 7 Probate Indexes 1328-1890 here
- Kent 515,000 new records of births, marriages & deaths here
- Kent 35,000 added to the collection of Canterbury Archdeaconry Registers search here
- Kent 111,000 poor law records have been added search here
- Kent PDF images of school records from Rochester & Ramsgate, Parish Registers from Chislet & Rochester, Memorial Inscriptions for Heme, Hoath & Reculver - go here
- Dorset -387,000 transcripts from Baptism Registers between 1538-1978.
   Search here
- Dorset Find the age, time of death & where your ancestor is buried. Search here
- Northumberland and Durham Burials. Check <u>here</u>
- Middlesex Baptisms 1543-1876. Search <u>here</u>
- Scotland, Edinburgh and Lothian Birth & Baptism Index 1747-1855. Here
- Scotland, Edinburgh and Lothian Deaths & Burials Index more than 89,00 records. Search here

• Honourable Women of the Great War 1914-1918. Search here

## 1939 Register Update

Over 30,000 'closed records' have been opened up and are now available for you to search.

Since the Register was launched, Findmypast has matched more than five million 'closed records' to multiple data sources to correctly confirm the date and location of death for individuals recorded. Search <a href="here">here</a>



# Subscription site or free at the library

## **Tips for Finding Your Migrant Ancestors**

Before the age of digitised records, piecing together a family tree across generations and continents was an almost impossible task. Now, with millions of records available online, it's all at your fingertips - bringing to life our ancestors' adventures and stories that were once buried in archives across the globe! Take a Look.

#### **Must-search Collections**

# Freemantle, Western Australia Passenger Lists 1897-1963

For most European ships Freemantle was the first port of call in Australia. This collection includes ships passenger arrivals, crew lists, air arrivals and quarantine lists. Search here

# New Zealand, Naturalisations, 1843-1981

This database contains an index of people who were naturalised or given citizenship from 1843-1981. Search here

#### More new & updated records

- UK, Allied Prisoners of War, 1939-1945 new collection. View here
- Surrey, England, Electoral Registers *updated*. View <u>here</u>
- Australia and New Zealand, Obituary Index 2004-2018 updated. View here



## Subscription site or free at the library

- Court and Criminal Records: more than 160,000 records with details of prisoners and their victims. Search here
- Metropolitan Police, Criminal Record Office: Habitual Criminals and Habitual Drunkards. Search here.
- 1921 Census Substitute. Go here
- · Poll Book database. Go here



## **USA Census Records contain valuable information**

Census records are an integral source for family history research; they contain valuable information that can connect generations. Visit Family Search Blog for more details.

### FREE TO SEARCH:

13 million newly indexed records & over 500,000 digital images from around the world have been added in September 2018.

New historical records were added from Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Colombia, England, France, Italy, Lesotho, Liberia, Mexico, Netherlands, Peru, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Wales, and the United States, which includes Arkansas, California, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Virginia. New digital images were added from BillionGraves and Georgia. Search here



The list is long, and reading it is a horrifying, heartbreaking experience – though nowhere near as horrifying as the short lives of the children who died, or as heartbreaking as the sheer number of lost little lives.

The names, ages, and causes of death of all 796 children who died at St. Mary's Home, in Tuam, Co. Galway from 1925 to 1960 have been published in full. Read <a href="here">here</a>

# General items of interest

# A Commemorative Centenary Event of the Great War 1914-1918

Caloundra Family History Research will be conducting a WWI seminar to mark the end of the great war – the 'war to end all wars'.... The event is proudly sponsored by Caloundra RSL.

This event, with four excellent speakers, concentrates on the end of WWI, after the Armistice, the fighting ceased, and the soldiers who came home. Memorabilia will be on display, and historical books about the conflict will be for sale.

When: Saturday 10 Nov - 10am to 4pm

Where: Caloundra District Indoor Bowling Association Inc. Hall, Burke St., Golden

Beach

Plenty of parking and disabled access

Cost: Reciprocal - \$30 Visitors/public - \$35

Includes morning and afternoon teas and a light lunch.

Bookings can be made on our website <a href="https://caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au/">https://caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au/</a> through direct debit or Paypal and further details are available from Roz Kuss 5493 1197 and Valerie Thornton 5437 3879.

**RSVP:** Thursday 1 Nov - Bookings are essential for catering purposes



The Royal Historical Society of Queensland invites you on a bus trip to the Caboolture Historical Village on Saturday 17 November.

The Historical Village has many buildings which have been moved to the site. The RHSQ will have a guided tour of the village and will meet members of the

Caboolture Historical Society.

Morning tea and lunch will be provided, that is included in the ticket for the day: \$40 for RHSQ members / \$50 for non-members

The bus which is air conditioned and has seat belts will depart and return to the Commissariat Store at 9am / 4:30 - 5pm.

To buy you tickets online go here.



## The Rugby League News

Missing the rugby league already?

Why not explore past seasons in one of Trove's newly digitised journals, The Rugby League News. The official match program and news magazine of the New South Wales Rugby league was published weekly during the rugby league season and was packed with team photos, news and gossip, as well as the official team line-ups for each match.

Read all about it in The Rugby League News.

The digitisation of this journal was generously supported by the State Library of New South Wales' Digital Excellence Program

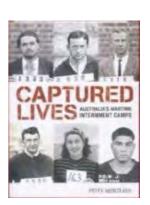
# Genealogy - it's not the size of the tree that matters - it's the quality of the nuts you find on there!

# **Book Review**

## **Captured Lives**

Reviewed by Pam Masel

Peter Monteath's work, *Interned: Torrens Island,* is a fascinating account of the German crew who found themselves isolated in Adelaide at the outset of World War 1 (E4 1 18). In his latest work, *Captured Lives,* he covers a much wider canvas.



In both World Wars for many in this book it was a case of "wrong place, wrong time". They were the enemy aliens. In World War 1 Australian authorities were keen to quash German economic activity. This saw the interning of merchants with German links. But what of spying? Mistrust was strong and this saw men of varying levels of social standing subjected to internment.

One camp at Enoggera was close to present day QFHS. In World War 2 it was

renamed Gaythorne. Such camps were dotted all round Australia. It mattered little how the aliens found their way into a camp, the upshot was the same – profound adjustment to one's life. This work deals in detail with life in a camp. There are numerous photographs to back up this detail. Some of the internees expressed their artistic talents and camp life is the subject of many of the reproduced water colours. Monteath has gathered much of the human interest element as seen in both wars. There are interesting mini-biographies which point out the enormous diversity of the internees.

We learn of attitudes to internment especially the escape attempts. The Japanese outbreak at Cowra is possibly the best known as the internees saw their incarceration as a continuance of dishonouring their emperor. The casualty rate was high while no-one effected a successful escape.

Captured Lives is a well rounded work. Monteath weaves war history into the text. Some of the reproductions are confronting but to all there is a point.

The book covers 266 pages. It is indexed and sourced. Published by NLA Publishing 2018

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