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Doesn't it seem like each year goes faster and faster? It's almost hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of 2018 season already with still much to do to prepare for the Festive Season - we all have that last minute rush!!

Wishing you a wonderful, happy and safe Christmas and New Year period, enjoying delicious food and surrounded by the people you love.



## **Calendar**

[01 Dec 2018 - DNA Interest Group](#)

03 Dec 2018 - Management Committee Meeting

[07 Dec - Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

[08 Dec - Queensland Pre-Separation Group](#)

[09 Dec - Colonial India and the Far East Special Interest Group](#)

Library closes at 4pm on Sunday 9 December for the festive season and reopens on Tuesday 8 January 2019

## **Happenings**



### **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

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## **Upcoming Events - Brisbane Square Library**

### **Meet Michael Beatty – Sunday 9 December 11am-12noon.**

Join journalist Michael Beatty as he discusses his biography, *Off the Beatty Track*, about his illustrious and at times hazardous career that saw him interview stars from Cary Grant to Jimi Hendrix and the Rolling Stones. Book [here](#)

### **Meet John Fahey – Tuesday 15 January 6-7pm.**

As an experienced intelligence officer, John Fahey knows how security services disguise their activities within government files. He has combed the archives to compile the first account of Australia's intelligence operations in the years from Federation to the end of World War II. Join John as he discusses his research and discoveries in writing his book, *Australia's First Spies*. Book [here](#)

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## **Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars**

### **Researching, filing, and organising family history**

#### **Presenter: Panelists**

Four experienced family historians will share their expertise of their research methods. They will also explain how they file and store family history information. QFHS has received many requests for information and help on getting some order into family history research and records: how to research in a methodical manner, how to file information efficiently, and how to store the information so it can be retrieved easily. Join our experts to see how they achieve this.

**When: Friday 8 February 2019**

**Where: QFHS Resource Centre**

**Time: 10am to 1130am**

**Limit: 25**

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[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 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](#)

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## Beginners German research workshop (February)

Presenter: Dr Keith Treschman

In this workshop, Dr Treschman will assist those who wish to trace their family into Germany.

It would be preferable if you have an Australian death certificate of your German ancestor, which may give the birthplace and the number of years in the colony. The aim is to find an emigration record, details of birthplace, possible places for records in Germany, and avenues for future research.

**Venue:** QFHS Resource Centre

**Date:** Friday 15 February 2019

**Time:** 10am to 12noon

**Limit:** 6 only - please book early as places fill quickly

[Register Online](#)

Please note: This workshop will be repeated on 29 March 2019. See [QFHS.org.au](http://QFHS.org.au). [website](#) for more details.

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## British Newspaper Archives - March

Presenter: Sue Reid

You can access the British Newspaper Archive at the QFHS Library and Resource Centre. This session will show how to use this valuable resource for research in the United Kingdom with particular emphasis on using the BNA at the library. Newspapers can enrich family history in countless ways. You may be able to find birth, engagement, marriage, and death notices for family members, including overseas events. This can help identify family relationships and ensure that you are searching the correct person. You can find records of court cases, sporting events, community activities and much more.

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## Members' Noticeboard

### Change of Meeting Venue for Pre-Separation Group

**GUIDED WALK - *NOT* a meeting**

**Location:** Brisbane CBD – *NOT* Gaythorne

**Time:** 10: a.m. -12 noon - *NOT* 1:30-3.30 pm (usual meeting time)

**Date:** Saturday 8th December – SAME!

**Topic:** Sites of separation city walk based on "Sites of separation 1859-1869 Brisbane heritage trail" editor Rod Fisher

**Reason for walk rather than a meeting:** 10th December 1859 was the day Governor George Bowen took oath of office. Also, the Queen's commission and the proclamation of letters patent were read from the balcony of the temporary Government House in Adelaide St.

**No more participants are being accepted as we already have 20 members booked for the walk**

Email us [here](#)

### 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](#)



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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.



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

The Waves in Time Family & Local History Conference & Fair is being held on the 24 – 26 May 2019 at VENUE 114 (formerly known as Lake Kawana Community Centre) located at Bokarina on the beautiful Sunshine Coast.

The three day event will begin on Friday with a program of free talks and paid sessions with themes on family history which will be of interest to researchers from beginners to the more experienced.

Booking are essential for all paid sessions over the three days.

To view the full program of events - go [here](#)

To check the website for early bird registrations, how to book your chosen sessions and how to make payments for these go [here](#)



If you cannot get rid of the family skeletons you may as well make them dance!!!

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## Web Wanderings

### Australia

#### Sound Collection – Lucky escapes of WW1

The Australian War Memorial has remarkable hidden stories in its Sound Collection. This compilation of interview extracts reveals the lucky escapes of five men that served during the First World War. These men suffered wounds, sickness and witnessed the horrific casualties of war. Go here view the stories on YouTube.

Search [here](#)

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#### Australia, Victoria, Inward Passenger Lists, 1839-1923

FamilySearch has created a new collection of State of Victoria inward bound passenger lists. The 1.6 million records in this new collection span the period from 1839 to 1923. The records come from two different sources “Passenger lists of unassisted immigrants to Victoria from the British Isles” and “Passenger list, arrivals in Victoria from foreign ports” both from the Public Record Office Victoria. Most of the ships in this collection docked in Sydney. Search [here](#)

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#### Queensland, Windsor Town Council Honour Roll 1914-1925

Explore this list of civilians who served in the First World War as recorded in the Windsor Town Council Honour Roll for the period 1914 to 1925. Each record

includes a transcript that will reveal your ancestor's rank, honours, Service Number and Queensland State Archives' catalogue details. Look [here](#)

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### **List of Queensland Police Officers 1864-1974**

As part of the QP150 celebrations in 2014, the Police Museum completed a list of every police officer either appointed and/or sworn since the Queensland Police Force commenced on 1 January 1864. Such a list was first suggested by Former Police Commissioner Bob Atkinson in 2009 after he viewed the Western Australian list of police officers.

The list includes 30301 names, and of these, 767 officers left the Queensland Police and later returned, meaning that between 1864 and 2014, **29534** individual officers (4797 women and 24737 men) have served the community of Queensland.

The complete list can be viewed within the Queensland Police Museum exhibition space on our touchscreen.

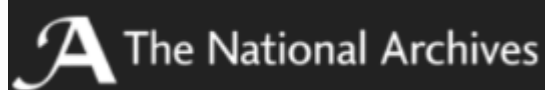
**Due to privacy concerns, you can only download the portion of the list that features the names of those police officers appointed or sworn between 1864 and 1974.**

View the list [here](#).

Courtesy of:-

State of Queensland (Queensland Police Service) 2018, released under CC-BY-4.0 licence

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### **Royal Air Force officers' service records 1918-1919.**

These are service records of officers who served in the Royal Air Force (RAF) during the First World War (1914-1918). This collection in this series consists of the records of over 99,000 men.

The records were created from the inception of the RAF in April 1918.

However, they include retrospective details of earlier service in the Royal Flying Corps or Royal Naval Air Service, where appropriate. Search [here](#)

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Can't come into the archives? Our online exhibitions and galleries showcase some

of Victoria's most significant historical stories and interesting photographs. Take a [look!](#)

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## England



Six notable updates this week include the Irish titles The Drogheda Argus and Leinster Journal (1920), The Irish Independent (1916) and The Belfast Telegraph (various dates 1921 to 1950) and the English titles The Liverpool Echo (various dates 1906 to 1953) and The Gloucestershire Chronicle (various dates 1872 to 1887) [here](#)

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## Scotland



The High Court in Scotland was responsible for hearing everything from serious criminal cases (such as murder and treason) to cases of repeat offenders for less serious crimes. The information held in each record in this collection varies greatly depending on the crime and the circumstances.

Search [here](#)

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### Genealogical data of Dutch and Belgian archives

Open Archives has announced that they have reached the milestone of 200 million records online. Open Archives contains genealogical records from 86 different organizations. Most of the records cover the Netherlands, but due to borders changing over the decades, there are also a substantial number of Belgium records in their collection as well. Search [here](#)

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### **South Africa, Transvaal, Civil Marriages, 1870-1930**

FamilySearch has created a new collection of civil marriage records from Transvaal, South Africa. Transvaal was once a province of South Africa (Transvaal means north of the Vaal River) centered around the city of Pretoria. The administrative region of Transvaal was formally disbanded at the end of Apartheid in 1994. [Here](#)

### **Afrikaans Genealogical Word List**

If you are not familiar with typical Afrikaans words found on various types of genealogy records, here is a handy resource from FamilySearch. Check [here](#)

### **New Discovery Fan Chart: Explore your Family Tree in Depth**

FamilySearch has released a new version of the fan chart.

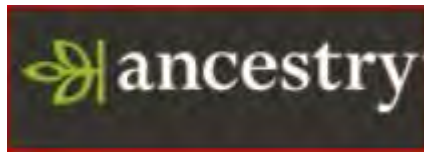
This new fan chart provides an overview of up to 7 generations of your family tree—and helps you see your tree in a whole new way. In just one glance, you can discover your ancestral heritage or learn which family members have an abundance of sources, family photos, and family stories—and which could use a little more work! [Here](#)



*Subscription site or free at the library*

### **Updated collection from Find my Past**

- Royal Airforce Lists 1919-1945 including the lists of the women's branches of the military including the WRENS, WAAF, and Princess Mary's Royal Air Force Nursing Service. [Here](#)
- Middlesex Monumental Inscriptions 1485-2014. [Here](#)
- O'Hart's Irish Pedigrees - 2 volumes of genealogy for families covering the twelfth to the sixteenth century. Published in 1915. [Here](#)
- Ireland 1931 Trade Directory. [Here](#)
- Ireland, Gravestone Records. [Here](#)
- Scotland Monumental Inscriptions. [Here](#)
- Britain, Gestapo Invasion Arrest List 1940. [Here](#)
- The Catholic Heritage Archive - records covering Britain, Ireland and North America.. [Here](#)



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**New and updated records added for you to search**

- Surrey, England, Electoral Registers, 1832-1962 - go [here](#)
- Aberdeen City and Former Counties of Aberdeenshire, Scotland, Electoral Registers, 1832-1976 - go [here](#)
- Australia and New Zealand, Obituary Index, 2004-2018 - go [here](#)



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**Passenger Lists**

TheGenealogist has released over four million outbound passenger list records from the 1950s. These are records of passengers who left the UK by ship to various destinations around the world. This would be a great record set to check if you have relatives who emigrated from the UK in the 1950s.

Go [here](#)

**School Records**

TheGenealogist has also added tens of thousands of new school register records to their existing collection. These new additions date anywhere from 1545 to 1939 and cover most of England as well as parts of Scotland. Check [here](#)

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**Ireland**

**Irish Genealogical Research Society updates early Irish Birth, Marriage and Death Indexes**

This latest update adds 7,000 new references to lesser-used and obscure sources for Irish births, marriages and deaths, noting an additional 14,000



names,. This brings the total combined record count to just over 143,000 individual entries, comprising 26,000 births, 91,000 marriages and 26,000 deaths. The total number of names is 274,000. Search [here](#)

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## General items of interest

### Are you in need of our Research Services?

The Society has a very capable team of volunteers ready and waiting to help you with your research problems. Also available is our **Lookup Service** - for queries requiring no more than 20 minutes research time. Go [here](#) for more information.

The **Extended Research Service** is available to members of QFHS at \$20 per hour and to non-members at \$40.00 per hour. Go [here](#) for more information.

Members of QFHS who live further than 50 km from the Brisbane GPO are entitled to two (2) hours free research per year.



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## LENDING LIBRARY

**Books to borrow**

*Good reads available*

including

**Historical novels, Biographies**

**Local History Pictorial**

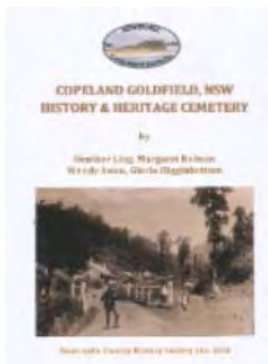
**Genealogical mysteries**

and many more

Are you planning a relaxing time over the Christmas break and intend to catch up on a few good reads? If so, make a visit to the library and go through our many Lending Library books you may borrow until we reopen again in January.

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## Book Review



### ***Copeland Goldfield, NSW. History & Heritage Cemetery***

Heather Ling et al of Newcastle Family History Society Inc have produced a detailed account of the Copeland area. One might say where is Copeland? We find it 19.4 kilometres north west of Gloucester and 142 kilometres from Newcastle. “Goldfield” in the title is the clue to its importance.

Before 1876 few white people had ventured into the area but by 1879 like the pattern of many goldfields it was a boom town. The writers present a detailed account of the areas rise and fall which is supported by early photos. Some like James Albury and Ernie Harris can proudly show off their gold bar (1915 p.27) but others were less fortunate. As fortunes fell hopes for a boom are shown as spasmodic.

The writers then move into detailed accounts of life in the area. Indeed the pattern of boom and bust can be appreciated with the growth of hotels. Photos show some substantial structures but by early in the 1900's few remain and those function mainly as boarding houses. Law and order was also an issue, often violent and unruly, a police constable arrived in the area in 1878. Mining was often a family affair and in the early boom period there were sufficient numbers of children for a public school. Doctors came and went like a revolving door despite their need while the church and sport filled the spiritual and social need of the people. The final section which deals with the cemeteries in the area is very clearly presented. The burials are listed chronologically with mini biographies if available. Photographs of existing graves/tombstones are presented as an appendix.

*Copeland Goldfield NSW* is an excellent work where one can cover the overall picture of life in the rush to be rich. The work is indexed and sourced. 133 pages, the work of Heather Ling, Margaret Robson, Wendy Swan and Gloria Higginbottom for Newcastle Family History Society.

Reviewed by Pam Masel

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## Acknowledgements

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)

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Editor

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