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Welcome to the first Snippets of 2019. We hope you enjoyed a very pleasant holiday season and are ready to start your research with great enthusiasm. There is a full program of events planned for the coming year with seminars & workshops beginning in February. Look under "Events" for more information. Don't forget to make a note in your diary for the ones you wish to attend and make sure you book early as numbers are limited in some of the sessions.

## Calendar

7 Jan 2019 - Management Committee Meeting commencing 1pm

8 Jan 2019 - Library re-opens for 2019

[19 Jan 2019 - Family History Writing Group](#)

[19 Jan 2019 - The Master Genealogist User Group](#)

[20 Jan 2019 - Welsh Interest Group](#)

[24 Jan 2019 - English West Country Group](#)

26 Jan 2019 - Closed - Australia Day

[26 Jan 2019 - Central European Interest Group](#)

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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

[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](#)

**Book Online**



## New Member's Welcome and Orientation

Are you a new member or is it a while since you have been to the Library and Resource Centre?

Sessions are designed to assist you to understand the extensive facilities and resources available.

New Members' Welcome and Orientation sessions are held on a Friday or a Saturday morning in alternate months and last about 3 hours per session.

Bookings are essential. For bookings or queries, email [here](#).

Next Sessions:

- 16 Feb 2019
- 15 Mar 2019



## Taking your Australian research further

**Presenter/s: Shauna Hicks and Janice Cooper**

**Shauna Hicks** is a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society. She was awarded a Distinguished Achievement Award from the Australian Society of Archivists and in 2009 she received the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations award for Meritorious Services to Family History.

She has been tracing her own family history since 1977.

Shauna will discuss lesser known, as well as more easily accessible resources, for Australian family history research. She will include examples from across all Australian states.

**Janice Cooper** is an experienced family historian with a primary interest in researching her Australian ancestry since the first family members arrived in 1791. With an academic background in Australian history, she is interested in placing families in the contexts of time and place. Her publications include local history books and articles, as well as a One-Pace Study website.

### **Shauna Hicks**

Session 1: What's in the archives for Australian family history that you don't know about?

Session 2: What other resources are you not using for your Australian family history research?

Shauna will discuss lesser known, as well as more easily accessible resources, for Australian Family History research. She will include examples from across all Australian states.

### **Janice Cooper**

Session 3: How can you place your families in their local communities and historic times?  
Janice will outline how she extends knowledge of her Australian ancestors by learning more about the communities and times in which they lived.

**When:** Saturday 2 March, 2019 - 9am - 12.30

**Where:** Queensland Baptist Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

**Cost:** \$25 (QFHS and GSQ) and \$40 non-members (including morning tea)

[Register Online](#)



### **Beginners German research workshop (March)**

**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 29 March 2019

**Time:** 10am to 12noon

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

[Register Online](#)

*Please note: February workshop is fully booked*



### **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.

**When: 8 March 2019**

**Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre**

**Time: 10.00 to 11.30**

**Limit: 25**

[Register Online](#)

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### Which DNA test is right for you?

**Presenter: Chris Schuetz**

How can DNA help you find family? Are you planning to submit a DNA sample for testing to assist in your research? This session is a primer for those intending to take DNA testing, whatever their interest.

This session is the first of two. In the second session in July, we will look at the results received.

**When: Friday 12 April 2019**

**Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre**

**Time: 10am to 1130**

**Limit: 15**



[Register Online](#)

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a 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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Have you checked the latest information on our Facebook & You Tube sites - click on the links below to see what's new & interesting.



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](#).

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## Web Wanderings

### Australia

#### Western Australia - East Perth Cemeteries

Friends of Battye Library and National Trust of Western Australia have launched an upgraded website for the East Perth Cemeteries.

New burial data, faster and more sophisticated search abilities and a fantastic mapping component. View the website [here](#).

### Tracing the history of your house

The John Oxley Library holds a wealth of information for anyone tracing the history of their house. Resources held include real estate maps, post office directories which list streets and residents, photographs, newspaper clipping files, local histories and publications about domestic architecture. Read [here](#)

## Never-before-seen-photos of early Queenslanders

Frank and Eunice Corley of Alderley would drive around Brisbane in the 1960s and 70s in their Cadillac photographing early Queensland style homes.

Check out the [website](#) and go and see the new exhibition at the State Library.

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**Subscription website or free at the library**

### **New records added to find my past**

Each month thousands of new records are added for you to search - hopefully, many of them are in the areas that you are researching.

### **FindMyPast YouTube - Understanding parish records**

Join Parish record specialist Myko Clelland for an in depth masterclass on some of the most powerful resources in British family history. Go [here](#)

### **British Army, Honourable Artillery Company**

Over 18,000 new Index Cards and POW records covering the years 1939 to 1945 have been added to the collection. The Index cards record brief and abbreviated details of service histories while the POW records list the location & date of capture, liberation, escape or death as well as prisoner and camp numbers for HAC members held by German or Italian forces. Search [here](#)

### **Britain, Marriage Licences**

We're excited to bring you some of the earliest marriage records we hold in our archives with new records from as early as 1115. Marriage licences are great puzzle pieces because they can reveal your ancestor's intended spouse, father's name and the intended marriage place. [Here](#)

### **From the Archive: Banns Records**

Findmypast is home to millions of exclusive parish banns covering a wide variety of English counties. Banns of marriage are the public announcement in a Christian parish church of a forthcoming marriage and can reveal a variety of important biographical details relating to your ancestor. Explore [here](#)

### **Cheshire - Diocese of Chester Parish:-**

- A-Z of Cheshire records. Look [here](#)

- Baptisms - 1538-1911 - [here](#)
- Marriages - 1538-1910 - [here](#)
- Burials - 1538-1911 - [here](#)

### British Newspapers

Remember to look at the British Newspapers as each month thousands of records are added. Go [here](#)

### Hampshire

- Portsmouth, Portsea Island Rate Books - [here](#)
- Portsmouth Hospital Records - [here](#)
- Portsmouth Staff Records 1908-1924 - [here](#)
- Portsmouth, browse Quarter Sessions - [here](#)
- Portsmouth - Burials - [here](#)

### Other United Kingdom records:-

- Gloucestershire Registers and Records - [here](#)
- Leicestershire Registers and Records - [here](#)
- Britain, Directories and Almanacs - [here](#)
- Scotland, Highland Free Church Birth and Baptism Records - [here](#)



**Subscription website, free at the library or if a QFHS member can be accessed on your home computer via QFHS website.**

Take a look at My Heritage blog to see the new records that were added in November - a total of 52.7 million for the month - including Sweden Household Examination Books 1860-1947, New York City Marriages 1950-2017, plus 14 new US Newspaper Collections. Look at the list [here](#).

### MyHeritage LIVE 2018: Lectures free online

Our first-ever user conference in Oslo was an incredible success, and we're delighted to share recordings of all 24 classes which are now available online for free. [Go here](#) to see the full list of topics.

**DNA Basics:** The Genetics of Eye Colour - [here](#)

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## General items of interest

**Vale John Connors - Member 375**

To our many early members of the Society, Natalie Clements (John's daughter)



advised of his passing on 27 November 2018 in Toowoomba at 82 years of age. We regret to hear of his passing and extend our sympathies to family members.

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In order to reduce the load on our committee members a decision has been made to reduce the office hours.

Commencing in January 2019 the VICGUM office will only be open on **Wednesdays between 10:30 AM and 2:30 PM.**

It is advisable that any software orders be placed on a Monday so that they can be processed and then posted to you on the Wednesday.

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If you would like to read the latest newsletter from Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations (AFFHO) click [here](#).

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The Federation of Family History Societies (FFHS) newsletter can be accessed [here](#).

Note: This is a UK site.

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### **Cemeteries as places of memorial and leisure - submitted by Chris Schuetz**

I recently heard on ABC radio (Big Ideas) a discussion on current cemetery use including various policies on re-use of graves.

This is still accessible as a podcast. Go [here](#) and then click on "Download Audio"

Afterwards there was mention of another program, on a related topic and also accessible: Go [here](#) and then click on "Download Audio"

The first topic is likely to be of interest to members as some jurisdictions have limited grave tenure, so gravestones may not be in place when one visits a cemetery, they may have been moved or removed entirely.

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## Can you assist Unley Park Baptist Church in South Australia?

Recently Jodie Scott, Artlab Australia Senior Paper Conservator finished the conservation treatment on a unique WW1 Honour Board for Unley Park Baptist Church in South Australia. The board consists of 33 silver gelatine portraits of the soldiers from the Church's community, who bravely served in WW1.

Stephen Clarke from Unley Park Baptist Church is seeking the descendants of these veterans and their surnames are: ***Barlow, Billing, Bradley, Chambers, Christie, Clark, Cole, Crook, Fairbain, Haines, Holland, Hosking, Key, Langthorn, Lees, Long, Miller, Maslin, McDonald, McNicol, Miller, Mitchell, Penniford, Prest, Raws, Saunders, Scrymgour, Sellick, Sexton, Sutherland, Theel, Tuck, Verrier and Wharff.***

If you know any of these names please contact Stephen by email [here](#).

The Honour Board featured on Virtual War Memorial Australia website [here](#).

Please read about Jodie's conservation treatment on our website [here](#).

[via Artlab on FB]

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## Book Review

**Submitted by Robert Adamson**

I've just been reading a fascinating book from the BCC library, "Under the Lino", by Caylie Jeffery. The project was written up in the Courier Mail a year or two ago and it's been mentioned on TV a couple of times too.

"The story of an historical discovery under the flooring of a 1912 Brisbane Queenslander that turned into a major collaborative community project, tapping into Queensland's history all the way back to its separation from NSW. Iconic Brisbane provides many cameos throughout this fascinating story, together with cautionary tales of murder and intrigue."

A bit wordy in places, ~400 pages, I skipped a few parts, but stuck with it till the end. Interesting local historical sleuthing and shows the power of crowd funding (to get the book into print) and social media to get the interest flowing round the community.

Below is a link to doing your own historical house research.

[househistories.org](http://househistories.org)

**Please note:** Later in 2019, Caylie Jeffrey will be a quest speaker at the monthly Members' Meeting.

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## Life in the 1500s

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelt good by June. However, if they were starting to smell, brides carried a

bouquet of flowers to hide their body odour.

Baths equalled a big bath tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the women and finally the children. Last of all the babies. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "*Don't throw the baby out with the bath water*".

Bread was divided according to status.

Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle and guests got the top, or the "*upper crust*."

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt - hence the saying "*dirt poor*"

Sometimes they could obtain pork and would feel really special when that happened. When company came over they would bring out the bacon and hang it to show off.

It was a sign of wealth and that a man "*could really bring home the bacon*."

They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and "*chew the fat*."

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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)

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. Please note that reference to any product does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

Wendy Couper

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