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It hardly seems any time since I was putting the finishing touches to the January Snippets and now this is the June issue - how the months in between have flown! Would you believe QFHS is celebrating its 40th birthday on 6th June (formal celebrations 12 October) - and don't we have much to celebrate - it's amazing to think how far we've come in those intervening years. But what matters most is what we do next.

What an outstanding job our volunteers and Committee members have contributed over the years - they have been critical to the success of our organisation and their efforts are greatly appreciated.

They are very special people who do not necessarily have the time, they just have the heart.

Apologies for the lateness of the June Snippets. We experienced some technical issues.

Calendar

- 05 Jun - Management Committee 2019/20 Nominations close
- 06 Jun - QFHS 40th Anniversary
- [06 Jun - Queensland Pre-Separation Group](#)
- [07 Jun - Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- [08 Jun - Irish Interest Group](#)
- [09 Jun - Colonial India and the Far East Interest Group](#)
- [14 Jun - Fridays@QFHS - QFHS Electronic Resources](#)
- [15 Jun - New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- [15 Jun - The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 19 Jun - QFHS Annual General Meeting
- [22 Jun - Central European Interest Group](#)

- [29 Jun - Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

Happenings

Our Future

The Management Committees of both QFHS and GSQ are in early, but active, discussions regarding possible amalgamation of the Societies.

The second communique about this important issue has been sent to members. It addresses member feedback on the issue and outlines the amalgamation process. Future Communiques will continue providing regular updates on the discussions and investigations.

Members can read more [here](#) along with details of how to have your say.



QFHS 40th Anniversary

1.00 on 12 October 2019

On 6 June 1979, 40 years ago today, the Queensland Family History Society was launched by a group of family history researchers who met at Holy Trinity Church Hall, Woolloongabba. For more information click [here](#).



The 2018 - 19 Annual General Meeting will be held at the Library and Resource Centre at **7.30pm on Wednesday 19 June 2019**.

The Annual Report and Financial Statements will be presented followed by the

election of the incoming Management Committee and the presentation of the 2019 QFHS Book Award.

Do come along and meet your new Committee



Pre-Separation Group excursion to the Toowong Cemetery

When: Thursday 6 June 2019

Toowong Cemetery is a heritage-listed cemetery on the corner of Frederick Street and Mt Coot-tha Road, Toowong, Brisbane. It was established in 1866 and formally opened on 5 July 1875, though several burials had already taken place prior to this.

This is Brisbane's largest cemetery, with over 120,000 graves. This guided tour, focussing on pre-separation times and the time of separation from NSW, will commence at 10.30 am and take approximately 1½ hours. The cost will be \$2.00 per person; limit 25 participants. Good walking shoes are recommended. Please meet at the flagpole before 10.30 am. Car parking is available inside the Cemetery gates. If you are interested in joining this excursion please email presep@qfhs.org.au to register.

*The power of
the past:
160 years of OLD
records, research &
stories*

22 June, 2019
Nazareth Lutheran Centre
Woolloongabba
8.45am - 3.45pm

QUEENSLAND
JUBILEE
1859-1909

QUEENSLAND! an apt and happy name
As mortal wisdom well could frame!
Pre- eminent to day she stands
A land of queens (a queen of lands!

STOCK

Speakers

[In alphabetical order]

Dr Thom Blake *The house that Mary built - the pise house of Bedourie*

Dr Jennifer Harrison *On this day... Where was your family?*

Joan Kelly *Oral histories*

Bill Kitson *Cane toads or cockroaches*

Bob McAllister *Miegunyah - a house full of history*

Sharyn Merkley *Brisbane bums: How the great fires of 1864 shaped a city and its people*

Sandi Robb *Chinese marriage and families 1850 - 1920*

Stephanie Ryan *Pre-1860 Moreton Bay records: Queenslanders' heritage*

For further information and to book go [here](#)

Note: QFHS members offered GSQ member price

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



QFHS Electronic Resources: CD Collection

Presenter: Dr Geoff Morgan

This workshop will show you how to efficiently find CD's of interest on the QFHS computer network, and once you have found the required CD's, how to use them effectively. Please note: Two identical sessions will be offered; please select one only.

Where: Queensland Family History and Resource Centre

When: Friday 14 June 2019 Time

Session 1 : 10am to 11.30am

Session 2 : 1pm to 2.30pm

Limit: 9 participants per session

[Register Online](#)

New Members' 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 Session: Saturday 15 June 2019



Which DNA test is right for you?

Presenter: Chris Schuetz

PLEASE NOTE: Attendees from the April session only.

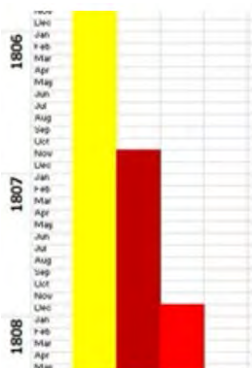
This session allows people to discuss their test results from the April session. Also to find out what the results mean and what you should do next.

When: Friday 12 July 2019

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

Time: 10am to 11.30am

Register Online



Using timelines and other visual aids

Presenters: QFHS Members

Have you ever thought about using timelines or another visual aid to solve a problem in your research or to gain insight into a situation? Our world relies greatly on visual imagery. An image, a graphic, a list or a table can convey a lot of information very quickly.

In this session, some members of the Society will demonstrate the visual methods, tables, or timelines they have used in their research to solve a problem or gain further understanding of a situation or set of circumstances. Please note: Attendees should have some familiarity with Word and Excel, as time will not permit the presenters providing detailed instructions on to how use of Word, Excel or other

application.

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre
When: Friday 12 July 2019
Time: 10am -1130am
Cost: \$11 members, \$15 non members
Limit: 25

[Register Online](#)

**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 Monday 15 July 2019 - weekly for six weeks

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Ave, Gaythorne

Time: Commences 10.30am

Cost: \$55 members and \$80 non members

NOTE: This is a daytime course

[Please read our cancellation and non-attendance policy](#)

[Register Online](#)



A DNA themed roadshow to six Australian cities, culminating in a major 3-day conference in Sydney is being held in August 2019.

There are topics at all levels, ranging from beginner to expert. Each city will have an exhibition of product and service suppliers, societies, DNA interest groups and organisations. This is a world class conference and roadshow. Choose from 40 topics in three streams in Sydney over three days. The other five cities offer 10 topics each in two streams over a full day. Check out the website [here](#) Each city has a booking form for your convenience, including provision to book your own city plus Sydney as a value package at \$30 off the price of booking the two cities separately. View the booking details for Brisbane [here](#).

Alan Phillips and the Unlock the Past team



[Logan River & District Family History Society Inc.](#) will be hosting a full day speakers' event in June 2019.

[Tracing Back in Time – a Family History Symposium](#) will take place on Saturday 15th June 2019 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. at Bethania Community Centre, 88-118 Station Road, Bethania 4205. Morning tea and a light lunch is included in the admittance price for all attendees.

Bookings are preferred but on the day attendance will be accepted. Please note that no eftpos facilities are available and payment may be made by cheque, bank transfer or cash. Further details can be obtained by phoning Esma on 07 3807 6450 and bookings made. All attendees who have booked are asked to bring a copy of their emailed receipt as proof of purchase prior to the event and wear their ID name tag.

Our four presenters will be:

Eric Kopittke	Church Records in Australia
Stephanie Ryan SLQ	House History and the Corley Explorer
Cara Downs NAA Qld	General Immigration Records
Ann Swain	Pre-selection Immigrant Settlement

Have you looked at Facebook and YouTube recently? Click on either icon to directly link you to our page.





Members' Noticeboard



Is your membership due for renewal?

The majority of QFHS memberships with our Society expire on 30 June annually.

QFHS membership is extraordinarily good value for the family history enthusiast. A visit to the library will allow you free access to Ancestry, Findmypast, The Genealogist, British Newspapers and more, together with our extensive CD network, exceptional microfiche collection, and our unique print library. The monthly Snippets and quarterly Queensland Family Historian plus discounted price to all exciting seminars and workshops offered is a great way to keep up to date with the latest in family history research.

To complement home access to subscription website MyHeritage we have recently commenced uploading Online Data for members to access from home. This includes **Cemetery Transcripts** (pdf format), **Presentation handouts** from recent education sessions, **Presentation notes from Irish Group meetings**, and **Minutes from Family Tree Maker meetings** back to 2017. This is a work in progress and more data will be uploaded in the near future.

To renew, just click on the button below and select one of the on-line payment options, or pay at the Library.

If any of your contact details have changed recently please email membership@qfhs.org so we can update our records.

Regards

[Renew membership now](#)

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.



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](#).

Web Wanderings



New records from Findmypast

England

- Lincolnshire Parish Records - Baptisms - [here](#)
- British & Irish Newspaper Update, 96,930 pages added this week - [here](#)

Scotland

- Wigtownshire & Minnigaff Parish Lists 1684 - [here](#)
- Dumfriesshire Death and Burial Index - [here](#)
- Shetland Newspaper Birth Index 1872-1990 - [here](#)
- Occupations & Professions - [here](#)

Wales

- Cardiganshire Baptisms - [here](#)
- Cardiganshire Marriages and Banns - [here](#)
- Cardiganshire Burials - [here](#)

Ireland

- Irish birth & marriage certificates to be available free online - read all about it [here](#)

America

- Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Books, 1890-1921 - [here](#)
- Philadelphia Roman Catholic Parish Baptisms - [here](#)
- Philadelphia Roman Catholic Parish Marriages - [here](#)
- United States Directories & Almanacs - [here](#)
- Pennsylvania, Register of Mine Accidents - [here](#)

Canada

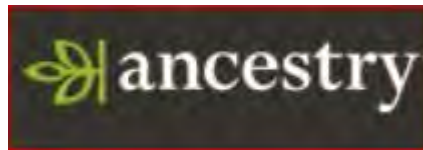
- Ontario, Oddfellows Life Insurance Applications - [here](#)

Norway

- 3 new indexes of baptisms, marriages and burials spanning 1634 to 1927 are now available - [here](#)

Italy

- Births & Baptisms 1806-1900 - [here](#)
- Deaths & Burials 1809-1900 - [here](#)
- Marriages - 1809-1900 - [here](#)



New records from Ancestry

MD England and Wales

- Staffordshire, BDM Indexes 1837-2017 - [here](#)
- London, Church of England Births and Baptisms 1813-1917 - [here](#)
- Civil Registration Death Index 1916-2007 - [here](#)
- Wales, Wills and Probate 1513-1858 - [here](#)

**Genealogy
without sources is
Mythology**

Book Review & Launch

Waltzing Matilda Lecture

... Without her (Christina Macpherson) there would have been no Waltzing and no Matilda. Lindner's book virtually clinches this argument.
Geoffrey Blainey AC

12:00 NOON FRIDAY 21 JUNE 2019
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ROYAL HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND AND THE NATIONAL TRUST OF AUSTRALIA (QUEENSLAND)

This song that started as an accidental collaboration in outback Queensland in 1895 went on to inspire a nation during World War II and following Banjo Paterson's death in 1941.
Benjamin Lindner is a criminal barrister. He has taken a forensic approach to the history of the events, the people and the places that led to the writing of Australia's internationally famous song. This lecture will dispel many of the myths and folklore surrounding the composition of Waltzing Matilda.

A significant history of the origins of the song, it will probably become a new bible for those who love to argue about facets of Australian nationalism, poetry, and folklore.

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland,
The Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, Brisbane

In conjunction with the Royal Historical of Queensland and the National Trust of Australia (Queensland), a book launch of W. Benjamin Lindner's book "Waltzing Matilda" is being held at **The Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, Brisbane at 12 noon on Friday 21 June 2019.**

All welcome

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

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, Editor

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