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QFHS held their 40th Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 20th June and a new Management Committee was duly elected. Listed here are the 2019-2020 committee:-

President: Chris Gibbs

Vice-President: Charlotte Sale

Secretary: Geoff Doherty

Treasurer: Margaret Doherty

Committee Members: Kerry Raymond, Rosemary Gall, Robert Thistlethwaite, Suzanne Reid, Beverley Young, Kevin Haley, Lyndal Cosgrove

Congratulations to the new committee who has been charged with directing the future growth and continuing success of our Society.

Calendar

01 Jul 2019 - Management Committee Meeting

[05 Jul 2019 - Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

[06 Jul 2019 - DNA Interest Group](#)

[12 Jul 2019 - Fridays@QFHS - What does my DNA test tell me?](#)

[13 Jul 2019 - Scottish Interest Group](#)

[17 Jul 2019 - Members' Meeting - Guest Speaker Cara Downes, NAA](#)

[19 Jul 2019 - New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)

[20 Jul 2019 - Family History Writing Group](#)

[The Master Genealogy User Group](#)

[21 Jul 2019 - Welsh Interest Group](#)

[25 Jul 2019 - English West Country Group](#)

[27 Jul 2019 - Central European Interest Group](#)

Outside Events

4 July 2019 - **Gympie Library** from 10am -11am, DNA and Genealogy - the basics

13 July 2019 - Enoggera & Districts Historical Society Inc Silver Anniversary 1994-

2019

Ann and Tony Swain will be manning a stand on behalf of QFHS

Happenings



Members' Meeting for July

July's meeting is a daytime one commencing at 1pm on Wednesday 17th.

Guest Speak: **Cara Downes, NAA**

Carrying the mail - Cobb and Co was a legendary coaching company which people still identify with. In Australia it would operate the largest coaching company in the world and Queensland would prove to be its frontier land. Cobb and Co would carry the mail to every part of the State through rough terrain where there were no roads. Cobb & Co. had no equal in Queensland and would be given the responsibility to carry the Royal Mail and it would do this for up to 70 years. It is a unique history which includes many surprises along the way.

All welcome



Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) have invited QFHS members with an interest in military history to attend their next Military SIG meeting to be held in their library at 25 Stackpole Street, Wishart on Saturday, 27 July. The meeting will commence at 10.30 and finish at noon. The topic will be **Eastern Front in WW1 (Russia) 1914-1920**. If you would like to attend please email secretary@gsq.org.au

August is National Family History Month

AUGUST OPEN DAY AT QFHS

During the month let's celebrate our family traditions.



What are your family traditions?

Our Open Day will be held on Saturday the 24th from 10am to 3pm.

Join us for a cuppa and talk to our members at QFHS Library and Resource Centre.

All welcome.



Bus Trip to Toowoomba

Do you have an interest in the Toowoomba Darling Downs region of Queensland? QFHS and GSQ will join together to visit the Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society where you will be able to research and talk with local experts.

After leaving the library we will visit the historical Toowoomba Railway Station for a guided tour by Queensland Rail Historian, Greg Hallam. The tour will include inspection of the Great War Honour Board, Second World War public air raid shelter and the Inbound Restaurant (former Railway Refreshment Rooms). A day for research and social interaction is planned. Morning tea and lunch included.

When: Tuesday, 8 October

Leave Gaythorne 8.00am. Pick up Ipswich Road (exact location to be arranged) 8.45am.

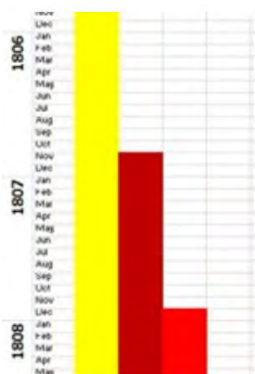
Return: Gaythorne approx 4.00pm

Cost: \$50 (Includes morning tea and lunch)

Note: Registrations close 6.00pm 27 September 2019. Numbers are limited so do book early.

[Register online](#)

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars



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 Register Online 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](#)

What does my DNA tell me?

Presenter: Chris Schuetz

Date: Friday 12 July 2019

Attendees from 12 April session only

If you haven't already booked to find out your DNA results from the earlier session, please take this opportunity to do so by clicking on the link below.



[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](#)

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 19 July commencing at 10am



Research in Cornwall

Presenter: Chris Schuetz

Cornish Jacks and Jennies, anyone?

Cornish research has some particular challenges but also many advantages - once you know where to look. Find out at this session.

Where: QFHS Library and Resource Centre

When: Friday 9 August 2019

Time: 10am - 1130am

Cost: \$11 members \$15 non-members

[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

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



Members' Noticeboard

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](#).



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

Leanne Donovan
Membership Secretary

Renew membership now

Web Wanderings



Australia

Queensland

- Toowoomba Prison Records 1864-1906 - [here](#)

New South Wales

- Child Care and Protection Index - [here](#)
- Unemployed in Sydney, 1866 - [here](#)

Tasmania

- Report of Ship's Arrivals with Lists of Passengers - [here](#)

England

- Kent Baptisms - [here](#)
- Kent Marriages and Banns - [here](#)
- Kent Burials - [here](#)
- Lancashire Baptisms - [here](#)
- Lancashire Banns and Marriages - [here](#)
- Lancashire Burials - [here](#)
- Phillimore Marriage Registers, 1531-1913 - [here](#)
- British and Irish Newspapers update - [here](#)
- Greater London Burial Index - [here](#)
- England and Wales Merchant Navy Crew Lists 1861 to 1913 - [here](#)
- UK Electoral Registers & Companies House Directors 2002-2019 - [here](#)

Ireland

A further release of Ireland's historical Register of Births, Marriages and Deaths are now available free online.

Births 1864-1943, Marriages 1864-1943, Deaths 1878-1968. Go [here](#)

Tuam Orphan Girls Project - from Galway Workhouse to Australian Pioneers

As part of the Earl Gray assisted emigration scheme, the story of Galway's orphans who travelled to Western Australia in the 1850's has long been lost.

The aim of the project is to research the girls, trace their descendants, check DNA matches to identify cousins still living in the area, and hopefully in time welcome the girls home through their descendants.

If you are a descendant you can join the Facebook group [here](#).

Read an informative Irish newspaper article from the Connacht Tribune - [here](#) and also read the story in the *Tinteán* online magazine (an initiative of the Australian Irish Heritage Network) - [here](#)

Scotland

Index of the Poor Registers

The data in this database are extracted from two volumes concerning poor relief in Dundee:

- Liff and Benvie Register of Poor, 1854 to 1865 (Dundee Archives - Ref : SC45/48/1)

- Dundee East Poorhouse Register, 1856 to 1878 (Dundee City Archives reference: CP/DE6/1)

For more details go [here](#)

- Darien Scheme Investors 1696 - [here](#)

Denmark

- Baptisms, Marriages and Burials update - [here](#)

Sweden

- Baptisms 1611-1920 - [here](#)
- Marriages 1630-1920 - [here](#)
- Burials 1649-1920 - [here](#)

Iceland

- Baptisms 1730-1905 - [here](#)
- Marriages 1770-1920 - [here](#)

United States of America

Obituary notices from tributes.com and currentobituary.com websites - [here](#)



Published by Battye Library Inc.

The Friends of Battye Library are pleased to announce that our publication The Convict Records of Western Australia has been updated and is now available for anyone to view and download from our website. This comprehensive guide builds on our popular earlier 1990 publication compiled by Gillian O'Mara.

The guide has been updated and expanded by Lorraine Clarke and Cherie Strickland of Swan Geology. It is now an unparalleled reference guide for family historians and researchers interested in Western Australian convicts.

**To purchase a hard copy email:-
membership@friendsofbattye.org.au. Price is \$27.50**

To view or download a copy go [here](#)



A great website for all Irish researchers

Visit the [website](#) where you can sign up for their free newsletter and have limited access to their records and podcasts. Paid membership on a monthly or annual basis is also offered.

Here are some interesting articles for you to read:-

- Research tip of the week - Tracing Landless Labourers [here](#)
- Read about "A Day in Ulster" - [here](#)
- Read "A Genealogy Adventure" by Amanda Jones - [here](#)

General items of interest



Enoggera & Districts Historical Society Inc



*In association with Queensland Family History Society
and other local groups*

Warmly invites the community to attend our



Silver Anniversary



Open Day: 1994 to 2019



Showcasing 25 years of local and wider history

- **Enoggera Memorial Hall, Trundle Street, Enoggera.**
 - **Saturday, 13 July 2019 - 9.00am to 3.00pm.**
 - Talk to experts about your family tree research: civilian and military.
- Photos and memorabilia from the archives of Enoggera & Districts Historical Society.
 - And much, much more!

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We remember events from the past 25 years such as:

- 1994 The Enoggera & Districts Historical Society first meets*
- 1996 John Howard is elected Prime Minister of Australia*
- 2000 Sydney hosts the Summer Olympic Games*
- 2001 The September 11 terrorist attacks*
- 2006 Daniel Craig debuts as the new James Bond*
- 2010 Julia Gillard becomes Australia's first female Prime Minister*
- 2011 Prince William marries Catherine Middleton*
- 2015 North Queensland Cowboys wins their first NRL rugby league title*
- 2016 Donald Trump elected US President*



Coffee, tea and refreshments available (gold coin donations are welcome). The hall is adjacent to Enoggera train station, it is accessible via bus services 350, 598 and 599, and it is wheelchair friendly.

For enquiries phone David Livett on 3366 3191.



St Helena Community Trip to St Helena Island

Location: Depart and return from Fort Lytton National Park, 2002 Lytton Rd, Lytton. Cruising aboard the 'Lady Brisbane'

Date and Time:
Sunday 14th July
9:30am to 14:30pm.

Guide:
Personalised tour conducted by Belinda Daly

Cost:
\$60 for boat and tour

BYO
Portable lunch and water.

Join us on our St Helena Community tour on St Helena Island!

Belinda has had so many enquiries and requests that she has decided to offer a personalised tour of St Helena Island to all people interested in 'walking in the footsteps' of their ancestors, or people who are just keen to explore the island via a more flexible route.

Be prepared to walk a few kilometres! Time will be spent in both the Prison Stockade and Warder's Row.

Contact and enquiries bd66@optusnet.com.au or

www.sthelenacommunity.com.au



Celebrating 230th Anniversary of the wrecking of HMS Sirius

We extend a warm invitation to you to be on Norfolk Island in March 2020 to witness events. As the flagship of the First Fleet, her March 19 1790 wrecking records her today as the Nation's most important shipwreck.

The exciting news is that we have organised a very **special week of events with special guest**

presenter Graham Seal, author of *Great Convict Stories* and Professor of Folklore at Curtin University. Graham will spotlight many extraordinary happenings and convicts, including those who lived through this tumultuous event. Other honorary guests are history and folklore specialists Don and Sue Brian, who have uniquely collected the stories, songs and poems of convicts, whalers and others from this period. Together, our presenters offer the opportunity to honour your ancestor's story, delve deeper into the writing about convict lives and stories and understanding of the importance of this devastating event in the Nation's history. For more information go [here](#).



STATE LIBRARY OF QUEENSLAND

Free event series | This June and August

Gain unique insight into our collections by attending this new series of fascinating talks led by three of our 2018 Queensland Memory research fellows.

- Putting Queenslanders on the road -book [here](#)
- The history and legacy of Brisbane's Albert Hall from 1901-1968 - book [here](#)
- Queensland's selectors: How land balloting contributed to the state's development - book [here](#)



Western Australia: 48 new titles and more to come
The State Library of WA has partnered with Trove to digitise 48 Western Australian newspaper titles and hopes to make at least 40 more titles available on Trove in the next year.

Click [here](#) to view new Western Australia titles in Trove.



To access the June newsletter from Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations go [here](#).

Book Review

Have you browsed our Lending Library bookshelves lately?
Here are a few gems you may like to have a look at when next at the library.

The Life and Death of Ben Hall - You'll Never Take me Alive
by Nick Bleszynski LL B6 HAL1

A hero in the great outlaw tradition. Falsely imprisoned for bushranging in New South

Wales in 1862, he declared '*I might as well have the game as the blame.*' He bailed up more banks, stations, squatters and towns than any other bushranger and he masterminded the Eurowa escort robbery which netted the biggest haul in the colony's short history.

John Croaker - Convict Embezzler

by John Booker and Russell Craig

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After absconding to Calais in 1815 John was convicted of embezzling the proceeds of a bill of exchange and transported to New South Wales for 14 years.

His arrival coincided with the foundation of the Bank of New South Wales where he was employed as a book keeper. He was eventually granted a conditional pardon by Governor Macquarie however, he further developed an interest in brewing which was a failed venture for him.

From 1820 his fortunes declined and in 1823 he left for England and died in mysterious circumstances after a dramatic ship wreck off the coast of Chile.

Dreams of Hope

by Lily O'Connor

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The remarkable memoir of an Irish woman's life from the tenements of Dublin to Luton and Australia.

This book centres on the married life of Lily and her husband Paddy. At its heart is the story of a man who always wanted too much and a woman whose resilience saw coping courageously, often on her own, with a large family under difficult circumstances.

My Place

by Sally Morgan

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In 1982, Sally travelled back to her grandmother's birthplace. What started out as a tentative search for information about her family turned into an overwhelming emotional and spiritual pilgrimage.

Winner of 1987 Australian Rights Award for Literature and the 1990 Order of Australia book prize, My Place is an Australian classic.

The Ship Thieves

by Sian Rees

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The amazing tale and unfortunate life of James Power - Australian convict, pirate and master mariner.

Along with 9 others they gained the title of the 'Ship Thieves.'

They chose to face the perils of ocean travel to escape the brutal reality of life as a convict in Van Diemen's Land and hopefully reach Chile.

James had attempted escape many times and when captured the first time was given 100 lashes. After a failed attempt the second time in 1826 he was sentenced to 6 months in chains.

On reaching Chile, they were reported to British authorities, tried and transported to Norfolk Island where conditions were the worst encountered in a lifetime of gaols and

labour camps.

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

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