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For the first time, QFHS held its Annual General Meeting online this year. It proved popular with around 60 members registering to attend. The Management Committee for 2020-21 was elected and is as follows:

Christopher Gibbs	President
Charlotte Sale	Vice President
Elaine Eagar	Secretary
Margaret Doherty	Treasurer
Lyndal Cosgrove	Committee Member
Alexandra Daw	Committee Member
Kevin Haley	Committee Member
Suzanne M. Reid	Committee Member
Marie Stewart	Committee Member
Christine Wright	Committee Member

It was announced that Sue Reid has been admitted as a Fellow of the Queensland Family History Society. This is the highest honour the Society can bestow. Sue has made outstanding contributions to many aspects of the Society. Her dependable leadership, knowledge, supportive engagement and hard work have delivered substantial and ongoing benefits. Congratulations Sue and thank you for your exemplary service to our Society.

Three members received certificates of pre-separation, recognising their descent from those who were living in the area which became Queensland before its separation from the Colony of New South Wales on 10 December 1859. These were Lynora Conley, Ian Costin and Heather Tolmie (Prins).

Chris Gibbs



Reminder Members Meeting Wednesday 18 Nov

Got a brick wall in your Qld family? Perhaps you have a Chinese-descended family who changed their surname to avoid discrimination against Chinese people. Some QFHS members have discovered Chinese ancestry that they never suspected as they don't look Chinese. Learn more about Chinese BDMs in Queensland by registering for the November Members' Meeting. Guest speaker Hilda Maclean will present - [Tracing Queensland Chinese families through records created by Government Agencies](#). This meeting will be conducted online via **ZOOM**.

[Register Online Now](#)

Calendar

November 2020

- 18 Nov - [Members' Meeting - Tracing Queensland Chinese families through records created by Government Agencies](#)
- 20 Nov - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 21 Nov - [Family History Writing Group](#)
- 21 Nov - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 23 Nov - [QFHS Volunteers' Thank you](#)
- 26 Nov - [English West Country Group](#)
- 27 Nov - [Fridays@QFHS - Queensland State Archives: Searching the new catalogue](#)
- 28 Nov - [Central European Group](#)
- 29 Nov - [Closing date - QFHS Family History Book Award 2021](#)

December 2020

- 4 Dec - [Family Tree Maker® User Group](#)
- 5 Dec - [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 5 Dec - [DNA Interest Group](#)
- 7 Dec - [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 10 Dec - [Queensland Pre-Separation Group](#)

- 11 Dec - [Fridays@QFHS - Overseas newspapers for family history research](#)
- 13 Dec - [Colonial India and the Far East Interest Group](#)
- 16 Dec - [Members' meeting: share our Christmas traditions](#)
- 19 Dec - [Library closes at 4pm for Festive Season](#)

Happenings



Members' Meeting: share our Christmas traditions

When: 16 December 2020 at 1.00pm

In these "unprecedented times" QFHS is having an unprecedented online Christmas members' meeting. Join us on Zoom and share your favourite Christmas traditions and stories!

We encourage you to dress in your favourite Christmas outfits! Or bring along some Christmas decorations to decorate what we see on your camera feed! Maybe a Christmas mug! Have fun! Be creative! .

Register Online Now



AFFHO Congress

1- 5 August 2021

Hosts of the 2021 AFFHO Congress, the Norfolk Island Museum are pleased to advise that both Congress Registration and Travel Packages are ready to take your bookings!

A range of interesting speakers, covering topics such as stories from Norfolk Island's Second British Settlement, Female Immigration to Australia in the 1830s, and the use of DNA in genealogical research, have been organised for concurrent sessions. Key Note Speakers will include media personality and history enthusiast Ray Martin, and professional historian and author Babette Smith. In addition to the Congress speakers, the program for the week includes special museum and cemetery tours within World Heritage listed Kingston, and a great island-style Congress dinner Fish Fry! Details about concurrent speaker sessions will be available soon.

Registrations can be made on-line at <https://affhocongress2021.com/> - make sure to take advantage of the early bird registration at \$400 by booking and paying prior to 28 February 2021.

If you plan to attend and should QFHS decide to have a table at the event, would you be available to assist. Perhaps a couple of hours per day. If so, email the Vice-President at vice-president@qfhs.org.au to discuss further.

FH DU 2021

Family History Down Under 2021 has sold out, but if the Queensland government eases rules on venue numbers, as expected, we will re-open bookings. In the meantime [join the waitlist](#) to be given priority if/when bookings reopen.

- **Date:** 22-26 March 2021
- **Venue:** Maroochy RSL, Maroochydore Qld



Registering for Zoom presentations

Just a friendly reminder that your email address is vital when you register for a Zoom presentation. Please double check that you have entered a correct and current email address.

We have had a couple of instances recently where people have missed sessions because they gave the incorrect email address. For instance, instead of an email address <name>[@gmail.com](mailto:example@gmail.com), they have put <name>[@gmail.com.au](mailto:example@gmail.com.au).

Often we need to change the Zoom link at the last minute, especially with free events, and if you do not supply a valid email address, you will miss out on any last minute notifications.

Immediately after registering for an event on Eventbrite, you should receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive this confirmation, it may be that the email address you gave was not valid. In fact, you should receive three emails generated by Eventbrite: one immediately after you register, a second two days before the event, and a third shortly before the event begins. If you are not receiving these notifications, email marketing@qfhs.org.au so we can check.



Please note: this list may include references to people who have died.

This dataset contains the names of 1400 people who, from names and other particulars, are Indigenous Australians and Torres Strait Islanders and served in World War II, Korea, and Malaysia.

The list is as published in the *Queensland Family Historian*, Vol. 12, No. 1, February 1991, p.24 and Vol. 12, No. 2, April 1991, p.47., and was sourced from local media, not from primary records. Names in the media articles for some people may be 'known as' names and may have been given to local newspapers by family members. Please consult the Australian War Memorial records for more information. The list has been given to the AWM in Canberra, the John Oxley Library in Brisbane, and the Aboriginal History Society of the South Australian Museum.

[Roll of Honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Australian Armed Forces](#)

Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

Queensland State Archives has released a new catalogue system that offers a modern look, new functions, and some brand new options to make searching and finding our records easier.

Join Senior Archivist, [Julanne Neal](#), for a guided look at some of these new possibilities.

When: Friday, 27 November 2020 - 10.00 am - 11.30 am

Where: Online event

Limit: 25

[Register online now](#)

Overseas newspapers for family history research

Presenter: Sue Reid



Newspapers are essential to family history research. We can find rich detail about people's personal, professional, and business lives from the content of newspapers—births, marriages, and deaths, community involvement, letters to the editor, business advertisements. There is no limit to the variety of material.

Australian researchers are well served for historic newspaper content with Trove Digitised Newspapers, but what about newspapers from overseas? What can we use?

In this presentation, Sue Reid will discuss free sources of overseas newspapers that you can use to discover more about your family.

When: 11 December 2020 from 10.00am to 11.30am

Cost: \$11 QFHS and GSQ members and \$15 all others

Where: In your own home - **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)



Putting your ancestors in their place: ten steps to a one place study

Presenter/s: Dr Janet Few

Family historians normally focus on their own direct ancestors, but these ancestors did not live in isolation. They had neighbours and workplaces, they lived in villages with churches, schools, shops, and institutions. In order to understand families of the past, they need to be 'put in their place' by investigating the localities of which they were a part.

One-Place Studies differ from traditional local histories in that they focus on people, their relationship to their communities and to each other; bringing family and local history together, to the benefit of both fields. A One-Place Study involves dissecting a small, definable, geographical area to examine the individuals, buildings, and processes of the past in as much detail as possible.

These studies are undertaken by individuals, or groups who have an interest in the history of a particular community, be it a parish, town, hamlet, or a single street. This talk describes ten steps that you might take in pursuit of this exciting branch of historical research, wherever in the world your place might be.

When: 3 February 2021 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Cost: \$15 QFHS and GSQ members and \$25 all others

Where: In your own home - **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)

Findmypast Library Edition: available records and how best to search them

Presenter: Rosemary Koppitte



Queensland Family History Society currently has a worldwide subscription to Findmypast, featuring predominately records from Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, the USA, and Canada.

There are a variety of ways to search the records, but which way will achieve the best results?

Join our presenter, [Rosemary Kopittke](#) to learn how to make the records work for you.

When: 12 February 2021

Cost: \$15 QFHS and GSQ members and \$25 all others

Where: In your own home - **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)



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 8 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 and members' area of the website for the term of the course.

Please note: This is an evening course 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm AEST (GMT+10)

The course accommodates 8 participants only.

Ticket sales close on Monday, 8 February 2021.

When: Commences 15 February 2021

Cost: \$60 QFHS and GSQ members and \$90 all others

Where: In your own home - **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)

The 1939 Register: why is it invaluable?

Presenter/s: Dr Penny Walters



The UK 1939 Register was used to produce 40 million Identity Cards during World War II, when rationing was introduced.

The Register provides a huge bridge between the last published census (1911) and 1939. People were more honest in their information-giving, providing exact date of birth and relationships, as they wanted their rations.

From 1948 the Register was used as the National Health Service Register, and was updated until 1991, giving women's new surnames when they got married, hand written above their name.

The online UK 1939 Register is a relatively unknown tool for genealogists from outside the UK.

When: 9 March 2021 from 7.00pm to 8.30pm

Cost: \$15 QFHS and GSQ members and \$25 all others

Where: In your own home - **online via ZOOM**

[Register online now](#)

Members' Noticeboard

Library & Resource Centre Opening Hours

The Library and Resource Centre is now open for research on Monday night, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday afternoon albeit with reduced hours. All social distancing and sanitising requirements apply. Check the QFHS Website for opening hours and see the details of how you can register your visit [here](#).

Don't forget that the Centre will be **closed** for the Festive Season from **4.00 pm Saturday 19 December** with the planned re-opening date of **January 11 2021**.

Web Wanderings

Subscription sites are still offered at-home through the QFHS website. If you have

any problem accessing them please email [Secretary](#).



Marking Remembrance Day, Findmypast has released a raft of new **military photos**. These include:

[Findmy.past Photo Collection](#)

[World War Two Canadian Photograph Collection](#)

[United States Veterans, Veterans Oral History Index](#)

Do you have family connections in **London or the Carribean**? These new records might fill in some gaps:

[Greater London Burial Index 1583-1665](#) - Spanning 1583-1665, the latest additions to this useful collection come from St Olave's, Southwark. Many of those listed would have died during the Great Plague of London.

[Bahamas Life events](#) - over 470,000 new birth, marriage & death records from The Bahamas.



Anglican Parish records - Wales

All [Anglican Parish Registers](#) for Wales can now be searched on TheGenealogist, in association with Welsh Archives. This huge release contains 8 million Parish Records, listing over 14.5 million individuals, with images of the original registers.



New Welsh Records

MyHeritage has also released Welsh Parish Records including:

Wales, Parish Births & Baptisms

Wales, Parish Marriages & Banns

Wales, Parish Deaths & Burials

Plus some interesting new collections:

[Canada, Newspapers.com Obits Index 1800s - current](#)

[U.S. Mining Accidents, 1839-2006](#)

"Miss Rye Immigrants"

**Webinar 25 November
2020
10.30 - 11.30**



What makes these ladies special is that they wrote letters discussing their experiences: thoughts about immigration and views on aspects of Australian life. The government provided free and assisted immigration to women who often neither had the opportunity nor basic education to do so. The Miss Rye immigrants did not qualify for free immigration and took out loans to immigrate and shared their thoughts when repaying their loans.

Read the SLQ blog [here](#) for more detail and for instructions on how to register for the Webinar.

New Parramatta Female Factory website and facebook page.

Anyone who has female convicts or female factory ancestors you might find this new website and facebook page useful. This is just the beginning... so many stories relating to our amazing Australian history connect to the Parramatta Female Factory.

You can check out the new website [here](#).

Online Journals

Log in required to access these journals. Click [here](#)

- Argyle Bulletin No 86 2020 10 (PDF)
- Cockney Ancestor 168 Autumn 2020 (PDF)
- Hampshire GenSoc Vol 47 Issue 2 2020 09 (PDF)
- Ormskirk District FHS Family Historian 83 2020 10 (PDF)
- Ances Tree Vol 33 2 2020 11 (PDF)
- Bega Valley Genealogist Vol 35 3 2020 10 (PDF)
- Footprints Vol 43 2 2020 11 (PDF)
- Lithgow District FHS Vol 35 2 2020 10 (PDF)
- Patrick Plains Gazette Vol 37 2 2020 08 (PDF)
- Progenitor Vol 39 3 2020 09 (PDF)
- Relatively Speaking Vol 39 3 2020 11 (PDF)
- RHSQ Bulletin 857 2020 11 (PDF)
- Roots In The Forest 2020 03 (PDF)
- Roots In The Forest 2020 09 (PDF)
- Suffolk Roots 45 3 2020 12 (PDF)
- Suffolk Roots 46 1 2020 06 (PDF)

General items of interest



**TROVE Partner eNews now
Treasures eNews.**

Trove Partners eNews email list is no longer active. In its stead Treasures eNews has been introduced for all friends of Trove – Partners, researchers, and friends old and new.

If you'd like to stay updated with Trove news – items coming soon, new articles and blogs, plus tips and tricks you can subscribe up to the monthly Treasures eNews [here](#).

Deaths in Western Australia - A Genealogy Guide

Published by Swan Genealogy this new publication contains death and burial resources and records within towns and regions of Western Australia, held within Archives, Libraries, Genealogical Societies and on the Internet. See more information [here](#).

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Make sure you check the Calendar (above) to ensure you don't miss your next SIG meeting. Meetings are being conducted online and registration is required. If you are still unsure about ZOOM and using it please do contact your [Convener](#) for assistance.

English West Country Group

Please note that the meeting time for the **November 26** ZOOM meeting has been re-scheduled. New meeting time is now **10.00am - 12.00pm**.

Book Review

Book review update from Elaine Eager

William & Leonora Monk: a family history

Now available at Brisbane libraries

Snippets No. 14. included my review of Gerard Benjamin's family history centred on his great-great grandparents William and Leonora Monk, a couple from London who arrived in Ipswich in 1857. The book is now available in four Brisbane City Council libraries.

[Gerard Benjamin, www.ggbooks.wordpress.com

ISBN: 978-0-6480665-2-1]

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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.

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