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Greetings for 2023 and welcome to the first edition of QFHS Snippets e-news for the year.

It's shaping up to be an exciting new period in the QFHS world, starting with the opening of our new Family History Research Centre at **46 Delaware Street, Chermide**.

The Research Centre will be open for business from **Tuesday 17 January**. Read all about it below and make sure to watch the QFHS website or social media for the latest information. A special launch event will be held later in the year.

Congratulations and thanks must go to our leaders and wonderful volunteers who have put in a tremendous effort to design and fitout the new centre, as well as the mammoth task of clearing and closing our old premises. It has been a big and complex endeavour and we're sure that members and visitors alike will be very impressed with the results.

Congratulations also flow to **Dr Kerry Raymond** who was announced winner of the **2022 Services to Family History Award** at our volunteers morning tea in November.

With the establishment of our new Centre we are taking the opportunity to re-fresh some of

our events and resources in 2023. We are fortunate to have access to a great range of knowledgeable speakers and we'll be making the most of this by introducing a new category of event entitled **Presenting....** Our first guest speaker will be Dr Hilda Maclean on **Wednesday 15 February from 7.30-8.45pm**. Hilda will share her knowledge and experience in the field of Norwegian family history offering guidance on further avenues of research. This event will be held online so make sure you register your Zoom attendance in Eventbrite.

Our popular *Talking About...* series will continue this year, kicking off with an online discussion **Talking About...Writing your family history**. Join your host Nancy Edwards and other members on **Wednesday 25 January 10am -12 noon** to explore the various options that might work for you. All members are welcome to participate.

Finally it's not too late to enrol in our summer offering of **Finding your family - A beginner's course in research**. The program runs for six weeks commencing **Monday 13 February**. Past participants have found this introductory course most helpful with preparing, planning and undertaking their own research. With 2-3 hours online participation each week it's easy to manage and you'll learn from some of our most experienced researchers. Registration and ticket sales close on **Monday 6 February**. Go to the website [here](#) to read more and book your spot.

Wishing you some great research outcomes as the year progresses. Do come into the new Family History Research Centre if you can. Our Library Assistants are ready and eager to say hello and show you around.

Regards,

Pat Smith
Editor

What's news?

QFHS Family History Research Centre Now Open





Beginning a New Era at QFHS

QFHS Family History Research Centre at 46 Delaware Street, Chermside will open from 17 January 2023. We welcome visitors! If you can, call in and inspect our new premises.

You will find a modern, comfortable, air-conditioned space with a pleasant outdoor garden. For those eager to get back to reading and research, the new shelving makes it easy to access our books and journals in our print library and computers, maps, microform are easily accessible. Our precious documents will be stored safely in a new compactus and there are plenty of comfortable chairs to relax in and tables to work on solo or with a group. Generous off-street parking is also available.

Research Centre Opening Hours

**Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday
10am - 3pm**

Details of the new facility and services can be found on our [website](#) and check the online [Calendar](#) for up to date information on events and holiday closures.

Research Centre Access for non-members

Non-members may use our library. We charge a fee of \$8.50 per hour or \$17 per day to allow access to all our collections. Should you wish to join the Society within two weeks of your visit, this fee will be deducted from your first year's subscription.

President's Update

Welcome to 2023 and a new stage of development for QFHS. My thoughts about our future remain as expressed at the Volunteers Morning Tea last the year: the future looks bright for the Society. We have 900+ members, interested and dedicated volunteers, investment in a new premises to project us well into the 21st century, a commitment to upgrading our IT infrastructure and a forward-looking Management Committee.

Our new **Family History Research Centre** is now open thanks to the efforts of a devoted team of volunteers and a hard-working, committed Management Committee team. I thank them all for their contributions. I'm sure many of you will be equally grateful for their work once you have seen our beautiful new premises.

The Research Centre itself cannot open for members and visitors without the happy volunteers that are our **Library Assistants**. The LAs are the Society's ambassadors – it is they who make members and visitors welcome, conduct tours of the new premises, and assist us all to locate resources. The Research Centre needs 32 Library Assistants to keep our doors open for in-person visits each month so if you can volunteer for five hours once a month and would like to join our LA team, please contact LA Roster Coordinator, Dette, detteglenday@bigpond.com. Gratitude and training provided.

While our new facility is wonderfully airy with high ceilings and good ventilation, we are concerned to provide members with objective information and reassurance that ventilation is, in fact, good. We have purchased an air quality monitor and devised a program for recording CO2/carbon dioxide saturation in the various areas – particularly those more enclosed – throughout the day. Of course, the presence of CO2 does not indicate the presence of coronavirus. It does, however, indicate if an area is poorly ventilated and not an optimal environment to occupy. Well ventilated rooms (rooms without high concentration of CO2) are recommended to prevent the spread of coronavirus. Library Assistants have received instruction on the deployment of the air quality monitor and will take designated actions should the need arise. Our updated COVID Policy can be accessed via the Quick Links on the QFHS website [here](#).

New premises, new and revamped programs

Not only do we have exciting new premises, we are also working to increase our hybrid and in-person events.

We will introduce a coordinated program of activities that draw together programs we

already offer and supplement these with new ideas. This collection of activities will be known as **The Members Lounge** and it will be free and exclusively for members and add extra value to your existing membership. The Members Lounge will also provide both a relaxed companion to the 'work' of our research and increased interaction between members – something we have significantly lost in recent years.

We hope to present the complete Members Lounge to you all next month but, in the meantime, the most immediate change is the separation of the program of Guest Speakers from the monthly Members Meetings. We felt the previous combination – particularly as hybrid events – was problematic and served none of our objectives well, so this year

- **Members Meetings** will be held on the **first Monday of the month** and the
- **Guest Speaker program** will continue on the **third Wednesday of the month**.

They will both generally alternate between 1pm and 7.30pm on their respective dates, and each will now run for 60-75 minutes. They will be separate, shorter, and more focussed – factors to the advantage of both programs.

The 2023 *Presenting...* monthly guest speaker program kicks off with **Norwegian family history - further avenues of research** in February, followed by **Innovation and Invention: patents, trademarks and designs** in March and **General Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD, Gallipoli to Amiens** in April. Do check the website for further details and remember bookings are essential whether attending online via Zoom or in person at the Research Centre in Chermside.

The first monthly **Members Meeting** for the year will be held on Monday 5 February at 1pm. The major topic of discussion and consultation will be **Membership Satisfaction – what is it and are we providing it?** This will be a hybrid event and bookings are essential.

In addition to other new hybrid programs still in development, the Members Lounge will also include a **Book Club** and a **monthly social event** – a film, a coffee catchup, an excursion, a walking group. These are all suggestions from members and will be organised by them. I'm excited by the Members Lounge and hope you will be, too.

Your contributions to the future of QFHS

What can you do to help our Society? We're eager to introduce the re-furbished QFHS along with our resources, activities and services to new members. Do you know someone with an interest in Family History research? Or someone who's just curious and keen to learn something new? You can help QFHS by spreading the word about our new Research Centre and location. Visitors are welcome to drop in and say hello. For those further afield why not point them to our website or to the series of introductory YouTube videos that can be accessed from the website.

Open Day is a major event in the QFHS calendar and, after it was cancelled in August 2022, we determined that its replacement would occur early in the new year. **The 2023 Open Day will be held on Sunday 26 March 10am-3pm**. Please add this date to your

calendars now and extend invitations to those same interested family and friends you'll be telling about the new Family History Research Centre. As there is such competition to gain our attention and we are bombarded with unsolicited texts and emails, it's reported that what people most trust and value now is good old-fashioned personal recommendations. So please never underestimate the value to the Society of your words and enthusiasm. We greatly appreciate your help in reaching out and showing what we have to offer as a community organisation.

2023 will be another busy and productive year for the Society. I encourage our members to contribute to our community where you can and to provide feedback and ideas on what's working, what needs to change and how we can best meet your needs.

Please join us in planning for the future and maintaining QFHS as a wonderful community asset.

Best wishes to all

Allana O'Kane
President



QFHS Services to Family History Award 2022



Congratulations to **Dr Kerry Raymond**, worthy recipient of QFHS Services to Family

History Award 2022. The award recognises Kerry's outstanding and ongoing contributions to QFHS and to the field of Family History research in Australia and internationally.

Introducing *Presenting...*our monthly Guest Speaker program: free presentations on an interesting range of topics



Don't miss the first event for the year!

Presenting...Norwegian family history - further avenues of research

Speaker: Dr Hilda Maclean

Wednesday 15 February 7.30pm

This presentation is online only.

Bookings are essential.

What's on?

Your calendar for the coming weeks



Events

Members Meetings - now held on the first Monday of the month

Monday 6 February 1pm - hybrid event **Consultation topic: Member Satisfaction**

Monday 6 March 1pm - hybrid event

Monday 3 April 1pm - hybrid event

Bookings essential.

Please check website for agenda, reports and consultation topic of the month.

Seminars, Workshops, Courses and Conversations

25 January 10am (Online) [Talking about ...Writing your family history](#)

10 February 10am (Online) [Newspapers - Advanced Searching](#)

13 February (weekly for 6 weeks, an online course) [Finding your family...a beginners](#)

[course in research](#)

15 February 7.30pm (Online) [Presenting...Norwegian Family History - other avenues for research](#)

22 February 10am (Online) [Talking about ...Riding the Railways](#)

15 March 1pm (hybrid) [Presenting...Innovation and Invention: patents, trademarks and design](#)

Bookings essential. Please check [website](#) for more information.

Other important dates

Saturday 11 February **New Members Welcome and Orientation (online)**

Sunday 26 March **QFHS Open Day 10am-3pm**

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Upcoming SIG Meetings 2023

The Master Genealogist 19 Jan - 7pm
Family History Writing 21 Jan - 9am
Central European 28 Jan - 10am
Family Tree Maker Users 3 Feb - 10am
DNA (Beginners) 4 Feb - 1.30pm
Family Historian Users 5 Feb - 1pm
Colonial India/Far East 12 Feb 10.30am
The Master Genealogist 16 Feb - 7pm
Irish 19 Feb - 10.30am

Family Tree Maker 4 Mar - 10am
DNA (experienced) 4 Mar - 1.30pm
Family Historian Users 5 Mar - 1pm
Irish (Research Day) 9 Mar - 10am
Scottish 11 Mar - 10am
Qld Pre-separation 11 Mar - 1.30pm
Master Genealogist 16 Mar - 7pm
Family History Writing 18 Mar - 9am

Welsh 19 Mar - 10am
English West Country 23 Mar - 12pm

Please check the QFHS website or contact the group convenor to confirm your meeting location Meetings may alternate between online or in person at our **Family History Research Centre - 46 Delaware Street, Chermiside.**

Learn more about QFHS SIGs

Would you like to learn more about a particular interest group or perhaps join them for a meeting? Click [here](#) and select an interest group. You can contact the SIG Convenor if you have any questions or would like to join a meeting.

This year Snippets will feature different Interest Groups each month ... bringing you more information on what they do and what might interest you.

Central European Interest Group



The Central European Group meets on the fourth Saturday in January, March, May, July, September, and November between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon.

These informal meetings provide an opportunity for sharing problems and successes. Often members find others researching a family of interest. They also provide help in locating towns and villages.

Meetings feature a short talk or workshop relevant to Central European research: use of the library, finding towns, reading old German records, or locating the correct parish.

Some interesting speakers and topics for the coming months include:

- **Saturday 28 January at 10 a.m.** via Zoom. **Eric Kopittke** will present "A brief overview of 1000 years of Polish history".
- **Saturday 25 March at 10 a.m. via Zoom.** Peter Row will present a talk about

Pommern (Pomerania).

All members (or prospective members) interested in Central Europe are welcome. Contact Eric Koppitke at centraleuropean@qfhs.org.au to find out more or to arrange a link to a particular meeting.

DNA Special Interest Group



Our DNA Special Interest Group seeks to share information on aspects of genetic family history.

This includes use of DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid) information in searching for family, whether as surname or all-male lines, all female lines, or close cousins. DNA can add weight to existing documentary evidence, suggest new lines of research, and help resolve questions such as whether you could be related to a particular family.

Some group members are interested in medical aspects, either for historical reasons or for their own well-being. Others members are interested in deep history, not just where their recorded ancestors lived, but also their probable ancient origins.

If you would like to find out more about the group or join a meeting contact one of our **Convenors Chris Schuetz on 0413 594 243 or Ann Swain on 07 3352 5537.**

Meetings are held on the first Saturday of every month, except January, between 1.30 pm and 3.30 pm. The first meeting for the year on **Saturday 4 February** is specifically designed for beginners so call Chris or Ann if you would like to join the session.

Members Noticeboard



New Members Welcome and Orientation

Saturday 11 February
9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Are you a new member?

We invite you to attend a New Members Welcome and Orientation session when you join the Society or at any time you would like a refresher. This is a great opportunity to get to know our facilities, resources and the services we can offer you. Find out more [here](#)

The next session will be held on **Saturday 11 February (AEST)**. This is an **online** meeting.

For bookings or queries please email welcome@qfhs.org.au.

QFHS Gift Memberships

With the opening of our new Family History Research Centre we're eager to attract new members.



You can help introduce someone to our Society by giving the gift of a year's membership. It's a unique way to share the joy of family history.

You can arrange your gift via the QFHS website [here](#).



Don't forget to renew your membership

Is your current membership with our Society due for renewal ?

If so, you should have received a recent email reminder. You can contact our Membership Secretary email membership@qfhs.org.au if you're not sure, and also don't forget to let us know if you change your email address so that we can update our Database.

Renewal fees remain the same price this year - Single Membership \$70.00, Family or Associate Membership \$105.00 and Journal Only Subscription \$35.00.

For instructions on how to renew see the QFHS website [here](#)



Over the coming weeks you can easily find out what's happening with QFHS by subscribing to our Facebook page.

We'll be posting regular news and photos as our Family History Research Centre takes shape.

Click [here](#) to join us.

Events

Taking about

Learn@QFHS



Talking about ... Writing Your Family History

Join fellow members for an informal chat

Wednesday 25 January

Commencing 10am (AEST)

Online

Click [here](#) for more information



Newspapers - Advanced Searching

with Sue Reid

Friday 10 February

10-11.30am (AEST)

Where: Online event

Limit: 25

Click [here](#) for more information



Talking about ... Riding the Railways

Join fellow members for an
informal chat

Wednesday 22 February

Commencing 10am (AEST)

Online

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register here](#)



Finding Your Family

A Beginner's Course in Research

Summer Program

Commences Monday 13 February

Weekly for six weeks

Where: Online event

Limit: 10

Click [here](#) for more information

Registration closing

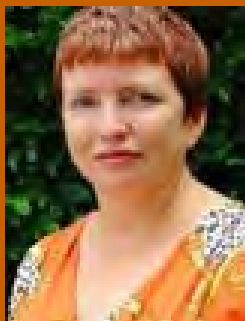
Monday 6 February

[Register here](#)

Presenting

Norwegian Family History

Further Avenues of Research



with Dr Hilda Maclean

Introduction to Media Conversion

By special arrangement with BCC

Chermside Library

Wednesday 15 February
Commencing 7.30pm (AEST)

Please note: Online ONLY

Free event

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register Here](#)

Friday 17 February

10 -11am (AEST)

Where: Brisbane City Council

Library - Chermside

375 Hamilton Road

Chermside 4032

Free Event

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register here](#)

Good Reads

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORIAN

Journal of the Queensland Family History Society Inc.

Journal Article of the Year: Members Choice Award

At our last Members Meeting for the year we were excited to announce the winner of the Journal Article of the Year was none other than our Editor Lyndal Cosgrove for her article entitled **Bill the Bastard** which appeared in the November issue of our journal [here](#). This was an update to an earlier fulsome article on Bill the Bastard and can be read [here](#).

Roland Perry authored a book of the same name in 2012 and Lyndal highly recommends it as a great read. For more information visit <https://billthebastard.org>. Thanks for all your

contributions Lyndal!



Congratulations!

What's Online



Did you know that you can search the [Queensland Family Historian Names Index 1979-2022](#). This Index is updated after every new edition and our journal is available online.

The [QFHS Books Name Accumulation Index](#) has passed 304,351 names.

This index contains names of early Queensland families across a variety of areas. Just a few of titles recently indexed from the Print Library shelves are as follows:

- *Brisbane then & now*
- *Dairies and daydreams : the Mudgeeraba story*
- *Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery : our backyard Vol 1*
- *Wild heart, bountiful land : an historical overview of the Mary River Valley*
- *Windsor wakens: residents and notables of the 1860s*

[Global Keyword Search](#)

Search all our datasets in one easy action.

Go ahead and try it. Enter your keyword. e.g. surname, given name, place name, occupation. If you are searching on more than one term, separate your keywords by a

space or an asterisk. Read About Global Keyword Searching at the top of the search box for more hints.

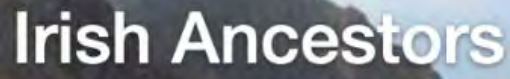
Remember ...you must be logged in as a QFHS member to access these resources.

International Databases

QFHS members can access The Genealogist, My Heritage, and Irish Ancestors from home.



Log in to the QFHS website and select online access. Click on The Genealogist and follow the instructions to access records.



John Grenham has generously provided access to Irish Ancestors. Select online resources when you log in to the website and click on Irish Ancestors to start searching.



Log in to the QFHS website and follow the instructions to log in to this site.



Introduction to QFHS Online

QFHS has produced a series of introductory videos for those interested in learning more about the society and family history research.

Click [here](#) to go to our Youtube channel where can view each of the five videos. You can also watch an informative video on our new Family History Research Centre.

Perhaps you know someone who has an interest in family history and would like to learn more about QFHS? Anyone can access these videos via the QFHS website. Simply click on the Youtube icon located on the bar at the bottom of the [homepage](#).



The Queensland State Archives have recently added **over 300 NEW and never seen** images to their popular [Schools of Queensland album](#) on Flickr.

[The album](#) now features **over 1,000** snapshots of Queensland's educational past, and images of schools across the region! Can you spot your school?

Latest Online Journals

- Cooroy Missing Link 51 2022
 - Geelong Pivot Tree 154 2022
 - Geelong Pivot Tree 155 2022
 - Huguenot Times 40 2022
 - Redland Researcher 145 2022
 - Wyong Tree Of Life Vol 39 4 2022
 - Argyle Bulletin No 94 2022
 - East London CA176 Autumn 2022
 - Ormskirk Family Historian 89 2022
 - Peninsula Past Times 168 Nov 2022
 - Shemot Vol 30 3 2022
 - FHC The Genealogist Vol 17 03 2022
 - JGSGB 99 2022
 - Pigeon House Tidings No 55 2022
 - Buckinghamshire Origins Vol 46 3 2022
 - Bedfordshire Vol 23 8 2022
 - Branching Out 2022
 - Bulletin 26 Dec 2022
 - Cedar Log 154 2022
 - Coontin Kin No 124 2022
 - Figtree 164 2022
 - Greenwood Tree 47 4 Dec 2022
 - Lanarkshire Journal No 79 2022
 - Lancashire Vol 44 4 2022
 - LWM Metropolitan 176 2022
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- NZ Family Tree 2022
 - RHSQ Bulletin 880 2022
 - Northumberland Durham FHS Vol 47 4 2022

- Redcliffe FHG Newsletter 2022 Botany Bay Endeavour 153 2022
- Caloundra Clipper 119 2002
- Cumbria Newsletter 185 Dec 2022
- Derbyshire 183 2022
- Fife Roots 9 2022
- Founders 53 6 2022
- Hampshire Vol 49 Issue 3 2022
- Orange Newsletter 2022
- Oxfordshire Vol 36
- Saskatchewan Bulletin Vol 53 3 2022
- Suffolk Roots 48 3 2022
- Sussex Vol 25 4 2022
- Cornwall Issue 186 2022
- Cronici Powys 117 2022
- Dorset Vol 36 1 2022
- E Muster 34 2022
- Kent 17 01 2022
- Kin Tracer Vol 30 2 2022
- Manchester Genealogist Issue 58 4 2022



Reminder: You must be logged on to the QFHS website to access the journals. On the homepage click the Resources tab and then select Electronic Journals under the heading Subscription Journals.

General Items of Interest

The Guild of One Name Studies

The Guild of One-Name Studies is the worldwide centre of excellence in one-name studies and promotes the interests of both the individuals and groups who are engaged in them.

Established in 1979 and registered as a charity in 1989, the Guild provides its members with the means to share, exchange and publish information about one-name studies as well as encouraging and assisting all those interested in one-name studies by means of conference, seminars, projects and other activities.

You can find out more including their resources, activities and how to apply for membership on their Website [here](#).

Wikipedia has published information on the Guild [here](#).

Thanks to member Rhonwen Searle for sharing information on this interesting resource.



Can you help?

Call Out To Past Members

CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH GROUP

To mark their 30th anniversary The Caloundra Family History Research group is embarking on a project to record the group's history. Their aim is to finish and present this important record at the anniversary celebration in May

The group is inviting former members, or those who know of a former member, to please make contact so that they can record your reminiscences. They are happy to conduct interviews or will accept written accounts of your memories.

If you can assist please contact:

Email: hello@caloundrafamilyhistory.org.au

Mail: P.O. Box 968, Caloundra QLD 4551

Phone our Secretary: 0437-235-842 or Publicity Officer: 0408-254-765



Woodford and District All Small Schools

20th May 2023 10am to 4pm at Woodford Community Hall



*Roll call for past students, teachers and families
from the Schools*

Neurum	Villeneuve	West Vale
Durundur	Kalangara	Stoney Creek
Bellthorpe	Bellthorpe West	Stanmore
Mt Delaney		Woodford
Commissioner's Flat	Crohurst	Dahmoghah
Peachester	Bracalba	Mt Mee
Banana Settlement	Delaney's Creek	St Mary's

The Woodford Historical Society is holding a reunion for all the schools that are or have been in our area.

But we will need your HELP

- HOW YOU CAN HELP
- Start spreading the word so we can contact as many past students, teachers and their descendants as possible and keep as many people as possible up to date on progress.
 - Follow our Facebook page 'Woodford Historical Society and Museum' for updates
 - If you have photos or memorabilia to share, we would like to start scanning photos asap and cataloging what we will have to display.
 - We would welcome anyone who would like to help out in any way.

All enquiries & bookings phone Donna on 0429899115 or email woodfordhistoricalsociety@hotmail.com

Online bookings can be made at www.trybooking.com/BWGL

A joint collaboration by Woodford Historical Society, Kilcoy District Historical Society, Peachester Historical Society, Mt Mee Historical Society, Bellthorpe Progress Association, Delaney's Creek School and Woodford State School

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

Editor

*The Family History Research Centre is located on
the traditional lands of the Turrbal & Jagera peoples.*



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