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The luck of the Irish to you and your family this March. In this month's issue you'll find details of some **special Irish events and resources** that could be helpful in the search for your Irish ancestors.

To cap off our 'All Things Irish' month, why not register to attend a special meeting of our Irish Interest Group on **April 1 from 10.30am - 12.30pm**. This is the first 2023 meeting of the group to be held in Hybrid form (that means you can attend in person at the new Family History Research Centre or online via Zoom). The meeting is free and open to all and will feature special guest speaker James McMaster who'll join us to highlight his interesting journey in tracking his Irish family. Read more and register on Eventbrite here for a great morning of discovery.

Our new Family History Research Centre at **46 Delaware Street, Chermside** is now a hive of activity as members check out the new facilities and launch back into inperson research, meetings and events. There's been plenty of testing and training going on as well to ensure that your visit will be easy and comfortable. If you're unsure of the location of any resources in the new Centre just ask one of our Library Assistants (LAs) and they'll be able to advise and guide you.

This month we are also launching our **Members Lounge**, which will feature a range of extra activities where you can join like-minded members for some special social experiences. We have listed three upcoming events below. Take the plunge. Join in and let us know about your experience. We're eager to develop get-togethers that are appealing and satisfying. Watch the website for more activities as they emerge.

Of course our regular seminars and workshops will continue throughout the year. Coming up:

Talking AboutRoyal Connections with host Nancy Edwards on Wednesday22 March 10am-12 noon.

Learn@*QFHS* <u>Using Signatures to Identify Families</u> on **Friday 14 April 10am (Online).** Join senior QFHS researcher Eric Kopittke as he presents **A case study showing how signatures were located and used to identify people.** This is a ticketed event with limited numbers. You can book your place <u>here</u>.

And something special for our military historians. *Presenting... General Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD, Gallipoli to Amiens.* Join experienced QFHS researcher Major (Rtd) Richard Cosgrove RFD on Wednesday 19 April from 7.30pm to learn more about the career of this historic Australian leader. This will be a hybrid event with participants able to attend online or in person at the Family History Research Centre. Registration is required - please register <u>here.</u>

It's going to be a busy few months ahead with events marking the 80th Anniversary of the Thai-Burma Railway and Anzac Day coming up. We'll try to bring you the latest news in Snippets but watch the website and follow us on QFHS Social Media to receive quick notice of emerging news and events.

Regards,

Pat Smith Editor

What's news?

QFHS Members Lounge Launching this month

Progress is being made on developing **The Members Lounge** - a co-ordinated program of activities that will draw together some programs we already offer and supplement them with new ideas. See Members Noticeboard below for information on our first events for the

year.





QFHS Family History Research Centre

Opening Hours

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

Details of the new facility and services can be found on our <u>website</u> and check the online <u>Calendar</u> for up to date information on events and holiday closures.

Research Centre access for non-members

Non-members may use our Research Centre. 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

Dear members

Launching QFHS Members Lounge

This week we'll be launching a new program of events we've called the Members Lounge. It is an exciting collection of new events coupled with some steady favourites and topped off with a social event every month.

Thank you to those members who've contributed to the development of the Members Lounge and to those who will help deliver the various programs for the benefit of all members. The vast majority of the events in the Members Lounge will be without cost, adding extra value to your existing membership of QFHS. Just as a little preview, we are releasing details of two events for what's left of March (and, by the way, can you believe that we're already nearly a quarter of the way through the year?)

On Sunday 26th, we're off to the movies to see Bill Nighy in *Living*. Vice President, Alex Daw, a stalwart in getting the Members Lounge to fruition, thought it a good title for family historians who spend so much time with the no-longer-living :)

Such 'socials' are just one component of the Members Lounge and we'd love you to join us. Secure your ticket by using <u>this link</u>.

Then on Tuesday 28th, our Book Club starts with a special guest – Wendy Percival, fiction writer of genealogy mysteries, joins us live from the UK to talk about how she blends family history research techniques with plot and character development. We've all got stories to tell, the skill worth learning is how to write engagingly so why not hear what Wendy's got to say and enjoy the resulting book chat with genea-friends? <u>Here's the magic link</u>.

Blow the cobwebs away and take a walk in the park. Literally. We have 73 acres of parkland at our doorstep, level paved footpaths and Nancy Edwards to lead the way. Meet at the Research Centre front door at 3pm Tuesday, 21st March with walking shoes, hat, and water bottle. Company provided :)

There's still time to register for this month's Talking about... on Wednesday 22nd - this time we'll be talking about Royal Connections. Have you been able to find evidence for the family story of a connection to royalty? It's in conversations like these that we discover the family around us - we are each other's tribe and sometimes we even discover the connections are genetic, as well!

Management Committee initiatives

Not daunted by the mountain of work that was undertaken to achieve our relocation from Gaythorne to Chermside (so much work involved in just those five last words so while we're not daunted, I'll admit we are a little tired), your Management Committee is starting to plan the strategic priorities we've recently identified as crucial for the Society's progress into the 21st century. Which, incidentally, is also nearly a quarter the way past...

Members can expect to see steady incremental gains being made across a number of areas and I invite you all to think seriously about how you can play a role in the dynamic organisation that will be bolstered by advances within these strategic priorities.

- An upgrade to IT infrastructure with an immediate emphasis on a membership management system and a new website.
- Ensuring all the elements of the Society that provide value to our members are clearly identified, articulated and delivered.
- Our budgetary processes are well governed and income streams are sufficiently broad and sustainable.
- Our membership is interested and engaged. The depth and breadth of our volunteer labour force is one indicator of this, as is the participation rate in our programs and

services.

• The reputation of QFHS is consolidated in the family history community.

Opportunities will be created for volunteer contributions small and large, and we'd be delighted to have your company on our path to continuous improvement. The manner in which we efficiently and effectively report to members has also been the subject of recent deliberations and an announcement on this is imminent.

Saving the Most Important until Last

Finally, Management Committee extends a sincere and heartfelt **Thank You** to all our wonderful volunteers. The many who assisted with the relocation and the preparation of our lovely new premises. The builders and the finishers. The lifters and the carriers. The painters and the cleaners. The crew getting the raised garden beds shipshape. The Print Library team, the Technical Advisory Group, and the SIG Convenors who've all started the year well for so many members who rely on their initiative, their ideas, their enthusiasm and their support. The Library Assistants, without whom we could not open the Research Centre to members and visitors, and who've been welcoming and helpful and have steadfastly hung in there without the comfort of air conditioning. The Research team responding to questions from members and the public, those updating the Asset Register, getting the big screens operational, the Finance team who've paid the bills...and every single one of you who've organised a speaker, laundered the tea-towels, laboured over the duty roster, the online calendar and the website, who've been Parnie, and done a job for the Society and member colleagues.

Honestly - take a bow. You're all champions.

Best wishes to all

Allana O'Kane President



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

Don't miss the next session of *Presenting...*

General Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD, Gallipoli to Amiens

Speaker: Major (Rtd) Richard Cosgrove RFD



Wednesday 19 April 7.30pm pm (AEST)

Note: This presentation will be in hybrid format Attend on-line or in person at the Family History Research Centre. Bookings are essential. Register <u>here</u>.

What's on?

Your calendar for the coming weeks



Events

Seminars, Workshops, Courses and Conversations

22 March 10am (Online) Talking about...Royal Connections

14 April 10am (Online) Using Signatures to Identify Families

19 April 7.30pm (hybrid) <u>Presenting</u>...General Sir John Monash GCMG KCB VD, Gallipoli to Amiens

26 April 10am (Online) Talking about...Town Halls and Schools of Arts

12 May 10am (Online) Finding the Family Farm

Bookings essential. Please check <u>website</u> for more information.

Other important dates

New Members Orientation Sat 15 April 9.30-12.30 (Online)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Upcoming SIG Meetings 2023

| English West Country | 23 Mar - 12pm |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | |
| Central European | 25 March - 10am |
| Irish | 1 April - 10.30am |
| With special guest James McMas | ter |
| see further details of this special | event below |
| DNA (Beginners Questions) | 1 April - 1.30pm |
| Family Historian Software Users | 2 April - 1pm |
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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, Chermside**.

20 April - 7pm



The Master Genealogist Users

Special Invitation

Irish Interest Group Meeting

Saturday 1 April 10.30am (AEST) Hybrid (In person at the QFHS Research Centre and online)

Free event

The Irish Interest Group meeting to be held on the 1st of April will be our first hybrid meeting in the new QFHS Research Centre, combining in person as well as online attendance.

We are excited to announce that we will have as our speaker James McMaster visiting from England to talk about his family history research in Ireland and beyond.

It will be wonderful to see as many people as possible attend in person and online.

All are welcome to attend. You can read more about James and his research and book your registration <u>here.</u>

Learn more about QFHS SIGs

Would you like to learn more about a particular interest group or perhaps join them for a meeting? Click <u>here</u> 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.

Family Historian Software



User Group

The Family Historian Software User Group is the most recently established Special Interest Group at QFHS.

Not familiar with the Family History tool? We asked Group Convenor Malcolm Kingston to provide you with some more information about the software and its useful features.

Family Historian was initially developed, and is still owned, by Calico Pie of the UK, who continue with ongoing development and a responsive support team. There is a very active and friendly UK user group community with regular contributions to their online forum and knowledge base.

It has a very user-friendly, easy to navigate interface, which allows you to quickly and efficiently add data and images into your family tree so that it is uniform and consistent. As you get more confident, you realise the depth of its features and power that it offers to your family history project.

In Family Historian, not only can you add as many pictures as you like for each person, you can add a picture once and link it to each person in the picture. The best family photographs are usually the ones which have more than one family member in them. In Family Historian, you can link each person to their own face in each picture they're in – without having to crop your pictures.

The software supports Source-driven Data Entry, utilising source templates to facilitate easier and more accurate recording of source information. Family Historian's word processing features, which can be used with notes, source transcriptions ('text from source') and research notes include: fonts and text styles; tables; embedded source citations; record & weblink links; embedded hash tags; plus many more. The Find and Replace tool allows text to be found & replaced throughout a project – either in specified text fields, or all text fields.

Diagrams are tightly integrated and used for browsing, exploring and editing. You can click-and-drag on boxes to add relatives (parents, siblings & children) directly into your family history database.

Use the Map Window to map the locations of all the places and events in your projects. View family movements over time, using the Time Slider.

A powerful Query Engine allows you to extract whatever data you want from your family tree file. eg. what were the ages at death of X's ancestors in the 19th Century?*

To find out more, join us at our next user group meeting. We welcome current users or members who are interested in exploring the possibilities of using Family Historian as your family history application of choice.

Next meeting: Sunday 2 April 1.00pm - 3.00pm (AEST)

Please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au for further information or to receive a link to the online meeting. Check the website <u>here</u> to find out how to purchase or upgrade to Family Historian Version 7.

Note: Meetings are held online using Zoom.

Thanks Malcolm for giving us a clearer understanding of this useful software tool.

Members Noticeboard



Members Lounge

Interested in meeting fellow members and sharing common interests ?

We'll be providing many opportunities to do so with some informal learning and sharing events, and enjoyable social activities.

Here's what's in the pipeline for the rest of March.

Walking with QFHS

Clear those cobwebs and enjoy a walk with other QFHS members in the parklands surrounding our Centre. Please meet at the front door at 3pm Tuesday, 21st March. Don't forget walking shoes, hat, water bottle

QFHS Movie Time

Need a break from those ancestors? Join fellow members for a get together at Palace Cinemas Barracks Paddington to enjoy **Living** with Bill Nighy. Sunday 26 March 1pm - session time to be confirmed. Tickets \$13. Book and pay on <u>Eventbrite here</u>

QFHS Book Club

First get together **Tuesday 28th March 7.30 pm**. This time we're reading and discussing **Genealogy Mysteries** (fiction).

As historians and genealogists, reading is critical to our research but it's great to share other reading experiences and impressions as well. At our first Book Club event we've invited Wendy Percival, author of the Esme Quentin mysteries to join us. Wendy will join us live from the UK and talk about her personal writing process and how she goes about creating a world and keeps the mystery moving along. There will be a Q&A following her introduction. Later we'll discuss other mystery authors we have read and plan the next book club session together.

Use the link <u>here</u> to read more about our guest author.

FYI there are genealogical mysteries to borrow in our lending library e.g. Nathan Dylan Goodwin's very popular books and a few more authors of genealogical mysteries include Nathan Dylan Goodwin (we have a few of his titles in the Lending Library), Steve Robinson, Susan Finlay, John Nixon, Geraldine Wall, MK Jones. You can join in online or in person at the QFHS Family History Research Centre. No matter how you will join us, bookings are essential via <u>Eventbrite here</u>



New Members Welcome and Orientation

> Saturday 15 April 9.30am - 12.30pm Online

Get ready to make the most of your membership

We regularly invite new and existing members to take part in an orientation session. This is a great opportunity to get to know what resources and services you can access online or at our new Family History Research Centre.

In May we will be running our Members Orientation in person at the Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street, Chermside. It's bound to be popular with new and current members so get in early with your bookings. Session details: Friday 19 May 10am - 1pm (AEST).

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



Ask QFHS

Online help is at hand

Do you have a quick family history or genealogy question?

Our **Ask QFHS** service will connect you with one of our panel of experienced members to help.

For example, help with:

- Finding out how to use a particular website or resource
- Understanding an unfamiliar term or phrase in a record
- Recommendations for where to find record

Email: <u>askqfhs@qfhs.org.au</u> and find out how we can help.



Find out what's happening at QFHS and in the Family History world.

Subscribe to our Facebook page where we regularly post news of events, publications and useful resources to keep you informed and inspired.

Click here to join us.



Seeking Assistance

Bojan Pajic has contacted our society seeking assistance with locating relatives of Australians who served in Serbia in World War One.

Bojan is a member of GSV who has written books and articles on this subject. He and a group of veterans' relatives plan to participate in the Anzac Day ceremony on 25 April 2023 at the Belgrade War Cemetery, where there are 27 Australian servicemen buried.

Bojan writes:

"Can you help us find today's relatives of these 27 servicemen? We would like to inform any current relatives that we will be at the graveside of their buried relatives and ask whether they would like us to do anything on their behalf, such laying a sprig of rosemary or a poppy at the graves and taking photographs and videos."

QFHS recognises the great work that Bojan has taken on. We have reproduced the list of servicemen (below). Please check in case you have a connection. Bojan can be contacted via email bjpiris@gmail.com

QFHS plans to publish an article in our journal Queensland Family Historian later this

year which will detail Bojan's research and experiences. It will include a recount of the special Anzac Day remembrance events in Serbia and Bojan's further research endeavours in Europe. Watch out for it as it's sure to be a fascinating account.



Belgrade War Cemetery 2005

| Surname | buried in War Cemetery, Be | Unit | ServiceNumber | Family State |
|------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------|--------------|
| BLACK | ERIC LYNN | A.I.F HQ., 6th Division Supply Column | | NSW |
| BLACKFORD | WALTER FREDERICK | | 425589' | QLD |
| BROWN | STEWART EMERSON | A.I.F. 2/5 Bn. | 'VX5102' | VIC |
| CALDER | LEWIS WALTER | 148 (R.A.F.) Sgdn. | '427416' | WA |
| CARGILL | COLIN EDWARD | A.I.F. 1 A/Tk. Regt. | 'QX1679' | QLD |
| CUSTANCE | GEOFFREY JAMES | | '416938' | SA |
| GARDINER | DESMOND EDWARD JAMES | | '251432' | VIC |
| HOLMES | EDWARD JAMES | | '420946' | NSW |
| HOUGH | BERNARD AUSTIN | | '415424' | WA |
| IRWIN | WILLIAM | A.I.F. 2/4 Bn. | 'NX3953' | NSW |
| KIMBER | DONALD DAVID | | '425414' | QLD |
| LEE | EDWARD GEORGE | | '410502' | NSW |
| LOWE | GEORGE ROBERT COLQUHOURN | | '419502' | NSW |
| LYON | ANDREW WALLACE | | '427522' | WA |
| MANN | PERCY GARFIELD | | '412601' | ENGL |
| MASON | HENRY OSCAR | | '432241' | VIC |
| McGUGAN | IAN | | '414720' | QLD |
| MORANTE | ERIC | A.I.F. 2/4 Bn. | 'NX9922' | NSW |
| MOSS | FRANK WILLIS | | '421040' | NSW |
| O'SULLIVAN | KENNETH GEORGE | A.I.F. 2/4 Bn. | 'NX15509' | NSW |
| PARKER | GEOFFREY GOODHAND | | '427933' | WA |
| REID | WILLIAM HOWARD | A.I.F. 2/5 Bn. | 'VX9752' | ? |
| SIMMONS | LESLIE | A.I.F. 1 A/Tk. Regt. | 'QX.1217' | QLD |
| STEELE | CHARLES GIBSON | | '424114' | NSW |
| STEWART | DEREK GEORGE | | '418578' | VIC |
| WAITE | REGINALD | A.I.F. 2/2 Field Pk. Coy. | 'WX.5861' | ENGL |
| WALKER | GORDON MURRAY | | '418610' | VIC |



Events

Taking about

Learn@QFHS



Talking about ... Royal Connections

Join the discussion from home

Wednesday 23 March

Commencing 10am (AEST)

Online

Click here for more information



Using Signatures to identify Families

Presenter: Eric Kopittke

Friday 14 April

10 -11.30 am (AEST)

Online

Tickets \$15 - \$25

Click here for more information

Register here



Talking about ... Town Halls and Schools of Art

Wednesday 26 April Commencing 10am (AEST)

Online



Click here for more information

Presenting...

General Sir John Monash

GCMG KCB VD

Gallipoli to Amiens



Presenter: Richard Cosgrove

Wednesday 19 April

Commencing 7.30pm (AEST)

Hybrid: online and in person

Free event

Click here for more information

Register Here

Finding the Family Farm

Using land records and maps for Queensland pastoral properties

Presenter: Charlotte Sale

Friday 12 May

10 -11.30 am (AEST)

Online

Tickets \$15 - \$25

Click here for more information

Register here

Do you have a suggestion for a training course topic ? Please contact the Education team at education@qfhs.org.au

What's Online

Military Records



Searching for records of family who served in the Australia Military ? Take a look at our searchable datasets.

QFHS Battalions Name Index Queensland Defence Force General Orders 1885-1902 Roll of Honour Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in the Australian Armed Forces The Army Index 1787

Login on the QFHS Website and click the Online resources tab. Select "Searchable Datasets". You will see a full list of all the datasets that you can search.

Note: the QFHS Battalions Name Index is open to all. You must be logged in as a member to access the other three datasets.

Publications

Don't forget QFHS also holds a huge range of books, journals and other resources that cover military history, campaigns and other records. Search the library catalogue <u>here</u> using Call Number A3 to see a full list of related resources. With Anzac Day approaching, our Battalion Collection will be of interest to many.

Once you've narrowed your search, call in to our Family History Research Centre. Our Library Assistants will be happy to help you locate the information you seek.

International Databases and Sites

QFHS Subscriptions to International Databases

QFHS provides free access to an extensive range of information available through the library editions of the following websites (check the QFHS website for member login details)

From home

MyHeritage

From the Research Centre at Chermside

Ancestry British Newspaper Archive Emerald Ancestors (Northern Ireland) Findmypast Irish Ancestors (Ireland) TheGenealogist (United Kingdom)

QFHS is a **FamilySearch** affiliate library. You can reach limited-access FamilySearch databases and images on the QFHS computers.

Focusing this month on Irish Research

Researching Surnames in Irish

Irish language expert Pól Ó Frighil shares tips on how your Irish surname likely came about. He gives us a brief run down on the typical formation of Irish family names while sharing some of his favourite online FREE resources. Read more <u>here</u>.

10 Facts about Irish Workhouses

The Workhouse or Poorhouse rose to infamy during the Great Famine, as hundreds of thousands of people sought refuge from extreme poverty behind its austere walls.

Every Irish workhouse has been added to Buildings Chronicles on the **Ireland xo** reaching out site. You can search them by county and Civil Parish. Read more <u>here</u>.

Researching your maternal ancestors

Researching Irish ancestry becomes more challenging when tracing the maternal branches of our family tree. You can find some useful background background information and researching tips <u>here</u>.



The Irish Genealogy Toolkit was launched in 2008. It's a free online guide to researching your ancestors in Ireland, and it's designed to help you connect to your heritage.

Irish Genealogy News (Blog) runs in parallel with the Toolkit and is not sponsored by or connected with any commercial organisation.

You can explore the news blogs and other genealogy resources that are available including the Toolkit <u>here.</u>



RootsIreland offers a unique database of more than 23 million Irish records

It contains data from 34 county genealogy centres on the island of Ireland. The main sources on the site are Irish Catholic and other church records of baptisms, marriages and deaths which are the most important source for tracing Irish ancestry.

Click here to find out more about the records and how to access them.



To celebrate Irish roots and mark St Parick's Day FindmyPast have added over 850,000 new Irish records this week. These sets provide a valuable snapshot into the lives of our Irish ancestors in the 19th and 20th centuries. For the first time, you can explore Armagh, Belfast and more within the Calendars of Wills & Administrations set.

Read more here

Members Tips and Discoveries



The Gazette is formally the combination of three publications: The London Gazette, The Belfast Gazette and The Edinburgh Gazette. As a publication, The Gazette consists largely of statutory notices which can be searched for via www.thegazette.co.uk

Although the Gazette website is free to use, if you would like to save your searches, specific notices, or create bespoke editions, you will need to create an account. This is also free.

Thanks to esteemed member Kerry Raymond for sharing this useful site. Click <u>here</u> to read a guide on searching The Gazette

Latest Online Journals

- BCGS Cariboo Notes Vol 40 1 2023
- CQ Genie Ologist No 145 2023
- Kent 17 02 2023
- Lanarkshire Journal No 81 2023
- Toowoomba DDFHS Gazette 36 1 2023
- Wiltshire 168 2023
- Ances Tree Vol 36-1 2023
- Bedfordshire Vol 24 1 2023
- Botany Bay Endeavour 154 2023
- Buckinghamshire Origins Vol 47 1 2023
- Caloundra Clipper 120 2023
- Cornwall Issue 187 2023
- Cumbria Newsletter 186 Mar 2023
- Founders 53 4 2022
- Lancashire Vol 45 1 2023
- LWM Metropolitan 177 2023
- Redland Researcher 146 2023
- Tasmania Ancestry Vol 43 4 2023
- West Middlesex Fhs Vol 41 1 March 2023
- Aberdeen NES No 165 2023

- Bridges Branches 129 2023
- Dumfries Galloway NL105 2023
- Hampshire Vol 49 Issue 4 2023
- Manchester Genealogist Issue 59 1 2023
- Manning Wallamba Figtree 165 2023
- RHSQ Bulletin 882 2023
- SA Genealogist Vol 50 1 2023
- Shropshire Journal 44 1 2023
- Suffolk Roots 48 4 2023
- Valley Genealogist Vol 38 1 2023



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



WORLD REUNION – 80TH ANNIVERSARY of the THAI - BURMA RAILWAY

BRISBANE 31ST MARCH – 2ND APRIL 2023

On behalf of the 8th Division family,

the 2/26 Australian Infantry Battalion Descendants Association cordially invites remaining survivors interned by the Japanese during the Second World War, their families and descendants of the Thai - Burma Railway to the

80th Anniversary of the Thai - Burma Railway.

Meet& Greet

Friday 31st March 2023 at 6pm Kedron-Wavell RSL (Kittyhawk Room)

Remembrance Dinner Commencing at 6pm on Saturday 1st April Kedron-Wavell RSL (Blue Pacific Showroom)

Commemorative Service To be held at 11am on Sunday 2nd April 2023 Jurayelba Place Kane Street Keperra Qld 4054 This Service is open to the public

Tickets available from Kedron Wavell RSL <u>here</u> Further information: Email: 2.26infbndescendantsassoc@gmail.com PO. Box 2463, Brookside Centre 4053



The Centaur Memorial Fund for Nurses has also contacted QFHS seeking assistance from our community to promote the 80th Anniversary of the Thai-Burma Railway (as above). Treasurer, Susan De Vries writes:

"As of December 2022, there were only eight remaining Survivors who were interned by the Japanese in the second World War.

To commemorate the 80th Anniversary of this great tragedy to triumph in Australia's history, we invite all Service Organisations and Associations and all persons who served at home or abroad in any theatre of World War Two and their families and descendants and Historians and Students to share stories, photographs and mementos over this important weekend of events.

Would you please kindly share this Invitation to help spread the news of this commemoration".

Thankyou to those members who are able to assist.



Invitation to contribute to upcoming conferences and issues of Descent

Conferences

For those with research connections to Southern Europe, there will be a conference held on **10 June 2023** covering this theme. "Southern Europe" is taken from the FamilySearch Wiki as covering: Andorra, Cyprus, France, Greece, Gibraltar, Italy, Malta, Monaco, Portugal, San Marino, Spain and Vatican City.

Another conference will take place on **26 August 2023** on the theme of the 'Australian Welfare Experience' (e.g. historic adoptions, out-of-home care, asylums), focusing on 18th, 19th and early 20th century research.

Presentations can take the form of a short talk or an interview, either of which can be presented live or pre-recorded. We are happy to consider talks anywhere between 15 min to 1 hour in duration.

If you would like to be involved in either of these events please send a brief outline of the topic you are able to present to SAG's Education Manager via education@sag.org.au by **5pm Sunday 30 April 2023.**

Descent Articles

SAG invites submissions of articles on the theme of Southern Europe for the next issue of their journal Descent. Notifications to write on a topic are due **4 April 2023** and submissions are due **18 April 2023**. Send notifications and submissions to editor@sag.org.au.

If you wish to contribute to the following issue of Descent, on the theme of the 'Australian Welfare Experience,' notifications to write on a topic are due **4 July 2023** and submissions are due **18 July 2023**.

You are welcome to provide a presentation at a conference based on your Descent article.

For more information on the requirements for a Descent submission, visit: <u>https://www.sag.org.au/Our-Magazine-Descent</u>



BDA is a new research tool for historians and genealogists comprising transcripts & indexes of original records and published biographies of deceased individuals who arrived, or were born in, Australia.

BDA shop also sells second hand books and CDs (Books are duplicates from the BDA Collection).

Check out their website here to find out more.

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. **Editor**

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

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