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Greetings to all in the QFHS community and beyond.

This month in particular we send our good wishes to all the mums, grandmas, nannas and great grandmothers in our society including those who have chosen to provide support and love through foster or surrogate care. We hope you all received appreciation and acknowledgement from your loved ones. We know that, as family historians, finding out about the lives and sacrifices of your maternal ancestors is a reward in itself.

In a recent search to learn more about my mother's early life I dipped into the latest release of the Queensland School Pupils Index (QSPI). I couldn't find a record of her first years at School (perhaps she attended a still to be listed State or Catholic school) but with further searching I found her and her younger sister enrolled in 1941 at Acacia Ridge State School (formerly Coopers Plains Provisional and State School). It reminded me of stories that Mum had told me decades ago about living at Coopers Plains in an isolated farmhouse not far from a flooded quarry. I also found the likely quarry courtesy of Brisbane City Council heritage records. These are really useful clues to Mum's childhood especially as her early memories were mostly just snapshots, having been affected by family displacement as the result of a marriage breakdown. I'm keen to follow the trail and discover more about her childhood. QSPI is very easy to search and the records are growing all the time so watch

for the latest releases or start searching for your family members now.

The new suite of member exclusive opportunities under the umbrella of our Members Lounge is proving popular and we're well down the track of assessing times and attendance modes that best suit your needs. Do let QFHS know about your experiences (the good and the not so good stuff) so we can continue to improve our offerings. You can see all upcoming Members Lounge activities on our website [here](#).

In addition to the Members Lounge QFHS continues to offer a number of workshops and presentations designed to build your knowledge and skills in a specific area of Family History Research.

On **Wednesday 7 June 10am to 12.30** join your expert guide Dr Kerry Raymond (winner of the 2022 QFHS Award for Services to Family History) to explore **Queensland Globe**. This hands-on session will be aimed at beginners including: navigating around the Globe, searching for locations by a range of methods, obtaining information about a particular place, and working with the hundreds of built-in data layers (some of which will be included in the presentation). The workshop is offered online and you can book a place [here](#).

Our next Learn@QFHS presentation will look at domestic service in Australia from both the servant and employer point of view. Many of our ancestors worked as servants at some time. In this session, QFHS senior researcher Chris Schuetz will examine how servants in Australia would not accept the same class system that prevailed in Great Britain. He will discuss the problems for employers in getting good help, and the problems for the employees in trying to obtain better employment conditions. Join Chris and other members online on **Friday 9 June 10-11.30 am** to explore this topic in detail. Please register [here](#).

With May fleeting, the mid-year point of 2023 is only weeks away and that signals the time for our Society's Annual General Meeting. This year the AGM will be held on **Wednesday 14 June at 7.30pm**. You can attend either online or in person at the QFHS Family Research Centre 46 Delaware Street Chermside. It's been a year of significant change for QFHS and we encourage all members near and afar to register for this important gathering. It's an opportunity to learn how your Society is positioned from both an organisational and fiscal perspective and to have input into future directions and plans. Most importantly, it's your chance to select your Management Committee for the next twelve months.

Many of you are advanced researchers but don't forget to tell friends and family, who may be keen to start their family history journey, about our beginners course. ***Finding your Family - A Beginners Course in Research*** commences on **Monday 10 July**. This program requires approximately 2 hours online attendance weekly for six weeks and it's launched many a novice researcher onto a successful journey of family history discovery. Members and non-members can enrol. Read more on the QFHS website [here](#).

Good luck to all with your own journeys of discovery and thanks to my Mum who, despite many challenges in her early life, went on to build a loving and enduring family unit.

Regards,

Pat Smith
Editor



QFHS Family History Research Centre

Opening Hours

**Tuesday, Wednesday,
Thursday, 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 Research Centre. We charge a fee of \$8.50 per hour or \$17 per day to allow access to all our collections. Should you have a friend or family member who could be interested in joining the Society, suggest they have a trial run to see if our resources, services & programs meet their requirements. Should they join within two weeks of their visit, the fee will be deducted from their first year's subscription.

What's news?



QFHS AGM and QFHS Family History Book Award Presentation

Wednesday 14 Jun 2023 commencing 7.30 pm

Hybrid meeting (online and in person at QFHS Family History Research Centre)

The Annual Report and Financial Statements are presented to the membership at the AGM, Members will then elect a Management Committee for the next year.

QFHS Family History Book Award

Following the AGM, we will present the Judges' Report for the annual QFHS Family History Book Award and announce the winner.

[Register your attendance here](#)



Irish Interest Group 20th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday 24 June
Formal Society event from 10am
Celebrations from 11.15am

QFHS Family History Research Centre
46 Delaware Street Chermside

The Irish Interest Group will mark its **20th Anniversary** with a day of ceremony and celebration on **Saturday 24 June**.

The day's celebrations will begin at 10 am with a formal function for past and present QFHS members. We will enjoy a special morning tea together and acknowledge those who have provided leadership and support to the Irish Interest Group over the years. We have some exciting flourishes to unveil.

For those who cannot participate in person, this part of the day's activities will be available to access on Zoom.

From 11.15 am, the festivities move to marquees outside where a celebration of 'all things Irish' with performances, food, competitions, prizes and entertainment will continue until 2.30 pm.

The event will be held at the Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware St Chermside and guided tours of the new facility will be conducted throughout the day.

All members of the QFHS community are invited to join us in celebrating the Irish Interest

Group's wonderful milestone and inspecting the Society's new home in Chermside.



President's Update

Dear members

Societies such as ours are the product of our own endeavours. Every single program and service for members relies on volunteer effort and enthusiasm. Every advance is one that's been built on the cumulative effect of all who've gone before us and built the Society we have today.

The current Management Committee's tenure concludes at the Annual General Meeting on 14 June when all positions are declared vacant. **Would you like to make a difference? Do you have the fresh ideas and enthusiasm necessary for our Society's growth?**

Growth is not just a matter of member numbers, it is also a matter of quality and generosity. Of being better, not necessarily bigger. Of being greater than the sum of our parts. So, when we ask if you want to make a difference and if you want to leave a legacy, understand that it will be a collective difference and a collective achievement. **And know that your fresh ideas don't need to be big and your personal enthusiasm doesn't need to be boundless because it won't be just you.** But, without those of you who know you could...the Management Committee will be lacking.

Please do not be shy – check out the [Nomination Form](#), it includes more detail about the likely time commitment and tasks associated with Management Committee business, and/or contact any one of the Management Committee for a chat.

Plans are well underway for the Irish Interest Group's 20th Anniversary Celebration on Saturday 24 June. Details are provided elsewhere in Snippets and on the website. After the formal morning tea and recognition of those who've fostered the development of the Irish Interest Group (ie the Society-focussed part of the event), we will have a community event with Live music! Irish gaiety! Kids activities! Prizes!

Join us from 10am for the formal occasion or bring the grandchildren from 11.15am when a pipe band will kick off the celebrations in marquees outside. There will be food available and we will offer visitors tours of our new facility and an Irish family name discovery activity to make the most of interest in their family history.

You can contribute to the event's success in many ways – as participant, tour guide, parking marshall, and doing any of the myriad small tasks that such an event requires to be successful.

Speaking of **social activities that connect us to our community**, I'm pleased to announce that a number of Members Lounge Socials have been added to the calendar – including a tour and Devonshire tea at historic Miegunyah House, a visit to State Archives with a behind-the-scenes tour and an introduction to making the most of the archives as well as time for research, another Coffee and Chat morning, and more. Details may be found elsewhere in Snippets and also on the website.

In addition to the other Members Lounge activities designed to increase your skills and knowledge of our common interest, these Socials provide connections that enhance our lives.

Best wishes to all

Allana O'Kane
President



Callout for volunteers

We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help promote our membership at the upcoming Twilight Years Expo, hosted by the Seniors' Committee of the Hills Chamber of Commerce. The Expo is aimed at showcasing the various options available to retirees and enhancing their enjoyment of their retirement years.

The event will take place on **Friday 26th May from 10am – 3pm** at the **PCYC Arana Hills** and will provide an excellent opportunity for us to promote QFHS and our mission to preserve, research and share family history. Our goal is to reach as many retirees as possible, informing them about our society and the various benefits of becoming a member.

As a volunteer, you will be an essential part of our team, helping us with tasks such as setting up our stall, distributing brochures, and engaging with visitors to generate interest in QFHS. We welcome all volunteers, regardless of your background or experience, just so long as you are passionate about our mission and willing to help.

We would be grateful for your support and involvement in this fantastic event. If you are interested in volunteering, please email us back ASAP nominating your preferred timeslot with a second preference, and we will be in touch with you shortly.

This is the envisaged roster. At least two volunteers would be rostered to cover each shift.

Proposed Roster

A Shift	8:30am-10:30am – Collecting material from Chermside and setting up at Arana Hills
B Shift	10:30-12:30pm – Looking after the stall including responding to enquiries
C Shift	12:30am-2:30pm – Looking after the stall including responding to enquiries
D Shift	2:30-4:00pm – Looking after the stall and managing queries and then packing up materials and returning them to Chermside.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. We look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards

Alex Daw

Vice-President

Email Alex at vice-president@qfhs.org.au



We love our Volunteers

Pictured are two members of the Print Library team - Lurline Gedge and Lyn Hooper. Other members of the team (and apparently hiding from the camera) are Carolyn Grimward, Carmel Bell, Di Coster, Rosie Gall, Pat van Gaalen, Alison Gardiner and Sarah Barry. They do great work providing us with books and journals to aid our research. Team, we do appreciate your contribution and enjoy seeing you working together at the Research Centre on Fridays (and sometimes on Mondays, as well).

We also welcome two recently joined members to important roles within our operations:

Debra Hicks has arrived just in time to assume the role of updating **Website Content**, and releasing **Sue Reid** from her many years in the role so she can return to study and an important personal project. Welcome, Debra, and thank you so much for your shaping and upkeep of the website, Sue.

Pat Gardner has also arrived in the Society at a serendipitous time and has taken on the role of **Bookshop Manager**. Again, she replaces someone who has managed the task for many years and we thank **Leanne Donovan, also our Membership Secretary**, who has now embraced the task of weekly recordkeeping and banking for the Treasurer. Welcome, Pat, and thank you for your generosity, Leanne.

We'd love to welcome more members to join us in volunteering and making the Society viable and vibrant.

Volunteer Positions Now available on Library Assistants Team

We are in urgent need of more volunteers to train up and take on roles as Library Assistants. This is a rewarding role which can accommodate your individual availability.

The LAs enable us to open our doors at the Research Centre and provide valued support to all our members. Responsibilities include welcoming members and visitors, conducting tours of the new premises, and assisting others to locate resources. If you can volunteer

for five hours once a month and would like to join our LA team, please contact LA Roster Coordinator Dette Glenday detteglenday@bigpond.com.

Full training will be provided and this is an excellent way to learn about new resources that will assist you in your own research.



What's on?

Your calendar for the coming weeks



Events

Seminars, Workshops, Courses and Conversations

- 23 May 10am (hybrid) [Bookclub ...Family Histories](#)
- 24 May 10am (online) [Talking about ...Maps](#)
- 05 June 10am (hybrid) [What's New in Family History](#)
- 07 June 10am (online) [Queensland Globe](#)
- 09 June 10am (online) [Learn@QFHS](#)
- 27 June 7.30pm (hybrid) [Family History Toolkit](#)
- 28 June 3pm (online) [Talking about ...Writing your family history](#)

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

Other important dates

QFHS Annual General Meeting and Book Award Presentation Wed 14 June 7.30pm

(online and in person)

New Members Orientation Sat 17 June 9.30am (online)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



Upcoming SIG Meetings 2023

Welsh	21 May - 10am
English West Country	25 May - 12pm
Central European	27 May - 10am
Family Tree Maker Users	2 June - 10 am
DNA (beginners questions)	3 June - 1.30pm
Family Historian Software Users	4 June - 1pm
Qld Pre-separation Group	6 June - 10.30am
Irish	10 June - 10.30am
Colonial India and Far East	11 June - 10.30am
The Master Genealogist Users	15 June - 7pm

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.**

QFHS Pre-separation Group

PRE-SEPARATION EXCURSION TO
CELEBRATE QUEENSLAND DAY

Tuesday 6 June 10.30am - 12.00pm



The Queensland Pre-Separation Group focuses on the pioneers who lived in the area which became Queensland before its separation from the Colony of New South Wales on 10th December 1859.

Please join us for a talk at the Interpretive Centre of TradeCoast Central Heritage Park, site of the Convict Women's Prison and Factory, Allison Engine Testing Stands and Hangar No.7 Wartime Secrets.

Following the talk we'll walk around the site using our phones to listen to podcasts. For more information, their website is <https://tradecoastcentralheritagepark.com.au/>.

Limited to 20 people. **Please contact presep@qfhs.org.au if interested.**

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.

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.

Activities included in the Members Lounge

Book Club – every two months

Next club discussion: Tuesday 23 May 10am ([register here](#))

Family History Toolkit – every two months, alternating with Book Club

Join the next session - Tuesday 27 June 7.30pm ([register here](#))

Presenting... – a guest speaker every month

Socials - mostly in-person activities every month: a film, excursion, coffee morning.

Scheduled variously throughout the month as the activity dictates.

Join the next activity - an excursion to historic Miegunyah House on Tuesday 13 June

10am - a Devonshire tea followed by a tour of the 'Pioneers in Petticoats' exhibition

([register here](#))

Talking about... – a variety of engaging topics every month.

Trout Game - an in-person activity, twice per year

Use the game to assess your basic research skills and see if you can get back to the 1500s

Next game - Sunday 22 October 10am

What's New? - every month

Join the next session - Monday 5 June 10am ([register here](#))



Family History Toolkit

Don't miss the next session

Tuesday 27 June 7.30 - 9.00pm (AEST)

Free Event

hybrid - you can participate online or in person.

Bookings are essential. Register [here](#).

Are you keen to discover the best methods to unravel puzzles in your research? These monthly Members Lounge sessions will explore some common tools and techniques we can all employ to extract the most information from a document or event.

Join us to learn new skills and improve your effectiveness as a family historian.

Family History Toolkit events are:

usually on the 4th Tuesday of the months of April, June, August and October.



New Members Welcome and Orientation

Get ready to make the most of your membership

The next orientation session will be held online. It's your opportunity to learn more about about research resources, services and facilities available in the our new Research Centre as well as how you can progress your online research.

Session details: **Saturday 17 June 9.30am - 12.30pm (AEST) Online**

Bookings are essential ... please email welcome@qfhs.org.au.



Are you keen to stay up to date with the latest in Family History Research?

Do you want to know more about local events and QFHS news?

Over the last few years many of our members have discovered the benefits of staying informed via social media. QFHS is eager to harness the power of social media platforms to bring you instant news. If you haven't already done so we encourage you to try it out.

**You decide on the platform/s that suits you.
We have a presence on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.**

See our pages by clicking on the icons below

Once you've signed on you'll get regular updates on what's happening. It's a great way to get instant advice about any changes to Research Centre operations, local history events that have popped onto the radar, plus special discounts, promotions, and new features

offered by state or federal Government entities and global Family History players.

Already 'Following'?

If so, that's great - thank you - but also **please take the time to 'like' the posts that you appreciate**. When you take this extra step it actually lifts the profile of QFHS and makes the Society more prominent in appealing to other people. So, in a simple action you can spread the word about your Society to prospective and already passionate Family History researchers across Queensland, Australia and beyond.

Thanks for your engagement and help.



A mandatory document for any association is its Constitution.

In 2019, the state government introduced a number of changes to the *Associations Incorporation Act 1981 (Qld)* - some of which are already enshrined in law, while others are still pending. As a result, the QFHS constitution is due for modification.

Over the coming months, Management Committee will develop discussion papers on various aspects of Society functioning - for example, our membership approvals process which has been disrupted by 21st century technology and expectations. These discussion papers will address improvements to our Constitution, and generate discussion and request member input.

The result of the consultation process will be a firm proposal put to the membership at the **General Meeting of the Society** scheduled for **Wednesday 13 September**.

Keep an eye out for further announcements and have your say.

Events

Talking about ...



Learn@QFHS



Talking about ... Maps

**Wednesday 24 May
Commencing 10am (AEST)**

Online

Click [here](#) for more information

Register Here



**Talking about ... Writing your
family history - what are the
options?**

**Wednesday 28 June
Commencing 10am (AEST)**

Online

Click [here](#) for more information

Register here

Presenting ...

**Presenting...the Roles and
Visibility of Women in**

Brisbane's Social Protests

1967-1982

Queensland Globe

**Get hands-on with
Queensland geography**

Presenter: Kerry Raymond

Weds 7 June

10am -12.30 pm (AEST)

Online

Tickets \$20 (members) - \$30

Click [here](#) for more information

Register here



**The servant problem or my
great great grandmother was
a general.**

**Domestic service in Australia
from both the servant and
employer point of view.**

Presenter: Chris Schuetz

Friday 9 June

10 -11.30 am (AEST)

Online

Tickets \$15 - \$25

Click [here](#) for more information

Register here

Presenter: Jennifer O'Dempsey



Wednesday 19 July

1 - 2.30 pm (AEST)

Hybrid: online and in person

Free event

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register Here](#)

Google Slides for For Family History

Presenter: Chris Wright

Friday 14 July

10 -11.30 am (AEST)

Online

Tickets \$15 - \$25

Click [here](#) for more information

[Register here](#)



Finding your Family - A Beginners Course in Research

**Commencing Monday 10 July 2023
(course conducted online)**

Ticket sales close Monday 3 July

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.

Cost: \$60.00 members and \$90.00 non-members.

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).

Non-members who join the Society during or immediately post-course, will be refunded \$30 of the cost of the course.

Please note:

This is a daytime course **10:30 am - 12:00 noon AEST** (GMT+10)
Limited places (10 participants only)

[Register your place here](#)

What's New?



What's New in Family History?

A members forum for sharing new discoveries, resources and bright ideas.

Each month, we will have an opportunity to share something new we have discovered, resulting from our own research or from within our networks. Maybe it was something we viewed on TV, saw online, or read on a family history blog.

This month QFHS Social Media Coordinator, Alex, has been experimenting with the controversial AI (Artificial Intelligence) tool ChatGTP. She has used the tool to create a promotional message encouraging our Members to engage more with our Social Media platforms. **(Something we would really like our members to do more often!)**

We're asking you as well-read, savvy researchers to participate in this experiment by reading the message below and then considering your response to it. Questions you might ask yourself:

Does this seem like an authentic message?

How persuasive is it? Am I going to take action by signing onto QFHS Social Media or following and liking posts more often?

What sources did the AI use to develop the message content?

Could I use AI tools to assist me with some research questions?

What are the possible pitfalls of relying on AI tools?

[Here's the ChatGTP generated message. Thanks for joining in.](#)

"It is no secret that Facebook, Twitter and Instagram have become integral parts of our lives. We use these platforms to connect with friends, share news and updates, and stay informed about what's happening in the world.

But did you know that social media can also be a powerful tool for supporting your Society? By liking and sharing your Society's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter posts, you can help to raise awareness of your Society's mission and activities.

When you like and share your Society's posts, you are not only helping to spread the word about the work that your Society does, but you are also helping to increase its profile in the community. This increased visibility can lead to new members, increased donations, and more support for your Society's cause.

So, if you haven't already, please take a moment to like your Society's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter pages. By doing so, you are showing your support for your Society and helping to raise its profile in the community.

But don't stop there! Be sure to like and share your Society's posts regularly. By doing so, you are helping to amplify your Society's message and reach a wider audience.

Remember, every like and share counts. By showing your support on social media, you are helping to make a difference in your Society's success. So, let's work together to raise awareness of your Society's mission and activities. Like and share today!"

Well ...What do you think?

If you'd like to share your thoughts and reactions you can come along to our **What's New** session on **Monday 5 June at 10am**. We'll be discussing this and other new tools in family history. This is a hybrid meeting so you can participate online via Zoom or in person at the Family History Research Centre.

Click [here](#) to register

The What's New curators seek out interesting information, new websites to try, and special offers currently available. If you find something new that would be of interest to members do let the team know. Send you suggestions to Members.Lounge@qfhs.org.au.

What's Online

**Queensland School Pupils
Index (QSPI - Part 7)**



New data added 1 April 2023

A further 365,000 entries have just been added to the online Queensland School Pupils Index Part 7 database.

The additional data includes names from 193 schools – all from admission registers. The schools include both large and small from across Queensland – including a number of very large schools such as Birkdale SS, Bremer SHS, Bulimba SS, Cairns North SS, Cairns SHS, Caloundra SS, Camp Hill schools, Edge Hill SS, Geebung SS, Graceville SS, and Hughenden SS. There are also many small to very small schools such as Calen SS, Gadgarra SS, Gilbert River SS, Gungahlin SS, Harrisons Pocket SS, Haystack SS, Hirstglen SS, Hungerford SS, Lower Gregory SS, Myra SS, and Perthton SS.

Start your search [here](#). Don't forget you must be logged in via the website to access these and other online datasets.

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

TheGenealogist (United Kingdom)

Irish Ancestors (Ireland)

From the Research Centre at Chermside

Ancestry

British Newspaper Archive

Emerald Ancestors (Northern Ireland)

Findmypast

QFHS is a **FamilySearch** affiliate library. You can reach limited-access FamilySearch

Latest Online Journals

- Ancestor Vol 36 5 2023
 - Fife Roots 10 2023
 - Founders 54 2 2023
 - Journal Vol 17 06 2023
 - Orange Newsletter 2023
 - Progenitor Vol 41 4 2022
 - Redcliffe Newsletter 2023
 - Saskatchewan Bulletin Vol 54 1 2023
 - Whitsunday Branching Out 2023
 - East Ayrshire Journal 52 2022
 - FHC The Genealogist Vol 17 04 2023
 - Family History Federation Bulletin 31 2023
 - Cronici Powys 118 2023
 - East Yorkshire Banyan Tree 174 2023
 - Ipswich Bremer Echoes 41 1 2023
 - Northumberland Durham Vol 48 1
 - Somerset Greenwood Tree 48 1 Mar 2023
 - Tay Valley Historian 124 2023
 - HAGSOC Vol 46 No 1 2023
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- Ipswich Bremer Echoes 40 3 2022
 - Northamptonshire Footprints 45 4 2023
 - Peninsula Past Times 170 2023
 - Berkshire 46 2023
 - Central Coast E Muster 35 2023
 - Derbyshire 184 2023
 - Narre Warren 136 2023
 - Patrick Plains Gazette 40 1 2023
 - RHSQ Bulletin 884 2023
 - East London CA177 Winter 2023
 - East London CA178 Spring 2023
 - Hawkesbury Crier 2022
 - Hawkesbury Crier 2023
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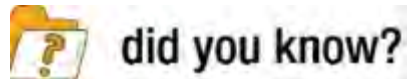
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- Redland Researcher 147 2023
- Sussex Vol 25 5 2023



Reminder: You must be logged on to the QFHS website to access the journals.

On the homepage click the *Resources tab* then select *Subscription Journals* then *Electronic Journals*.

or [click here](#)



You can catch up with news from other Family History Societies via the QFHS Website.

We regularly post the latest digital copies of the following newsletters from our associate societies:

**AFFHO (Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations) Newsflash
History Queensland
FHF (Family History Federation) Bulletin**

Check under **Quicklinks** on the right hand side of the Homepage to access current and archived newsletters.

Members' Tips and Discoveries

Here's an unusual recent find in the QFHS Research Library at Chermide.

Place Names Australia, NZ & Pacific Is. author AE Martin is held as a digital book in our collection. It gives the meaning of many commonplace names in these countries (including PNG). For instance, Cootha, as in Mt. Cootha, is an aboriginal word for the honey that native bees make.

Thanks to member Gay Reed and Library Assistant Coordinator Dette Glenday for highlighting this interesting resource.

Our Family History Research Centre reference library includes:

- books and journals
- microfiche and microfilms

- maps
- digital resources
- subscription websites

You can search the Library Catalogue [here](#) to find materials that might help you with researching a particular topic. Enter a keyword or subject and press search. You will see a list of all relevant resources held by QFHS. Details provided include the format each resource is held in and where it is held (shelves/computer/compactus storage).

Once you have your list come in to the Research Centre, select your materials and start researching. QFHS ensures that **Library Assistants** are always available to provide you with advice, assistance and navigation...and of course, you're always welcome to just do a bit of curious browsing and perhaps find a unexpected gem like the Place Names directory above.

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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