

Snippets 2025



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Queensland Family History Society

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We hope you are enjoying the recent sudden change to cooler weather. Autumn/winter is a favourite time of year for many Queenslanders, a time in which we get the opportunity to escape the heat for a few - a very few! - weeks.

Do, however, come out of your cosy home to enjoy the events scheduled for your information and enjoyment in the next few months. We have introduced a new section in Snippets to make it easier to see at a glance what is happening in the near future. As the first item in News, you will find a summary of events taking place in the next month. You will still need to go to the calendar on the QFHS website to get full details, but we hope you find it useful as a reminder.

In addition, do you have any spare time that would enable you to help in one of the volunteer roles that are currently empty? The details are set out in News.

Deborah Clark-Dickson and Sheena de Jager Miles
Snippets Co-ordinators

NEWS

UPCOMING QFHS EVENTS

Jun 21	New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session	10 - 11:30am	(Online)
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Jun 30	Members Lounge Book Club (<i>Dusk</i>)	10 - 11:30am	(Online)
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Jul 10	Irish Research Day	10am - 3pm	(Research Centre)
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Jul 16 Presenting ... *The Misfortunes of 4 Migrant Sisters* 1 - 3pm Speaker:
Allan Tonks (Hybrid)

Jul 23 Members Lounge Talking About - Cyclones 10am - 12pm (Online)

Jul 27 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session 9:30am - 12:30pm
(Research Centre)

Please check below for further details.

New QFHS Committee

The QFHS AGM was held on Wednesday, 18th June, 2025 and the following members were elected to the Management Committee. One nomination was received for each position so the nominees were elected unopposed.

Office	Name	Proposer	Seconder
President	Graeme Drew (M6688)	Charlotte Sale	Clem Dutton
Vice-President	Clem Ditton (M3002A)	Graeme Drew	Charlotte Sale
	Charlotte Sale (M5213)	Graeme Drew	Clem Dutton
Secretary	Lyndal Cosgrove (M5398B)	Ann Swain	Tony Swain
Treasurer	Gayle Wallace (M4814)	Lyndal Cosgrove	Graeme Drew
Committee	Carmel Bell (M5805)	Charlotte Sale	Graeme Drew
	Greg Crawford (M6479)	Bernadette Glenday	Graeme Drew
	Bernadette Glenday (M1276)	Greg Crawford	Cherrie Cameron
	Kevin Haley (M942A)	Lyndal Cosgrave	Graeme Drew

The Management Committee is in need of a couple more members so please consider if you can help in this way and contact the secretary on secretary@qfhs.org.au. I have been assured that the committee doesn't bite!!



A Reminder about TheGenealogist

During Covid, TheGenealogist very kindly let family history societies use their subscription

from members' homes, from many IP addresses.

However, our latest subscription has been changed back to our original subscription, using one IP only, and research can only be from one of the computers at our Research Centre.

During the change-over, please contact the Research Centre on [07 3355 3369](tel:0733553369) before you travel to ensure that the program is working correctly.



QFHS Inc Family History Book Award plus Author's Discussion

Hornets Football Club, 50 Graham Road, Carseldine.

Wednesday 6th August, 11am - 1pm

Lunch is available at the venue afterwards at your own expense.

The QFHS Annual Book award celebrates the effort that authors have put into writing up their family history. The award requires that the work have Queensland relevance and that it is properly researched and engagingly written.

The authors of the books that entered this year will participate in a group discussion about their entries and the experience of advancing their research to the point of publication.

Read [more and register...](#)



Our Society relies completely on the support and contributions of our volunteers to keep the wheels turning.

We currently have a number of vacancies to fill as soon as possible:-

- **Calendar Co-Ordinator** – Keep the Calendar up to date with various activities for the Society
- **Community Outreach Co-Ordinator** – Organise show bags for exhibitions, liaise with other community groups and clubs, purchase supplies for show bags. (approx. 1-2 hours per month)
- **Members Lounge Co-Ordinator** – Organise monthly events, which can include Book Club, Coffee mornings etc. (approx. 1 hour per month)
- **Education Team Volunteer** – You will work closely with the Members Lounge and Special Interest Groups to provide our members with enriching and educational experiences. (approx. 8-10 hours per month - you set the pace)

If you would like to volunteer for any of these roles, please complete the QFHS Volunteer Form in the Members Portal on the website and Jenni Doolan (Volunteer Co-Ordinator) will be in touch; or alternatively, please call Jenni on 0412 789 559 for a chat.

QFHS Research Kiosk

Some words by Barry Koster

Dianne Coster, as a member of the Print Library team, had for many years expressed a frustration to me that journals were a resource that was available but not easily located. V Library only stored a title or a header but the database did not store detailed information on all issues held by the Society.

I found that a way to approach the dilemma was to use a new software tool on a stand-alone computer that would be loaded with all the searchable PDFs of the journals that were found to be relevant – a huge repository of PDFs.

This configuration and capability saw the computer become affectionately known as the “Kiosk”.

Most current journals arrive as a searchable PDF so these are loaded on a weekly basis and older paper journals are being scanned to convert them to searchable PDFs. Some books have also been scanned and made into searchable PDFs.

The Kiosk which is constantly being added to is not connected to the Internet and only holds PDFs that have been sourced from within the QFHS Library.

Its point of difference is that in most cases there is no focus on a particular journal or book title. The approach is merely to enter a name, place, event or a combination of those and let the Kiosk find what files hold relevance to your search.

While not imperative for searching, the Kiosk has PDFs stored in themed libraries or catalogues. If looking for results in Ireland, you may chose not to search in other places such as the Queensland Police Gazette.

Carolyn Grimward is the liaison person for those wanting assistance in the use of the Kiosk. Carolyn also does searching for those members who are not able to attend the Library and contact via the instruction in the Research Service under Quick Links on the Society's home page. The Kiosk has been evolving since March 2024 and Carolyn has replied to 28 requests with 212 positive responses in that time. As members become more familiar with what the Kiosk can add to their searches it is anticipated that the number of requests and the number of members who will be able to use the resource will grow.

Currently we have 7,285 PDFs with 1,822,407 pages indexed for searching. Most searches take seconds to produce a result.

Contact Carolyn via research.kiosk@qfhs.org.au to request a look up or how the Kiosk might help you.

Open Day



Image: State Library of Queensland

Find ancestors
Discover **your**
family history

Saturday
30 August 2025
10am - 3pm

Tours, information,
demonstrations,
giveaways...

46 Delaware Street
Chermside / Geebung
www.qfhs.org.au 07 3355 3369

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Next meetings:



Central European:

Colonial India & the Far East:

DNA (beginners questions):

DNA (some experience):

English West Country:

Family History Writing:

Family History Software:

Family Tree Maker:

Irish Research Day:

QLD Pre-Separation:

Scottish:

The Master Genealogist:

Welsh:

Saturday 2 August 25 - 10am - hybrid

Sunday 10 August 25 - 10am - online

Saturday 26 July 25 - 10am - hybrid

Saturday 23 August 25 - 10am - hybrid

Thursday 24 July 25 - 12 noon - online

Saturday 19 July 25 - 9am - online

Sunday 6 July 25 - 1pm - online

Saturday 5 July 25 - 10am - hybrid

Thursday 10 July 25 - 10am - in person

Saturday 13 Sept 25 - 1:30pm - online

Saturday 12 July 25 - 10am - hybrid

Monday 21 July 25 - 7pm - online

Sunday 20 July 25 - 10am - hybrid

Meetings vary between: online; hybrid with some members online and some in person; or in person at our Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street, Chermside. Please check the [QFHS calendar on the website](#) or contact the group Convenor to confirm your meeting location.

Learn more about Special Interest Groups

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 Convenor if you have any questions or would like to join a meeting.

Next Management Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Management Committee will be held on:

12 August 2025 at 7.00pm until 9.30pm by zoom

QFHS members may submit items for the MC meeting via the Secretary at secretary@qfhs.org.au.

EVENTS



New Members Welcome and Orientation: Get ready to make the most of your membership

These orientation sessions will be held either in person at the **QFHS Family Research Centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside** or online via Zoom. It's your opportunity to learn more about our research resources, services and learning opportunities.

Not a new member but need an update on accessing resources at our Family History Research Centre? You're very welcome to join the sessions.

The next session will be held at our Research Centre on Saturday, 27 July 2025 at 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Bookings are essential at welcome@qfhs.org.au

Members Lounge - Presenting ...



The Misfortunes of Four Migrant Sisters

16 July 2025

1pm - 3pm Hybrid meeting

Guest Speaker : Allan Tonks

Allan Tonks will talk about the collective experience of four English sisters who each migrated to New Zealand at different times. The presentation will consider how stories of women tend to be overshadowed by the stories of our male pioneers. It will also consider the uncomfortable subject of illegitimate pregnancies and the dire consequences.

[Read more...](#)



Mawson's Medical Men

20 August 2025

1pm - 3pm - Hybrid meeting

Guest Speaker: Dr Roger Wilkinson

Dr Roger Wilkinson will chat about the four doctors who accompanied explorer Sir Douglas Mawson to Antarctica. Three medicos went on the first Australian Antarctic Expedition (AAE) of 1911-14 - Drs 'Archie' McLean, Evan Jones and Leslie Whetter. Dr. W.W. Ingram was the doctor on the British, Australian, New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition (BANZARE) of 1929-31.

[Read more...](#)

Members Lounge - Social ...



Toowong Cemetery Guided Walk

Frederick St, Toowong.

3 August 2025

10:30am - 12 noon

Join us for a social get-together for a GUIDED TOUR provided by the Friends of Toowong Cemetery. We will meet at 10.30 am under the flagpole in Canon Garland Place at the Toowong Cemetery. Parking is available inside the cemetery. Bring walking shoes, a hat and sunscreen, and an umbrella if you need more shade (or if it's wet!). Bring your friends.

To register and read [more...](#)

Learn@QFHS...

Please note that after many years of keeping the same price for these events, the MC has agreed that prices should now be increased a little, and fees now are:

Cost per presentation:

\$20 members (QFHS and GSQ) and

\$30 non-members

International speakers:

\$35 members (QFHS and GSQ) and

\$45 non-members

Please refer often to the website ([here](#)) to see what is available. Events are arranged every two months.



Understanding your old photos, their past, present and...

**8 August 2025
7:30 - 9:00pm online**

Presenter: Steve Gill, presenting from UK

Understanding your old photos, their past, present and future. Stephen Gill FRPS is a highly respected photographic historian, researcher, and restoration expert with decades of experience in the field.

[Read more...](#)

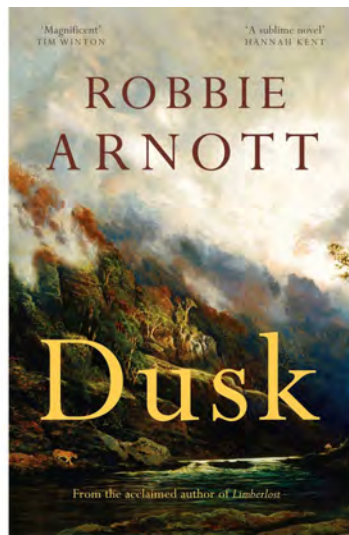
Book Club

30th June at 10am online

"Dusk"

by Robbie Arnott

A captivating adventure with the Australian myth of the predatory Big Cat.



[Read more...](#)

NOTICEBOARD



STORIES IN STONE 2025

Cemetery Heritage and History Conference, Brisbane
Hamilton Town Hall, Brisbane - corner of Rossiter Parade and Racecourse Road
Saturday 16 August
9am – 4pm

Our old cemeteries are incredible repositories of history that provide a direct touchstone to the stories, narratives and cultures that shaped our past and present. The Stories in Stone 2025 conference will share a range of fascinating insights into Queensland's historical cemeteries.

Read [more...](#)



Seniors Christmas Lunch

27 November 2025

11:30am - 2pm

**Ferny Grove Bowls, Sports and
Community Club Inc.**

20 Tramway Street, Ferny Grove

The Seniors Committee of the Hills and District Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you, your Group, friends and family to join us for Christmas Lunch. Cost \$32 per person. Date saver : Booking details to follow later.

Direct Descendants of Thomas Wells and Martha Shaw



A Wells family reunion will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2026 to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the marriage of convicts, Thomas Wells (Baring1:1815) and Martha Shaw (Brothers: 1824). For anyone descended from this union, please join “Wells Family Reunion 2026” on Facebook. For those without Facebook, please contact wellsfamilyreunion2026@gmail.com to express their interest.

QUEENSLAND
STATE ARCHIVES

If you'd like to help make Queensland's history easier to discover, join us! Sign up to From the Page [to get started](#) and become part of a community transcribing records from our archival collection.

19 & 20 July 2025

We're thrilled to announce that *Brisbane Open House* is back for 2025—and even more thrilled that several of our Brisbane Living Heritage member locations will be taking part in this iconic celebration of the city's built environment!

For full program and read [more...](#)



The Penguin

At the present time the museum is working on the restoration of the historic Penguin lugger to seaworthy condition as a proud symbol of Queensland and Torres Strait maritime heritage—ensuring its legacy endures. The goal is for the Penguin to sail again as a source of learning, connection, and pride—sharing maritime skills, celebrating multicultural heritage, strengthening community bonds, and bringing people together at the Queensland Maritime Museum and on the Brisbane River. Volunteers are welcome.

[Read more...](#)



Meet the Author: "Irish Bigamy" by Dr Damian Gleeson

28 June 2025

1-2pm via Zoom

In 2022, genealogist and historian Dr Damian Gleeson was awarded the Australian Religious History Fellowship at the State Library of NSW, for his project: Irish-Australian Catholicism in the Penal Colony of New South Wales: Evidence from the Therry collection.

This book has been purchased by the QFHS library so here is an opportunity to hear the

author speak.

[Read more...](#)



Provenance is a free journal published by Public Record Office Victoria.

[Read more...](#)



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc

Enriching family history

Digging Deeper – Session 4 - England/Wales, Scotland, Ireland

26 June 2025 by Zoom

10am - 12noon

Three experienced researchers will talk to you about the records that are available for you to search regarding England and Wales.

[Read more...](#)



Enoggera Memorial Hall Centenary Celebrations

Remember the Enoggera Memorial Hall Centenary Stump Capping Celebration 20 July – It will not happen for another 100 years.

[Tickets and info...](#)

The Huguenot Society of Queensland

The Queensland branch is holding a meeting on Sunday 27th July at 2pm. This meeting will be held in the Toowong Library.

We are a small group whose background began in France. Our ancestors fled religious persecution during the era of Louis the 14th and spread to many different countries.

The Secretary of the Sydney Branch, Mr Robert Nash will be our Speaker at our mid-year meeting. Robert is an expert in the knowledge of Huguenot history and has written many

books and articles on the History of the Huguenots.



**Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture : Shady Real Estate in Brisbane
16 July 2025
12:30 - 1:30pm**

Royal Historical Society of Queensland presents a monthly Wednesday lunchtime lecture.
This is the one for July.

Read [more and book...](#)



How to use the archiving platform WeAre.xyz

Every Tuesday afternoon from 2-3pm from 1-29 July 2025

This archiving platform is suitable for both Family History archives and for One Place Study archives. For QFHS members who are also SAG members, the cost is \$80, and for QFHS members who are not SAG members, the cost is \$95 using code QFHS25WEARE.

[Read more...](#)



14th to 28th June

The Servant of Two Masters is a comedy by the Italian playwright Carlo Goldoni written in 1746. Goldoni originally wrote the play at the request of actor Antonio Sacco, one of the great Harlequins in history. The play draws on the tradition of the earlier Italian commedia dell'arte.

NOTE: Growl Theatre is an associate of QFHS and we include details of their productions in recognition of this link.

[Book and read more...](#)



The E. M. Fletcher Writing Award is an annual short story writing competition on a family history/genealogy theme.

The 2025 competition opened on 15 February and closes on 15 July.

[Read more...](#)

RESOURCES - NEW AND ONGOING

Queensland Family Historian

To save the society printing and postage costs **we urge members to cancel their print copy and access the online copy.** Send a request to membership@qfhs.org.au.

The **eHistorian** - which is how we refer to the electronic version - is available online for the years **2008-2025** and may be selected by year and then issue.

The chosen PDF document will appear either in new tabs, new windows, or as downloaded files depending on your browser, version, or settings.

You can search the **Queensland Family Historian Name Index 1979-2025** [here...](#)

Managing Eventbrite or Zoom

If you are logging in to access Eventbrite or Zoom to

manage an event, you may be prompted to enter a code. This code is usually emailed to the Secretary.

As there is nothing in the code email to show who is trying to gain access, please email secretary@qfhs.org.au immediately so that she can forward the code to you. Please note this code is generated at the time of the request.



BDA is pleased to announce an upload of 30 new datasets now online. With over 2.2 million records, BDA now includes a significant proportion of the settler population of Australian colonies to about 1840's and beyond, derived mainly from transcripts of original archival records by experienced researchers.

[Read more...](#)



The Irish Ancestral Research Association is an American organisation but they have some interesting talks.

Check it out [here...](#)



The Family History Federation is based in the UK but it puts out a "Really Useful Bulletin" each month on its website that may be of interest to our members with UK backgrounds.

[Read more...](#)



Railway, Work, Life & Death Project

This project is a joint initiative between the University of Portsmouth, the National Railway Museum (NRM) and the Modern Records Centre at the University of Warwick (MRC). They are also working with other institutions including The National Archives of the UK and the RMT Union.

They are making it easier to find out about railway worker accidents in Britain and Ireland from the late 1880s to 1939. They are providing data about who was involved, what they were doing on the railways, what happened to them and why. Although today most people don't realise it, working on the railways 100 years ago was incredibly dangerous, with hundreds killed and tens of thousands injured each year.

[Read more...](#)



The Queensland State Archives

If you have water-damaged papers, photos and records, you might find it useful to read the attached article and watch the video on how to salvage them.

[Read more...](#)

Assisted Immigration to Queensland 1848 to 1912

A new dataset with 262,900 entries has been added to the QFHS online research resources.

See <https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/assistedimmigration/> - and please read its associated [ABOUT](#) document for details of the data.



Journals: a rich resource

New South Wales

[Bega Valley Genealogist 41 2 2025 06](#)
[Casino The Crossing 149 2025 05](#)
[Central Coast E Muster 40 2024 12](#)
[Coffs Genie Allergy 118 2025 06](#)
[Founders 56 3 2025 06](#)
[Hawkesbury Crier 2024 09](#)
[Manning Wallamba Figtree 174 2025 05](#)
[Richmond Tweed Cedar Log 164 2025 03](#)
[The Explorers Tree 127 2025 06](#)

Queensland

[Ipswich Bremer Echoes 43 1 2025 02](#)
[Caloundra Clipper 127 2024 12](#)
[Gladstone Timeline 28 1 2025 05](#)
[Cooroy Missing Link 56 2025 05](#)
[RHSQ 907 2025 06](#)

Tasmania

[Tasmanian Ancestry 46 1 2025 06](#)

Victoria

[Geelong Pivot Tree 164 2025 01](#)
[Geelong Pivot Tree 165 2025 04](#)

[Narre Warren 144 2025 05](#)

British India

[Fibis 53 Spring 2025](#)

England

[Berkshire 48 2025 06](#)

[Birmingham Midland Ancestor 20 9 2025 03](#)

[Birmingham Midland Ancestor 20 10 2025 06](#)

[Bristol Avon 199 2025 03](#)

[Cheshire Ancestor 55 4 2025 06](#)

[Dorset 38 2 2025 03](#)

[East London CA184 Autumn 2024](#)

[East London CA185 Winter 2024](#)

[East London CA186 Spring 2025](#)

[Essex Family Historian 183 2024 12](#)

[Essex Family Historian 184 2025 03](#)

[Hampshire Historian 51 3 2024 12](#)

[Hampshire Historian 51 4 2025 03](#)

[Kent 17 11 2025 06](#)

[Liverpool Family Historian 47 1 2025 03](#)

[Liverpool Family Historian 47-2 2025 06](#)

[LWM Metropolitan 186 2025 06](#)

[Manchester Genealogist Issue 61 2 2025 06](#)

[Narre Warren 144 2025 05](#)

[Northumberland Durham 50 2 2025](#)

[Oxfordshire Family Historian 38 3 2024 12](#)

[Oxfordshire Family Historian 39 1 2025 04](#)

[Shropshire Journal 46 2 2025 06](#)

[Somerset Greenwood Tree 50 1 2025 03](#)

[Suffolk Roots 51 1 2025 06](#)

[Wiltshire 177 2025 04](#)

Scotland

[Fife Roots 13 2025 03](#)

[Tay Valley Historian 131 2025 06](#)

Wales

[Glamorgan Journal 158 2025 06](#)

There are 6,984 entries in the Les Moreland Scrapbook index, many from German sources. These point into a collection of 2,284 PDF files (not images). Some of the PDFs are excellent but other photocopies, done in the 1980s and 1990s, are not particularly clear.

[Check out the Les Moreland Scrapbook Index here](#)

A reminder: 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). Some can be accessed from home, and others the Research Centre in Chermside.

QFHS is a **FamilySearch** affiliate library.

You can reach limited-access FamilySearch databases and images on the QFHS computers.

MyHeritage's French historical record collection



MyHeritage offers an important historical record collection: France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970. This collection offers an index of deceased or officially missing people from various French departments, spanning 80 years of history. It includes 26 million records, with high quality scanned images.

Gain access to the collection here:

[Search France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970](#)

Source of our cover illustrations



For the past several years, we have chosen an illustrated cover from *The Queenslander* to add to the header for Snippets.

The Queenslander was launched by the Brisbane Newspaper Company in 1866 and discontinued in 1939. It was the weekly summary and literary edition of the *Brisbane Courier*, the leading journal in the colony - and, from 1859, the State of Queensland.

With weekly publication spanning 60+ years, there were many (out-of-copyright) images to consider as a header for Snippets.

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 interesting to members our newsletter will be. 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.

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

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