



This month, once again the family history extended community has provided us with an extensive range of information to chase up and wonderful stories to enjoy.

I am finding of particular interest the extent to which indigenous history is emerging in the materials we are told about. As of course it should be - First Australians made it here a long time before we newbies from the rest of the world did.

As one example, Professor Judy Wakabayashi makes a point of mentioning that her book about the Brisbane suburb Fitzgibbon starts with its history from before the arrival of colonists. Another group, the Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group, comments 'First Nations people, and in recent history every other cultural group, arrived in Australia from somewhere else. Tracking down their origins can be difficult but finding out where they came from, why they came and how they travelled added to their stories'. We all have much in common.

In addition, in November, Queensland State Archives will be offering a four-day First Nations Languages Workshop aimed at supporting communities and language workers as they try to revitalise language across Queensland.

This Snippets informs you of a wide range of local activities happening in the next month or

two, and also gives details of new material available from websites all over the world. This range should allow you to find something of interest to you.

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

NEWS

Forthcoming QFHS Events

JULY		
July 23	Members Lounge Talking About - <i>Cyclones</i> (Online)	10.00 am –12.00 pm
July 27	New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (Research Centre)	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
AUGUST		
Aug 3	Members Lounge Social – Toowong Cemetery Guided Walk	10.30 am –12.00 pm
Aug 6	Presentation of QFHS Family History Book Award 2025, the Local And Family History Writing Bookfest, Carseldine	11 am – 1.00 pm
Aug 8	Education@QFHS: <i>Understanding your old photos, their past, present and future</i> (Online from UK)	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Aug 16	New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (Research Centre)	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Aug 20	Presenting... <i>Sir Augustus Charles Gregory KCMG, MLA, FRGS, DistGM, an icon Australian explorer, exemplary citizen and notable freemason</i> Speaker: Dr Gary Bacon AM, PGM (Hybrid)	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Aug 25	Members Lounge Book Club - <i>Outrageous Fortunes</i> by Lucy Sussex and Megan Brown (Online)	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Aug 30	QFHS Open Day (Research Centre)	10.00 am – 3.00 pm

To register please refer to the QFHS Events page at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/> and for New Members & Orientation sessions, register at welcome@qfhs.org.au.

Please note that we have had to swap our August and September *Presenting...* speakers. August's topic will be *Sir Augustus Charles Gregory KCMG, MLA, FRGS, DistGM*, and September will now be *Mawson's Medical Men*.

Management Committee Update

Your management committee intends to include a brief summary of the most recent MC

meeting for members' information in each issue of Snippets. If you see any issues/activity that you might consider being a part of, please email the secretary.

Open Day: Arrangements are well underway. If you would like to assist please let our secretary know. Councillor Danita Parry will open the event around 11 am. She is also assisting with a loan of her marque and donating a raffle prize.

Facilities discussions: Currently dealing with BCC in relation to portico, new front door, external road signage.

- Alan and Chris have a raft of little jobs to do, any assistance would be appreciated.
- We are planning a couple of working bees in the future: (1) to move the items at Zillmere to a smaller unit, and (2) a general working bee towards the end of the year and every three or four months thereafter.

Acquisitions and Collections Development policy: A review of our procedures culminating in the development of a formal policy is on the drawing board for the coming months. In the interim our secretary will circulate broad guidelines for these activities to the parties involved.

Constitution: Sub-committee is being reconvened. It is planned to have the draft constitution ready for members to vote on at an extra general meeting in mid-November.

Policy and Procedures review and update: Once a new constitution is adopted further work will be done on this matter.

AI: AI (artificial intelligence) is now a larger part in our lives. As such, the MC is planning to draft a set of guide lines for our society to adopt thus providing a uniform approach to use of this facility.

Volunteers: We have vacancies - Calendar Coordinator, Correspondence Coordinator, Members Lounge Coordinator, Education, Community Outreach. If you are able to assist, Jenni Doolan our Volunteers' coordinator would love to hear from you. Debra Ricks is seeking members interested to form a group to support the development of our new web site. Specific IT skills are not required. Contact email Webadmin@qfhs.org.au.

TAG team - IT update: Our team is working on developing our system to a standard where it will support us into the next 5/7 years. Our equipment is aging and as technology advances at a rapid rate it is essential that we are better placed to service our members and the public with reliable and modern facilities. There is a lot of investigation and planning involved for this to happen. Members with IT interest are encouraged to speak with Clem Ditton, the team coordinator, if they feel they might be able to contribute to/assist with this project.

We trust that you found this update informing.

2025 QFHS Committee

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

The Management Committee needs a couple more members so please consider if you can help. If so, do contact the secretary on secretary@qfhs.org.au.



A Reminder about TheGenealogist

During Covid, TheGenealogist very kindly let family history societies use their subscription from members' homes, using many internet addresses.

However, our latest subscription has been changed back to our original subscription, using only one address 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 the Centre to ensure that the program is working correctly.



QFHS Inc Family History Book Award plus Author's Discussion

Date and Time: Wednesday 6th August, 11am - 1pm

Venue: Hornets Football Club, 50 Graham Road, Carseldine

The QFHS Annual Book award celebrates the effort that authors have put into writing 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.

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

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



Second Call For Volunteers

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 QFHS - Volunteer Form in the the Members Portal 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)

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Next meetings:



Central European: Saturday 2 August 25 - 10am - hybrid

Colonial India & the Far East: Sunday 10 August 25 - 10am - online

DNA (beginners questions): Saturday 26 July & 27 Sept 25 - 10am - hybrid

DNA (some experience): Saturday 23 August 25 - 10am - hybrid

English West Country: Thursday 24 July & 25 Sept 25 - 12 noon – online
Family History Writing: Saturday 20 Sept 25 - 9am - online
Family Historian Software: Sunday 3 August 25 - 1pm - hybrid
Family Tree Maker: Friday 1 August 25 - 10am - online
Irish Research Day: Saturday 9 August 25 - 10.30am to 12.30pm - in person
QLD Pre-Separation: Saturday 13 Sept 25 - 1.30pm - online
Scottish: Saturday 13 Sept 25 - 10am - hybrid
The Master Genealogist: Monday 21 July & 18 August 25 - 7pm - online
Welsh: Sunday 20 July - 10am - hybrid (next meeting TBA)

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 ...

Please note that we have had to swap our August and September speakers. August's topic will be *Sir Augustus Charles Gregory KCMG, MLA, FRGS, DistGM*, and September will now be *Mawson's Medical Men*.



Sir Augustus Charles Gregory

20 Aug 2025 1:00pm

Guest Speaker: Gary Bacon

A HYBRID meeting

Sir Augustus Charles Gregory KCMG, MLA, FRGS, DistGM, was an iconic Australian explorer, exemplary citizen and notable Freemason (born 1 August 1819 Farnsfield, Nottinghamshire, England; died 25 June 1905 Brisbane, Queensland, Australia).

The life of this extraordinary man will be covered in three tranches, viz.

- Explorer on the Australian Plateau
- Early Queensland State Administrator and Community Leader
- Patriarch of Queensland Freemasonry.

He has been referred to as the 'Bradman of Australian Explorers' but few today have heard of him. He was also Queensland's first Surveyor General and Land Commissioner in 1859.

To register and for further information, click on this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/presentingsir-augustus-gregory-australian-explorer-notable-freemason-tickets-1363780095979?aff=oddtcreator>



Mawson's Medical Men

17 September 2025, 1pm - 3pm

Guest Speaker: Dr Roger Wilkinson

A HYBRID meeting

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.

To register and for further information, click on this link:

https://www.qfhs.org.au/CalendarEvent.aspx?dt=20250917_130000_127

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, click on the following

link: https://www.qfhs.org.au/CalendarEvent.aspx?dt=20250803_101500_117

Talking About... Learning by Contributing

Wednesday 24 September, 2025

Online

Facilitator: Nancy Edwards

There are many advantages to joining the contributing community, including building new friendships, having a sense of purpose, connecting with others in meaningful ways and keeping your brain active.

When we look specifically at genealogy, there is the potential to find a missing jigsaw piece to your family tree, acquire knowledge, learn through volume how to use crowdsourcing platforms better, and to hone your existing skills.

What is your favourite way of contributing? Are you a member of the Voluntron community, a Wikipedian, or a transcriber for FromThePage? Or have you found your niche closer to home as a volunteer on one (or more than one) of the [QFHS teams](#)?

Please come along and share with us which programmes have benefited from your volunteering, and in turn have enriched and fulfilled your own life.

Please note. This event does not have a presenter.

Social connection and learning will be promoted by a facilitator providing discussion opportunities for the participants, through prompts, conversation and chat messages.

For further information, you may like to view the following

websites: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Brain_with_a_head_outline_and_grey_and_blue_puzzle_pieces.jpg,

<https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:BrainTree102.jpg>

https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Idea_doodle.jpg.

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

You can look up what events will be offered in the near future by referring to the QFHS Calendar ([here](#)). Events are arranged every two months.



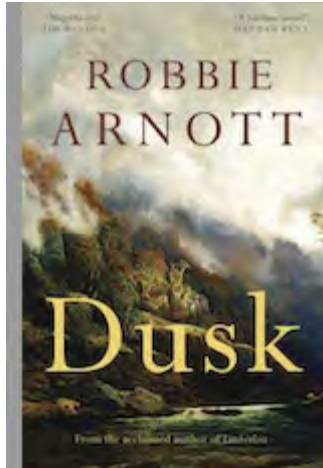
Understanding your old photos, their past, present and...

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 - Review of last meeting

I recommend the QFHS Book Club as a way to connect with others and gain insight into the background of Australia's history, both real and imagined. Not only is the selected book explored, but other books being read are introduced as well. It's a truly worthwhile experience and, if you wish, you can simply be silent and listen. There is no pressure.

The latest meeting, Monday 30 June 10-11:30, was held online, so members from anywhere could attend. Robbie Arnott's fourth novel 'Dusk' explores the Australian myth of the predatory big cat. A puma named Dusk is wreaking havoc in the Tasmanian bush. Was it a metaphor for First Nations warriors fighting against the savagery of settlers and their impact on the environment? Arnott's descriptive passages of the wild landscapes are brilliant. 'They skirted the lake's shore – a beach of quartz sand, bright and coarse, – as the sun began cutting into the mountains that framed the water.' Nature dominates. Parenting is analysed with reference to the two main characters (damaged twins). Floyd and Iris's story is revealed slowly. Local settlers want Dusk killed and the twins are after the bounty. At one point, Arnott incorporates solid black pages to keep readers guessing what has happened. The end will leave you mesmerised.

The next meeting will delve into 'Outrageous Fortunes' by Lucy Sussex and Megan Brown on Monday 25 August 7:30-9pm.

Dornell Wylie

NOTICEBOARD



New Materials available on FamilySearch

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organisation in the world. It is based in Salt Lake City, USA.

In June 2025, FamilySearch expanded its free online collections by gaining access to more than 30 million new records from 8 countries. Some of the exciting new additions include 16 million Italian birth, marriage, and death records (civil registrations, 1804 to 1943), 5 million Brazil cemetery records (1799 to 2024), and nearly 1 million records from the American Medical Association (AMA) of deceased physicians (1864 to 1968). See the full list of collection updates in the [FamilySearch Newsroom](#).

Other countries with significant record additions in June include the following: Belgium, Colombia, Ecuador, France, and Ukraine.

FamilySearch continues to add millions of new records each week to its online collections from countries around the globe. Today, more than 20 billion historical records and images can be searched freely at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org).

Other related databases include:

[FamilySearch Unlocking Centuries of Italian Ancestry Records](#) (2018)

[FamilySearch Italy Discovery Page](#)

[FamilySearch Brazil Discovery Page](#)



They Came From Where?

NSW and ACT Association of Family
History Societies Inc
40th Annual Conference

Dates: 12, 13 and 14 September, 2025

Theme: They Came From Where?

Venue: The Fraternity Club, 11 Bourke St., Fairy Meadow 2519

Format: The conference will be available in person and also by Zoom.

Registration: The early bird prices end on 31 July.

QFHS has been informed by the Hill End and Tambaroora Gathering Group of the 40th Annual Conference of the New South Wales and ACT Association of Family History Societies Inc., which will take place in September.

The Illawarra Family History Group Inc. is pleased to host the Conference.

First Nations people, and in recent history every other cultural group, came to Australia from somewhere else. Tracking down their origins can be difficult but finding out where they came from, why they came and how they travelled adds to their stories.

For further information, click on this link:

<https://www.familyhistoryconference2025.org.au/>



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.



Queensland Military Historical Society (Inc) Summit

Date and Time: 2 August 2025 9am to 2.15pm

Venue: Dining Hall, Lytton National Park
(160 South St Lytton)

A one-day Summit hosted by the Queensland Military Historical Society will be held at the Dining Hall, Fort Lytton National Park (160 South Street, Lytton), Saturday 2 August from 9 am – 2:15 pm.

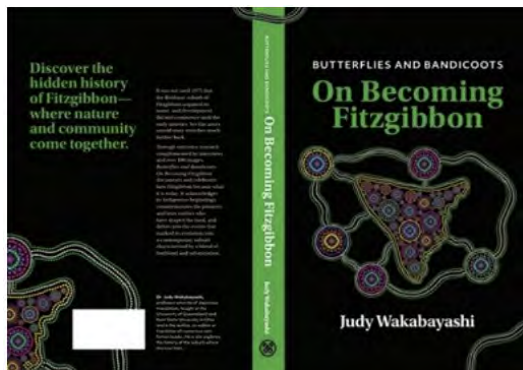
Speakers will deliver twenty minute talks on a range of topics dealing with military subjects from the Colonial Era to WW2. These illustrated talks are suitable for all ages, and families and younger history enthusiasts are very welcome.

TICKETS: Adults \$15, Children (up to 18 years of age) \$5. Light refreshments available for purchase; free parking on site.

Space is limited – please follow the link below to book and make payment for your tickets.
<https://qmhs.com.au/news-events/upcoming-events/military-history-summit-2025/>

The QMHS website can be accessed at: <https://qmhs.com.au/>

Brian Rough
Secretary
QMHS



Butterflies and Bandicoots: On Becoming Fitzgibbon
by Professor Emerita Judy Wakabayashi

Date: 16 August 2025

Time: 1pm

Venue: 545 Roghan Road, Fitzgibbon 4018

On 16 August, QFHS member and Fitzgibbon resident Professor Emerita Judy Wakabayashi will be launching her history of the Brisbane suburb of Fitzgibbon, titled *Butterflies and Bandicoots: On Becoming Fitzgibbon*.

Beginning with the area's Indigenous roots and tracing the stories of landowners and locals from the 1850s to the present day, this richly researched book offers fresh insights into Fitzgibbon's evolving identity. Drawing on historical records, oral interviews and over 100 images, it reveals little-known moments and milestones that have shaped this neighbourhood and prompts reflection on its future.

A seasoned academic and proud local, Judy brings her research skills home in this book, unearthing the forgotten and often surprising stories that have shaped Fitzgibbon's identity

over time.

For further information, click

on <https://www.fitzgibboncommunitycentre.org/event/butterflies-and-bandicoots-on-becoming-fitzgibbon/>.

The cover artwork created by local artist Lisa Caruana.

The logo for the Queensland State Archives, featuring the text "QUEENSLAND STATE ARCHIVES" in white capital letters on a dark blue rectangular background.

First Nations Languages Workshop

In November, Queensland State Archives will be offering a four-day First Nations Languages Workshop aimed at supporting communities and language workers as they try to revitalise language across Queensland.

The workshop invites language workers to further their language research and explore the archival collection to find connections between language, culture, country and family.

- **When:** Tuesday 4 November to Friday 7 November 2025
- **Where:** [Queensland State Archives](#), 435 Compton Rd, Runcorn (Yuggera), Brisbane

Click on this link to gain access to further information:

<https://www.qld.gov.au/recreation/arts/heritage/archives/about-us/news-and-events/expressions-of-interest-first-nations-languages-research-workshop2>

For anyone interested in supporting QSA, 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.



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...](#)



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

[Read more...](#)

The Huguenot Society of Australia, Queensland Branch

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.

Phone: 0411 551 372

Address: 40 Revell St Pullenvale Queensland 4069

Venue for meeting: The Toowong Library



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...](#)

New Exhibition Sheds Light on Christchurch, New Zealand Cemeteries' History



A new exhibition at Tūranga is aiming to shed light on lost stories from Christchurch's oldest cemeteries.

[Grave Insights: Plotting Lives in Christchurch Cemeteries](#) is part of the regular series *Tuakiri Investigates*, and runs at Tuakiri Identity, Level 2 from 14 July to 14 September.

It has been developed to complement the [Christchurch Family History Expo](#), which is being held on the weekend of 2-3 August.

Click on the links for further information. <https://christchurch.bibliocommons.com/v2/events?series=67f89a1479b6f832a6d75d>

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

If you are logging in to access Eventbrite to manage an event, you may be prompted to enter a code. This code is usually emailed to the Secretary.

If you would like to receive the code email directly, please email secretary@qfhs.org.au this week so that she can have your email address to the group receiving the code.. Please note this code is generated at the time of the request. You may receive the code when others are logging in to Eventbrite.



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 the 1840s 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 - Dealing with Water-Damaged items

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

[Read more...](#)

Assisted Immigration to Queensland

A new dataset with 262,900 entries has been added to the QFHS online research resources. The entries date from 1848 to 1912.

To gain access, click on <https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/assistedimmigration/>. Please read its associated [ABOUT](#) document for details of the data.



Journals: a rich resource

Australia

[SAG Descent 55 2 2025 06](#)

ACT

[HAGSOC Ancestral Searcher 48 2 2025 06](#)

NSW

[Botany Bay Endeavour 163 2025 06](#)

[Cape Banks Kith Kin 157 2025 06](#)

[Huguenot Times 45 2025 05](#)

[Murrumbidgee Ancestor 145 2025 06](#)

Queensland

[Caloundra Clipper 129 2025 06](#)

[CQ Genie Ologist 152 2025 06](#)

[Roma Maranoa Enquirer 107 2025 05](#)

[Toowoomba DDFHS Gazette 38 2 2025 07](#)

South Australia

[South Australian Genealogist 52 2 2025 05](#)

Victoria

[Bridges Branches 138 2025 06](#)

[Gensoc Victoria Ancestor 37 5 2025 03](#)

Great Britain

[JGSGB 110 2025 07](#)

[JGSGB Shemot 33 2 2025 08](#)

England

[Cumbria Newsletter 195 2025 06](#)

[Derbyshire 193 2025 06](#)

[Herefordiensis 16 02 2025 07](#)

[Hertfordshire People 173 2025 06](#)

[Nottinghamshire Journal 18 03 2025 07](#)

Scotland

[Dumfries Galloway NL112 2025 07](#)

[Shetland Coontin Kin 134 2025 06](#)

Les Moreland Scrapbook Index

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

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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



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Gain access to the collection here:

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