

Snippets 2025



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Welcome to (nearly) the end of winter. The winds are still here (of course, it is Ekka time) but should reduce soon.

While preparing this issue of Snippets, I have been delighted to see the many new events on offer, and also great new courses in how to 'do' family history, including a number to be delivered by QFHS. I encourage you to consider doing those on the fundamentals of research, on newspaper research, or more advanced MS Excel skills. Why not do all of them?

Writing articles is another way in which to enhance your skills. Do consider responding to an invitation from the Society of Australian Genealogists to submit proposals for articles or presentations for its forthcoming online conference and also its December issue of Descent.

Don't forget about the QFHS Open Day on **30 August 2025**. Please encourage people to come and learn about further ways in which they can search out their family history, and do come yourself to meet up with the QFHS community.

My co-editor, Sheena, should be back soon. I have enjoyed her photos taken in the UK: I get a huge amount of pleasure from following others' travel photos. That does not mean I won't really appreciate her return!

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

NEWS

Forthcoming QFHS Events

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

Aug 20	Presenting... <i>Sir Augustus Charles Gregory KCMG, MLA, FRGS, DistGM, an iconic 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
NEXT MONTH		
Sept 8	Finding your Family Course (Week 1) (Online)	10.30 am – 12 noon
Sept 17	Presenting... <i>Mawson's Medical Men</i> – Dr Roger Wilkinson AM (Hybrid)	1.00 pm – 3.00 pm
Sept 23	Bi-annual General Meeting (Online)	7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Sept 24	Members Lounge Talking About - Learning by Contributing (Online)	10.00 am–12.00 pm
Sept 28	New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (Online)	9.30 am – 12.30 pm
Oct 1	Members Lounge Social – Coffee & Chat Northside, Eden Garden Centre, Carseldine	10.00 am–12.30 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 the majority of the events in this table are also listed later in Snippets, where more information about each event is provided. This is merely a checklist to allow people to gain immediate access to dates and times.

Management Committee Update August 2025

Appointment to Management Committee

Our Volunteer Coordinator Jenni Doolan was appointed to the management committee to complete its compliment of 10 for the current term. Jenni assists with our day to day operations along with her Volunteer Coordinator role duties. Welcome Jenni.

Open Day

Plans for this event continue to come together. The coming weeks will increase the tempo of our activities. A brief opening ceremony will take place about 11am on the day. Danita Parry, our local councillor, has accepted an invitation to open the event. Our Open Day fence sign has been updated to be on display from 16th August on our front entry fence.

Safer Suburbs Grant

We used our grant to improve our security lighting. Lyndal and I attended a function in City Hall on 6th August along with the other recipients of the grant. Our Lord Mayor indicated continuing grant support for organisations providing a public service to Brisbane. Peter Gehrke is finalising the acquittal documentation for BCC to complete this exercise.

Book Award 6th August at Aspley Hornets

Clem chaired the event which was well received. Four books were presented, and an entertaining and informative discussion was the order of the day. The winner was Catherine Smith-Henrichs with her entry entitled *The Sugar King*. Several of the entries this year were centred around FNQ sugar farming pioneers. Thanks Clem and your judging team for another sterling effort with this annual event.

Property Update

We have lodged our application for the external site sign and are awaiting the council's decision. We are working with our facilities team on completing an application for approval to install the new front door and portico. We have still some way to go, but quotes are now updated. At the BCC's recommendation we are having discussions relating to how we divert the excess rainwater away from the front door area. Once a more definite plan is agreed upon, a plumber will be invited to provide us with a quote. Once a plumbing design has been agreed upon, and quoted on, a work application can be lodged with BCC.

Anika Wells' Departmental grant

The grant application has been successful for an amount of \$14,535.00 net of GST. Our IT team are working on identifying a server unit which was the purpose of this grant application. Once installed this might well kick start the remainder of our IT upgrade.

Acquisitions guidelines

Guidelines have been approved and are posted in dropbox. Alison Gardiner has agreed to be the Acquisitions Co-ordinator and will be the person to contact moving forward with acquisition matters. The Acquisition Request Form can be located on our website in the members portal. Thank you to the library team for all of their assistance in developing these guidelines etc and welcome aboard Alison and thank you for your offer to coordinate this task for us.

Volunteers

A number of vacancies remain in our volunteer ranks. Members are urged to seriously consider where you might be able to assist our Society. As our Society exists on our volunteers, should we continue to have a paucity of volunteers we may well be forced to review the activities short of personnel.

Speakers Tour in August/September 2026

A national tour is proposed next year featuring Blaine Bettinger (DNA and AI) and Simon Davies (WeAre.xyz) as the keynote speakers. We have agreed to jointly organise the Queensland event with GSQ, sharing the organisation, the costs and the profits.

We trust this update has been of some value.

Graeme Drew (President)

QFHS Management Committee Meetings

AGM

The QFHS AGM was held on Wednesday 18 June 2025 and names of the elected members to the Management Committee were published in the last Snippets and the August *Queensland Family*

Historian. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7.00 pm.

Our next Bi-annual Members General Meeting:

Date and time: Tuesday 23 Sep 2025 at 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Method of communication: This event will be held ONLINE.

In addition to the Annual General Meeting in June, two significant General Meetings are held each year, in March and September. Together, these will provide members with three major reporting occasions annually.

At General Meetings, members will receive reports from the Society's Executive Officers and each of the Strategic Priority champions.

The meeting agenda plus President's and Treasurer's Reports will be available on the website for member perusal seven (7) days before the General Meeting. Members may register questions and/or add items to the agenda - email the Secretary at secretary@qfhs.org.au. All members are urged to participate.

Note: This event is held in QLD time, AEST: no daylight saving. (GMT+10)



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.



Another call for Volunteers



Message from Jenni Doolan

Thank you to Debra Ricks for becoming our Calendar Co-Ordinator on top of the other roles she is undertaking and a warm welcome to Karen Webster (*see photo above*) to our wonderful group of volunteers. Karen is working with Werona Armstrong in the Social Media space.

Current vacancies are as follows:

- Correspondence Secretary - Document the incoming correspondence for the Society - (approx. 6 hours per month)
- Facilities team member - This is a flexible, hands-on role, helping maintain the upkeep of the building and contents. (approx. 2 hours per month)
- Publicity Co-Ordinator - Are you a strong communicator? If so this role is for you. The Publicity Co-Ordinator promotes and helps shape our public image. You will play an integral part in driving the QFHS brand within the community.

This is the third call out for the following roles:-

- Members Lounge Co-Ordinator - organise monthly events, which can include book club, coffee mornings etc. (approx. 1 hour per month) - **Third call out**
- 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) - **Third call out**
- 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) - **Third call out**

If you would like to contact me (Jenni) please phone me on 0412 789 559.



QFHS Research Kiosk

Some words by Barry Koster

Diane Coster, as a member of the Print Library team, had for many years expressed a frustration to method journals was 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.

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.

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

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

Seeking volunteers from QFHS members to help in advertising Open Day

The Open Day organisers are planning to do a letterbox drop to homes just in the local area. They are asking for some volunteers to do this, probably Monday or Tuesday of the week before Open Day, that is, 25-26 August. They hope this can be done on the one day, with some help from about 20 volunteers. Volunteers will only have to letterbox drop about 20-25 houses, starting and finishing at one place. Of course, if you can volunteer and feel you can manage another group, that would be much appreciated. If you are available, please contact **Lyndal Cosgrove** on **0403 128 836**.

Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Next meetings:



Central European: Saturday 4 October 25 - 10am – online

Colonial India & the Far East: Sunday 12 October 25 - 10am – online
DNA (beginners' questions): Saturday 27 Sept 25 - 10am – hybrid
DNA (some experience): Saturday 23 August 25 - 10am – hybrid
English West Country: Thursday 25 Sept 25 - 12 noon – online
Family History Writing: Saturday 20 Sept 25 - 9am – online
Family Historian Software: Sunday 7 September 25 - 1pm – online
Family Tree Maker: Saturday 6 September 25 - 10am – online
Irish Research Day: Saturday 11 October 25 - 10.30am – online
QLD Pre-Separation: Saturday 13 September 25 - 1.30pm – online
Scottish: Saturday 13 September 25 - 10am – hybrid
The Master Genealogist: Monday 15 September 25 - 7pm – online
Welsh: Sunday 16 November 2025 – 10.00am – 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.

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 is 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 28 September 2025 at 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Bookings are essential at welcome@gfhs.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

Date and time: Wednesday 20 Aug 2025 1:00pm

Guest Speaker: Gary Bacon (photographed)

Presentation style: 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

Date and time: Wednesday 17 September 2025, 1pm - 3pm

Guest Speaker: Dr Roger Wilkinson

Presentation style: 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

Talking About ... Learning by Contributing

Date: Wednesday 24 September, 2025

Communication method: 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.

Learn@QFHS

Presentation Costs

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:

\$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.

Ten Things you Need to Know About Newspaper Research



Date and time: Friday 10 October 2025, 10am - 11.30am Qld time

Presenter: Sue Reid

Presentation: ONLINE.

Attendee limit: 25

Family historians know that newspapers are indispensable for adding detail to family history. We are fortunate that so many free digital newspapers are available. Each newspaper site or platform has similarities to and differences from other sites, but there are some principles you should know about when searching newspapers. For example, when was the long 's' (also known as the medial 's' or initial 's') used, and how can we search for words that may contain the long 's'.

This presentation will look at some present key issues that will assist you in your search, no matter what site you are using.

Limited places are available for each session, so bookings on Eventbrite are essential.

For suggestions for training course topics please contact the Education team at education@qfhs.org.au.

MS Excel

Date and time: Thursday 18 September 2025,
10.00am - 12.30pm

What to bring:

- working knowledge of MS Excel
- laptop with MS Excel installed
- power cord for laptop
- notebook and pencil

Where: 46 Delaware Street, Geebung, Brisbane

Click here to book:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/how-to-ms-excel-beyond-the-basics-tickets-1554376424729?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>



Arana Hills Family History Group visit Queensland Family History Society Research Centre

Ten members of the Arana Hills FH Group based at the local Moreton Bay City Council Library, visited QFHS Research Centre, Chermside, on 7th August as part of Family History month.

The visiting group meets monthly at the Arana Hills Library on the first Tuesday of the month at 6pm to discuss their search activities, and help each other out. To increase their knowledge, they took full advantage of the vast amount of information available at the Research Centre, nestled on the edge of 7th Brigade Park.

They were welcomed by the knowledgeable QFHS members who gave a detailed introduction to the resources accessible within their premises and also other online data bases. Available resources included Shipping, School and Cemetery records, Maps, Books, overseas Journals and information on DNA.

After an enjoyable morning tea the visitors, aided by QFHS volunteer Library Assistants, spent several hours eagerly searching for that elusive piece of family history needed to set them on the right path. By all accounts the Arana Hills FH Group found the visit extremely worthwhile and expressed its thanks to QFHS before heading back to the Hills.

Maurice Friend (member of both QFHS and AHFHS)

NOTICEBOARD

Let's help the cadets find their history

QFHS has received the following letter from Brisbane Army Cadets, who are celebrating their 40th anniversary this year. If anyone can provide them with any clues, please do so. Snippets has included the contact details of the relevant officer in case you would prefer to do so directly.

Seeking information on Brisbane cadet unit

LT(AAC) William Carroll <William.Carroll@armycadets.gov.au>

This year is the 12th Army Cadet Unit's 40th Anniversary since it was raised as a community-based "regional" cadet unit from the previous Camp Hill SHS Cadet Unit and Salisbury SHS Cadet Unit.

I am looking for information on the various subunits of 12RCU and 12ACU both prior to 1985 and after 1985. These included A Company at Camp Hill SHS (now Whites Hill State College) since moved to Bulimba, B Company at Salisbury SHS (later renamed Nyanda SHS), later moved to Wacol (formerly Sanananda Barracks) 138 Company at St James College Spring Hill, 10 Company at Macgregor SHS and the Annerley Army Reserve Depot and Capalaba SHS (now Capalaba State College).

It would be highly appreciated if this could be sent out to the local historical societies that are members of History Qld Inc asking for information and any photos, or if anyone was a member, either as a cadet or Officer/Instructor of cadets.

I can be contacted by this email and phone number below.

Kind regards,

Lieutenant (AAC) William Carroll

Training Officer

12th Army Cadet Unit

HMAS Moreton

william.carroll@armycadets.gov.au

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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 Brazilian 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

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

Registration: The early bird prices ended 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/>



QSA Activities Happening in the Rest of the Year

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.

Do you want to participate in a feedback session?

Queensland State Archives is working with customer research company [PeakXD](#) to better understand what it's like for our customers when they interact with QSA. Whether it's through our website, on-site visits, or other touchpoints, we want to make these connections with us as seamless and helpful as possible.

QSA is currently seeking expressions of interest from people to take part in feedback sessions, which will be held in August.

QSA is keen to hear from you, whether you're a regular website user, have explored our collections in person or online, or are new to QSA entirely.

To find out more and express your interest, click the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QSA-2025>

Queensland State Archives Readers Lounge

Update about upgrades to the Readers Lounge at the Queensland State Archives. Click on the following link to read about it.

https://mail.archives.qld.gov.au/v/40791/1634626/email.html?k=0EBwGvImpeqjIXRfFk9_yTpoX5VVac-VLa46RvArcAs

Call for Articles for *Descent* in December/Summer 2025 Issue

Theme: Family History Education and the Professional Genealogist

Articles due: 20 October 2025

Do you have a story to share about your path to becoming a genealogist — whether formal, informal, or accidental? Have you taught others how to research, built a genealogy business, or transitioned from hobbyist to professional? Can you provide information from your institution or organisation?

The December 2025 issue of *Descent* will explore family history education and the professional genealogist. We're inviting contributions that reflect on how genealogists gain expertise, teach others, and navigate the shift from amateur to expert. We welcome:

- Case studies from those teaching genealogy in community or academic settings
- Reflections on mentoring, coaching, and peer learning in genealogical circles
- Experiences with online study, conferences, courses, or societies shaping your practice
- Discussion of business models, ethics, and challenges of working in genealogy professionally
- Advertising from organisations and educational institutions.

Submit your article proposal or draft by **20 October 2025** to editor@sag.org.au. Articles may range from 100-2000 words and should include citations where relevant with full submission guidelines available from here: <https://www.sag.org.au/Our-Magazine-Descent/>

Call for Talk Proposals – 25 October 2025 online conference

Theme: Becoming a Professional Genealogist

Proposals due: 31 August 2025

The Society of Australian Genealogists invites proposals for presentations at our **online conference on Saturday 25 October 2025**, themed on *Becoming a Professional Genealogist*.

This virtual event will examine how genealogists build and share expertise, explore professional pathways, and foster quality research through education and training. We welcome proposals from educators, researchers, professionals, and students in genealogy or related fields.

Possible presentation topics include:

- Innovative ways of teaching family history online or in-person
- Creating learning communities: special interest groups, peer mentoring, workshops
- Building a genealogy practice: ethics, standards, and business realities
- The role and impact of continuing education
- From researcher to educator: personal journeys into genealogy education
- Cross-disciplinary collaborations: history, archives, DNA, and digital tools
- Sessions will be 30-60 minutes including Q&A. We encourage engaging, practical presentations, especially those that reflect diverse pathways to working professionally.

Submit your proposal (max 250 words abstract, with a title and short bio) by **31 August 2025** to admin@sag.org.au. You are welcome to pre-record a presentation or be with us live 25th October.



The Penguin

At present, 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 Royal Historical Society of Queensland has invited all QFHS members to attend its Greater Brisbane Centenary Conference, which will take place on 11 October.

This event commemorates the centenary of the amalgamation of 24 cities, towns, and shires into Greater Brisbane as the modern Brisbane City Council. A full day conference with various prestigious speakers and some great topics will be held, discussing how Brisbane took on its modern character.

For more about the event, go to its ticketing page:

<https://greaterbrisbaneconference.eventbrite.com.au>.

As affiliates, QFHS representatives will enjoy the RHSQ members discount.

Date and time: Saturday 11 October 2025, 9.00 am until 4.00 pm

Registration: Commences 8.30 am

Where: Ithaca Room, Brisbane City Hall

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 until 14 September.

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...](#)

Upload of New Datasets at BDA



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...](#)

Irish Ancestral Research Association

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...](#)

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](#)
[Wyong Tree Of Life 42 3 2025 08](#)

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Les Moreland Scrapbook Index

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