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I would like to take this opportunity to thank Deborah very much for holding the fort while I was away galavanting in Scotland. I know it was stressful for her so thank you very much.

In recent years there has been a great increase in interest in family history and family roots resulting in a growing number of family and local history groups. This provides us with a smorgasbord of possible sources of information for our research and may give you that hint to solve a roadblock problem.

One such group is the Family History Federation based in the UK which puts out a Really Useful Bulletin each month. For those with UK backgrounds there is an interesting article in the current issue on the Story of Emigration. This is part 1 of the article and presumably the part 2 will be in the October issue. Another item which might be of interest is the availability of Ordinance Survey maps from the early twentieth century of various areas of the UK.

Another source, FamilySearch, also puts out webinars on its website which may be of interest. In October they have one on FamilySearch Library, Using US Cemetery Records & Celebrate Hispanic Heritage.

If you are looking to personalise some of your family history Queensland State Archives

has now digitised School Inspectors' reports from 1970s and Coronial Inquests dating back to 1873, which are available online. They also have photographs of Treasury staff amongst other images available.

We would like to put in a new segment in Snippets of hints or other items of interest. if you have come across a book or source that you would recommend to other members please send us an email so we can features it in Snippets for all to read.

This year is galloping past and Christmas is fast approaching so please note the dates when the Family History Research Centre will be closed for the holiday season so you can plan your research. Obviously online access will still be available during this time.

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

NEWS

Forthcoming QFHS Events

27 Oct 25	Members Lounge – Book Club ... <i>One Free Woman</i> by Jane Smith	10.00 am to 11.30 am
6 Nov 2025	Microsoft Word Intermediate Workshop	10.00 am - 12.00 pm
11 Nov 2025	Management Committee Meeting	7.30 pm - 9.00 pm
19 Nov 2025	Members Lounge – Presenting ... Muslims in Queensland	1.00 pm - 3.00 pm
23 Nov 2025	New Members Welcome and Orientation	9.30 am - 12.30 pm
25 Nov 2025	Member Lounge - Social - Qld Holocaust Museum	10.00 am - 12.00 noon
26 Nov 2025	Talking About ... Queensland in 1925	10.00 am - 12.30 pm
8 Dec 2025	QFHS Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea	10.00 am – 12 noon

Management Committee Update October 2025

General meeting 23 September

Our half-yearly general meeting provided members an update of our activities to date. At our next general meeting in March 2026 the goal is to present a redrafted constitution for members' consideration. If you were unable to attend, reports are posted on our web site.

Constitution Update

The subcommittee will recommence its work in earnest mid October. There are several aspects which require further discussion by the subcommittee and then the plan is to

present that draft to the members for comment later this calendar year. Upon receipt of members' responses any redrafting will be completed in readiness for presentation of the recommended draft constitution to our March general meeting for a decision.

Finances

Our treasurer reports that there have been no significant changes on the finance front.

BCC works applications

Recently we have received conditional approval for our three outstanding property projects, installation of the new front door, erection of the awning over it, and the street sign fronting Delaware St. Our facilities team is working with the suppliers for the work to be commenced. More details as developments unfold.

Grants

The Gambling Grant Benefit application for the upgrading of our IT hardware (12 units) was completed in early October and lodged for consideration. A decision is not anticipated until late February/mid-March 2026. We have taken delivery of our new server purchased with the Anika Wells grant and our TAG team are working on setting it up for implementation later in the year. Peter Gehrke continues to monitor grant opportunities for QFHS.

Volunteering

We continue to seek volunteers for the vacant roles and Jenni is proactive in this regard. She is also busy developing plans and a timetable for the Bunnings sausage sizzle on 27 December at their Carseldine outlet. Should you be willing to assist with the efficient running of QFHS in any way, Jenni would love to hear from you.

This is a brief update of recent activities. The October management committee meeting has been rescheduled for 21 October.

Graeme Drew 14 October 2025

Holiday closure dates for the Queensland Family History Society Centre

The Centre will be closed from 16 December 2025 till 14 January 2026.

QFHS Management Committee Meetings

AGM

The QFHS AGM was held on Wednesday 18 June 2025.

Our next Management Committee Meeting:

Date and time: Tuesday 21 October 2025 at 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Method of communication: Online.

General Meetings

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)



Can you help at our Christmas sausage sizzle at Bunnings?

Message from Jenni Doolan

Hi everyone

We are having a sausage sizzle at the Carseldine Bunnings on Saturday 27 December 2025 as well as a raffle inside the Atrium at the front door.

I am calling for volunteers now as I'm aware people may be travelling over the Christmas break and it is anticipated the day will be busy, so trying to get organised early.

I am looking for the following numbers to be in the BBQ tent as well as 1-2 extra selling raffle tickets.

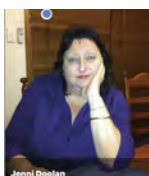
- 4 people from 7.15 to 10.15 + 1-2 for the raffle table
- 5 people from 10.15 to 1.15 + 1-2 for the raffle table
- 4 people from 1.15 to 4.15 + 1-2 for the raffle table

There are a few rules around volunteers in the BBQ tent, i.e.:

- All volunteers must wear aprons and gloves at all times while in the BBQ area
- Enclosed shoes must be worn by all people working within the barbecue area
- Hair must be neat and tidy with long hair tied back or wear a hair net
- No singlets or inappropriate branding/messages on Tshirts
- No person under 12 is permitted to have a role in the BBQ
- Persons aged between 13 and 17 are not able to cook or operate equipment

Can you please let me know as soon as possible, so I can start building a roster.

Jen



Special Interest Groups

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Next meetings:



Central European:	Saturday 6 December 25 – 10am – online
Colonial India & the Far East:	Sunday 14 December 25 – 10am – online
DNA (beginners' questions):	Saturday 22 November 25 – 10am – hybrid
DNA (some experience):	Saturday 25 October – 10am – hybrid
English West Country:	Thursday 27 November 25 – 12 noon – online
Family History Writing:	Saturday 15 November 25 – 9am – online
Family Historian Software:	Sunday 2 November 25 – 1pm – online
Family Tree Maker:	Saturday 1 November 25 – 10am – hybrid
Irish Research Group:	Thursday 13 November 25 – 10.00am – in person
QLD Pre-Separation:	Saturday 13 December 25 – 1.30pm – online
Scottish:	Saturday 8 November 25 – 10am – hybrid
The Master Genealogist:	Monday 17 November 25 – 7pm – online
Welsh:	Sunday 16 November 25 – 10.00am – in person

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.



For members of the Welsh SIG:

The Welsh Interest Group invites you to a special event showcasing QFHS resources that can help those with Welsh family. This is an in-person event at the QFHS Research Centre on 16 November, from 10am. We'll be discussing the challenges of Welsh research and digging into the QFHS resources to help you progress your family research in Wales. There will be food - Welsh cakes and bara brith (Welsh fruit cake) and Christmas goodies. Contact the group convenor, Char Sale, on welsh@qfhs.org.au to register your attendance.

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 23 November 2025 at 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

Bookings are essential at welcome@qfhs.org.au.

Members Lounge - Talking About ...



Queensland in 1925

Date and time: 6 November 2025 at 10 am

Presenter: Nancy Edwards

Did you or an ancestor experience a meaningful event in that year? How can you discover what affected your family in any given year?

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

Members Lounge - Presenting ...

Muslims in Queensland

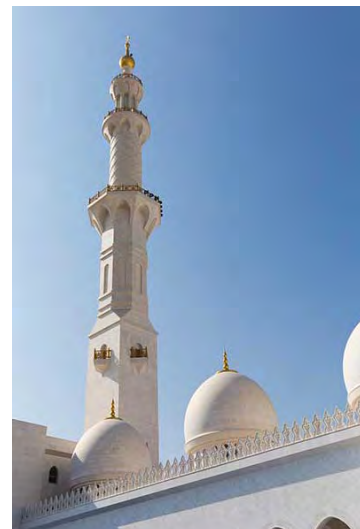
Date: 19 November 2025 (hybrid)

Time: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Guest speaker: Janeth Deen OAM

In our last presentation of the year and Janeth will talk about the cameleers' and hawkers' early history in bringing Islam to Australia and the oldest continuous mosque in Australia in Holland Park, Brisbane.

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



Members Lounge - Social



Qld Holocaust Museum

Date: 25 November 2025

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

A visit to the Queensland Holocaust Museum in St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct will immerse visitors in the Queensland stories and history.

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



Microsoft Word Intermediate Workshop

Date: 6 November 2025

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 pm (in person)

Presenter: Debra Ricks

Designed for current Microsoft Word users, this session is for those who want to learn more about the software. Participants require a basic understanding of MS Word.

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

NOTICEBOARD

Can you help students seeking comments about the Gabba?

Snippets has received a message from a group of students seeking information from anyone who lives or has lived in or near the Gabba (see below). Do help them if you can!

Do you live near the Gabba and have any thoughts about its demolition? A group of students from UQ are conducting a research project on community perceptions on the demolition of the Gabba and the redevelopment taking place in the area. They are looking for community members living in the area who might be interested in a short interview about their connection to Woolloongabba and the Gabba. If you are interested, or have any questions, please contact Hei Tung Leung at hthheitung@gmail.com.

More Icons of Brisbane



Title: More Icons of Brisbane

When: Sunday 26 October 2025 12.30 pm

Where: GT 125 Theatre, St Joseph's College, 285 Gregory Tce

The Brisbane History Group is following its successful event held in 2023 by investigating some more Brisbane citizens who have made significant contributions to Brisbane life.

Go to the following link to for further information and to book: <https://events.humanitix.com/more-icons-of-brisbane/tickets>

Caboonbah Church 120 Year Service

Date: Saturday, November 8, 2025

Time: 11:00 AM

Location: Cressbrook Caboonbah Road Mt Beppo

Officiated by: Pastor Stu Wynd from the Toogoolawah Baptist Church

The Caboonbah Undenominational Church has invited us to join them as they come together to celebrate 120 years of faith, fellowship, and the enduring legacy of their founding families. This special service will reflect on shared history, give thanks for the generations who have gone before us, and look ahead to the future with hope and purpose.

Following the service, the organisers invite us to stay for a shared picnic, a tradition of those who established the church, including celebratory cake, and conversation in the

picnic shelter.

Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants

History Queensland has alerted us to the recent Press Release issued by the Australian Society of Mayflower Descendants. If you believe you may have a Mayflower veteran among your ancestors, you may find this informative release of interest: [Click here](#).



**New Materials available on
FamilySearch**

See the full list of collection updates in the [FamilySearch Newsroom](#).

Today, more than 20 billion historical records and images can be searched freely at [FamilySearch.org](#).

Other related databases include:

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

[FamilySearch Italy Discovery Page](#)

[FamilySearch Brazil Discovery Page](#)

QUEENSLAND
STATE ARCHIVES

QSA Activities Happening in the Rest of the Year

A four-day First Nations Language 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.

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.

Digital Storytelling Workshop

Date: 22 November 2025

Where: 12 Payne Street, Auchenflower

Facilitator: Elena Volkova



Elena Volkova, is a transmedia storytelling facilitator and producer, oral historian, and writer. She held the position of President of Oral History Queensland (2007–2011) and contributed to a seminal work, “Oral History: Australian Generations” (Monash University, Radio National, and National Library of Australia). Her creative practice, *Story Labyrinths*, is grounded in the traditions of oral history, life writing, and digital storytelling.

Find out more about the workshop and registration [here...](#)



Society of Australian Genealogists 2026 Scholarship

Awarded for the first time in 2021, this scholarship covers the full tuition fees for the UTAS Diploma of Family History. Applications are now open to current members of the Society of Australian Genealogists for the 2026 Scholarship. Applications close on 1 December 2025.

Apply [here...](#)

Logan City Council is seeking to update information about its cemeteries

Do you have any relatives or friends buried in the Beenleigh Cemetery? The Logan City Council is working to consolidate and modernise burial records following the transition of cemetery management of several Shire Council cemeteries to management by the Logan City Council in 2008, Logan City Council is trying to locate Burial Right Holders who reserved plots at Beenleigh Cemetery before 2008, in order to correct outdated information following changes in addresses and phone numbers. This will help people who are seeking information about relatives and friends who they believe may be buried in the local area.

The relevant phone number is 07 3804 4602. Please quote File Number 1397456-1 and Document Reference Number 18817712.



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc

Enriching family history

Upcoming events that may be of interest:

Date: 25 October 2025

Title: Mining the Genealogical Treasure - Making Register of Deeds remotely accessible.

Date: 1 November 2025

Title: Leveraging AI in Family History

Date: 8 November 2025

Title: Experience of AIF Prisoner of War in Europe

Date: 22 November 2025

Title: Researching the Emigrant - Ship of Death



The Society is hosting the following events, which may be of interest:

Date: 25 October 2025

Title: Pathways to Professional Genealogy

Date: 4 November 2025

Title: Understanding your YDNA results

Date: 19 November 2025

Title: Sweet, White and Deadly - A Social History of Sugar

RESOURCES - NEW AND ONGOING

Who Does What at QFHS?

Have you wanted to contact someone at QFHS but not known who was the right person? We have an extensive list of "Who Does What", recently updated.

Members can find it on the QFHS website under the "Members Portal" tab, or go to:
<https://www.qfhs.org.au/media/2279553/2025-3009-qfhs-who-does-what.pdf>

It is a testament to the many wonderful volunteers who work together to keep QFHS delivering to us all. Many thanks to Jenni Doolan, our Volunteers Coordinator, who keeps this listing up to date.

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...](#)



Journals: a Rich Resource

Australia

[SAG Descent 55 3 2025 09](#)

NSW

[Blue Mountains Explorers Tree 128 2025 10](#)

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Victoria

[Bridges Branches 139 2025 09](#)

[Cape Banks Kith Kin 158 2025 09](#)

[Gensoc Victoria Ancestor 37 7 2025 09](#)

[Victoria Gum News 43 10 2025 10](#)

[WendNews73 2024 09](#)

[WendNews74 2025 03](#)

[WendNews75 2025 09](#)

England

[Dorset 38 4 2025 09](#)

[East Yorkshire Banyan Tree 183 2025 11](#)

[Family History Federation Bulletin 61 2025 09](#)

[FIBIS 54 Autumn 2025](#)

[Hampshire Historian 52 2 2025 09](#)

[Herefordiensis 16 03 2025 10](#)

[Isle Wight 156 2025 02](#)

[Isle Wight 157 2025 05](#)

[Isle Wight 158 2025 08](#)

[Nottinghamshire Journal 18 04 2025 10](#)

[Ormskirk Family Historian 97 2025 07](#)

Ireland

[NIFHS News 75 2025 09](#)

Scotland

[Caithness Journal 79 2025 09](#)

[Tay Valley Historian 132 2025 10](#)



The last of Victoria's paper probate records have now been added to the collection. In a milestone development, they have also completed the first-ever transfer of born-digital probates - records originally created in digital format. These are now available on their website and ready to support your research.



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.



A new production is opening at the Growl Theatre this week: *The Foreigner* by Larry Shue, directed by Julie Bray. It will be open between 25 October and 8 November.

For further information, contact boxoffice@growltheatre.org.au or go to growltheatre.org.au.

Les Moreland Scrapbook Index

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

QFHS provides free access to an extensive range of information available through the library editions of the websites listed on the QFHS website, and accessed through member login details. Some can be accessed from home, and others through 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

Gain access to the collection [here...](#)

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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