

# Snippets 2025



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## SNIPPETS VOL 25 NO 10

This will be the last Snippets for 2025. Last year, we issued a copy in December but did not prepare a copy for January 2025. This year, we have decided it is more sensible to issue a copy in January, not December. A January issue will be more up-to-date and, also, members may be able to better concentrate on what will be happening in the new year once Christmas and New Year celebrations are over.

Please take note of the dates of the closure of the Research Centre over the holiday season found below.

The end of the QFHS is approaching fast, but there are still forthcoming events to enjoy, such as the *Members Lounge – Social – Queensland Holocaust Museum* visit, which will take place on 25 November, and *Talking About ... Queensland in 1925*, to be held on 26 November. In addition, look at the Snippets *Noticeboard* section, which informs you of events arranged by other groups with related interests.

Have a wonderful holiday season and best wishes to all for 2026!

**Sheena de Jager Miles and Deborah Clark-Dickson**

## NEWS

### Forthcoming QFHS Events

23 Nov 2025	New Members Welcome and Orientation	9.30am – 12.30pm
25 Nov 2025	Members Lounge – Social – Queensland Holocaust Museum	10.00am – 12 noon
26 Nov 2025	Talking About ... Queensland in 1925	10.00am – 12.30pm
8 Dec 2025	QFHS Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea	10.00am – 12 noon
9 Dec 2025	Management Committee Meeting (hybrid)	7:00pm – 8.30pm
13 Dec 2025	<b>QFHS Research Centre closes for 2025</b>	End of business hours

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### Holiday closure dates for the Family History Research Centre

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

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### QFHS Management Committee Meetings

#### AGM

The 2025 QFHS AGM was held on Wednesday 18 June 2025. The 2026 AGM will be held at a date to be advised in June 2026.

#### Our next Management Committee Meeting

*Date and time:* Tuesday 9 December 2025, 7:00pm - 9:30pm

*Method of communication:* Hybrid

Please note that, until further notice, Management Committee meetings will be hybrid.

#### 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 provide members with three major reporting occasions annually.

At General Meetings, members 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 Meetings. Members may register questions and/or add items to the agenda – email the Secretary at [secretary@qfhs.org.au](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au). All members are urged to participate.

Events are held in Queensland time, whether or not daylight-saving time is active in other states.

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### **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



QFHS is developing a new website. It's almost ready to go!

But first it has to be tested – every link must be checked to be sure it works, every process checked to know that it does what's expected, that it all makes sense.

Our hardworking web admin Debra has made it very easy to do the testing, but needs some helpers to carry it out.

**Can you use a computer? You're just who we need!**

If you can help please email Debra at [webadmin@qfhs.org.au](mailto:webadmin@qfhs.org.au).



## CHRISTMAS HAMPER

Each year we assemble a hamper for the less fortunate people in our community. For the last couple of years it has gone to the Salvos. There will be a hamper in the Research Centre for your donations.

Keep in mind the probable recipients of the donated goods:

- \* they may be homeless and have no access to electricity for cooking or heating
- \* they may have limited household resources – pots and pans, cutlery, can openers etc

### Some suggestions

Shelf stable items:-

- \* canned goods (go for peel back tops)
- \* pasta, noodles, rice
- \* breakfast cereals
- \* dried fruit
- \* spreads – peanut butter, jam, honey
- \* Long life milk
- \* tea, coffee, chocolate sachets/bags

Hygiene products:-

- \* soap
- \* shampoo
- \* toothpaste
- \* comb, toothbrush
- \* tissues, wipes

Extras:-

- \* socks
- \* gift cards
- \* puzzles/board games (travel size)
- \* word search/crossword books
- \* colouring books with crayons, pencils or textas
- \* some special Christmas goodie

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### Current Vacancies - Can You Help?

\* **The Snippets Co-Editor role** - *Do you have basic computer skills and know your way around a computer – if so, this is the role for you. This is an excellent opportunity to gain experience with new systems and play an integral part in keeping all members informed of what's happening within the Society.*

\* **Publicity Co-Ordinator** - *this role promotes and helps shape our public image and helps drive the QFHS brand within the community. Do you have a background in Publicity or Marketing – this would be the role for you.*

\* **Education Team members** – *assist with providing our members with enriching*

educational experiences.

\* **Facilities team member** - This is a flexible, hands-on role, helping maintain the upkeep of the building and contents. (approx. 2 hours per month).

If you are interested in any of the above roles, please call Jen on 0412 789 559.



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## Journal Article of the Year:

### Members Choice Award

The winner of the Members' Choice Award for the *Queensland Family Historian Journal* **Article of the Year** will be awarded at the Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea in December.

After publication of each issue of the QFH, members have the opportunity to select one article to enter in the Members' Choice Award.

The award is decided by a poll of members of the Society and if you haven't yet completed the poll, there's still time for you to have your say!

**This is a fun activity and in no way a competition!** The reasons you choose particular articles each issue will be highly personal - perhaps the article struck a chord or paralleled events in your own family, perhaps you found the writing style appealing, perhaps you discovered the author was writing about a branch in your family tree and you now have a newly-discovered cousin - all are valid reasons to choose an article.

Support our wonderful volunteers who create and distribute the Journal, the authors who share their stories, and our Society by taking part in our **Journal Article of the Year: Members' Choice Award 2024**.

**Click below to register your choice**

From the February issue click [here..](#)

From the May issue click [here..](#)

From the August issue click [here.](#)

From the November issue click [here..](#)

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**Special Interest Groups**

## Special Interest Groups (SIGs)



### Next meetings:

<b>Central European:</b>	Saturday 6 December 25 – 10am – online
<b>Colonial India &amp; the Far East:</b>	Sunday 14 December 25 – 10am – online
<b>DNA (beginners' questions):</b>	Saturday 22 November 25 – 10am – hybrid
<b>DNA (some experience):</b>	No meeting for December and January.
<b>English West Country:</b>	Thursday 27 November 25 – 12 noon – online
<b>Family History Writing:</b>	Saturday 17 January 26 – 9am – online
<b>Family Historian Software:</b>	Sunday 7 December 25 – 1pm – online
<b>Family Tree Maker:</b>	Friday 5 December 25 – 10am – online
<b>Irish Research Group:</b>	Saturday 13 December 25 – 10.30am – online
<b>QLD Pre-Separation:</b>	Saturday 13 December 25 – 1.30pm – online
<b>Scottish:</b>	No meeting for December and January.
<b>Technical:</b>	Thursday 5 February 26 – 10.00am – online
<b>The Master Genealogist:</b>	Monday 19 January 26 – 7pm – online
<b>Welsh:</b>	Sunday 18 January 26 – 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.

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## EVENTS

**New Members Welcome and Orientation**





### **Get ready to make the most of your membership**

These orientation sessions are 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](mailto:welcome@qfhs.org.au).

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## **Members Lounge - Talking About ...**

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### **Queensland in 1925**

**26 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..](#)

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## **Members Lounge - Social**

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## Qld Holocaust Museum

**Date:** 25 November 2025

**Time:** 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

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

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

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## QFHS Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea

**8 December 2025**

**10:00am - 12 noon**

At this Thank You Morning Tea, the Award for Services to Family History 2025 will be presented, along with the winner of the Journal Article of the Year.

We are grateful for all the work undertaken throughout the year by our wonderful volunteers. We are also acutely aware that many volunteers make important contributions without ever setting foot on our premises. They do all their volunteering for the Society online. Therefore, the Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea will be a hybrid event so our remote access members can participate in the proceedings. We hope, wherever you are, you can join us.

Please register [here..](#)



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## Finding Your Family

**Date:** 9 February 2026

**Time:** 7:30 - 9:00 pm AEST on-line

**Presenter:** QFHS Tutors

Are you new to family history and wondering how to get started?

Or perhaps you've researched before and would like a refresher?

Maybe you've tried searching online but found the information overwhelming or scattered?

If any of these sound like you, our **6 week course, Finding Your Family**, is the perfect next step.

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

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## NOTICEBOARD

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**Driven: every car has a story**

**6 Dec 2025 – 8 Feb 2026**

Take a drive down memory lane at the *Driven* exhibition, celebrating the milestones we've shared with our cars, the adventures across bitumen, sand, and dirt, and the enduring passion driven by our love for them.

Learn [more..](#)

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Theory of Family Relativity™ is the ultimate tool for smashing brick walls and solving DNA-Match-related mysteries. It's the only DNA tool on the market that leverages historical records as well as family tree and DNA data to suggest how a given DNA Match may be related to you. Because of the vast amounts of data involved, Theories of Family Relativity™ are calculated and refreshed on a periodic basis. With this update, 3.5 million DNA kits now have at least one Theory of Family Relativity™ — a 20% jump since the last time the data was refreshed.

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# RHSQ

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland

Coming Events:

**5 December - Book Launch** - Moreton Bay Settlement - a publication of the Wunya Ngulum Conference.

**10 December - 2025 Separation Day Celebrations**

**10 December - Lunchtime Lecture** - Peter Moffat of Irvinebank

**14 January - Lunchtime Lecture** - Life on the Beat

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### 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: go to [https://www.mayflowersociety.org.au/files/ugd/58c040\\_dd719cd95ea4406ab5ab031c33e4ce5b.pdf?index=true](https://www.mayflowersociety.org.au/files/ugd/58c040_dd719cd95ea4406ab5ab031c33e4ce5b.pdf?index=true)

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**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](https://www.familysearch.org).

Other related databases include:

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



### 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...](#)

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc  
*Enriching family history*

Upcoming events that may be of interest:

**Date:** 22 November 2025

**Title:** Researching the Emigrant - Ship of Death

Read [more..](#)

**Date:** 6 December 2025

**Title:** Deciphering Old Handwriting

Read [more..](#)

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## 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 click [here..](#)

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.

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## 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](mailto: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...](#)

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### Journals: a Rich Resource

(This list is updated monthly.)

#### NSW

[Lithgow Pioneer Press 40 2 2025 10](#)

[Mallee Stump 2025 11](#)

[Wyong Tree Of Life 42 4 2025 11](#)

#### Queensland

[Maryborough Forebears 44 2 2023 11](#)

[Maryborough Forebears 45 1 2024 05](#)

[Maryborough Forebears 45 2 2024 11](#)

[Maryborough Forebears 46 1 2025 05](#)

[Redland Researcher 156 2025 08](#)

[Redland Researcher 157 2025 11](#)

[RHSQ 912 2025 11](#)

[Sunshine Coast Kin Tracer 33 1 2025 09](#)  
[Toowoomba DDFHS Gazette 38 3 2025 11](#)

## **Victoria**

[Peninsula Past Times 180 2025 11](#)  
[Victoria Gum News 43 11 2025 11](#)

## **UK**

[Family History Federation Bulletin 62 2025 10](#)  
[JGSGB Shemot 33 3 2025 12](#)

## **England**

[Isle Wight 159 2025 11](#)  
[Northamptonshire Footprints 48 2 2025 11](#)  
[SoG Genealogists Magazine 35 2 2025 06](#)  
[Somerset Greenwood Tree 50 2 2025 06](#)  
[Somerset Greenwood Tree 50 3 2025 09](#)  
[West Middlesex 43 2 2025 06](#)  
[West Middlesex 43 3 2025 09](#)  
[West Surrey Root Branches 52 2 2025 09](#)  
[Lanarkshire Journal 90 2025 10](#)

## **Scotland**

[Aberdeen Nes 176 2025 11](#)  
[Dumfries Galloway NI113 2025 11](#)

## **Wales**

[Cronicl Powys 126 2025 12](#)  
[Glamorgan Journal 160 2025 12](#)

## **Canada**

[BCGS Cariboo Notes 42 3 2025](#)



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.

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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...](#)

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### **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.

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### **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](mailto:secretary@qfhs.org.au) so that she can have your email address added to the group receiving the code. Please note this code is generated at the time of the request.



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 Family Search databases and images on the QFHS computers.

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### 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.

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### 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](mailto: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.

Many images used in Snippets are sourced from Pixabay, the State Library of Queensland, and Wikimedia Commons.

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

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