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I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank Deborah Clark-Dickson for all her hard work and help with Snippets. Deb did this while suffering from a very bad shoulder. So thank you for all your efforts, Deb, and good luck with your shoulder treatments. Happily Roseann Whyte has volunteered to take Deb's place as co-editor (I think Deb is still celebrating!). Welcome Roseann and thank you. I am looking forward to working with you.

Remember that the Research Centre will be closed two days this month: Anzac Day, Saturday 25 April and Labour Day, Monday 4 May.

Sue Reid's presentation on using Trove Digitised Newspapers was so popular that she had to set up a second session. Well done Sue. This month we get the chance to learn about Charles Booth's 19th Century London through his maps and poverty notebooks. Also we can enjoy afternoon tea while learning about the colonial history of Brisbane and Queensland. We can discover the tremendous achievements of James Forsythe Thallon in greatly expanding the railway network in Queensland during his term as Commissioner of Railways.

On 29 April we are hosting a visit from the Caloundra Family History Research Inc. Group

– for a day of research. On 14 May we have our own Research Day for the Central European SIG Group in our Research Centre.

Our AGM is on 16 June and nominations for the management committee positions will open shortly. Please consider if you can help and become involved with your society.

Hopefully we can continue to enjoy these lovely warm days for a while to come before the winter chills.

Happy reading

Sheena de Jager Miles and Roseann Whyte

Snippets Co-editors

NEWS

25 April 2026	Research Centre CLOSED	
4 May 2026	Research Centre CLOSED	
5 May 2026	Learn@QFHS - Dr Penny Walters - Charles Booth's 19th Century London	10:00am - 11:30am
14 May 2026	Central European Research Day in the Research Centre	9:00am - 3:00pm
20 May 2026	Members Lounge - Presenting - A Medal for (or from) Commissioner Thallon	1:00pm - 3:00pm
24 May 2026	New Members Welcome and Orientation	9:30am - 12:30pm
24 May 2026	Members Lounge - Social - Visit to Miegunyah House	2:15pm - 4:30pm
27 May 2026	Members Lounge - Talking About - Memorialisation	10:00am - 11:30am

**Please note that the Research Centre will be
CLOSED
25th April 2026 - ANZAC Day**

4th May 2026 - Labour Day

DNA SIG Group

The DNA group is NOT meeting in April, as its regular fourth Saturday date (25 April) coincides with Anzac Day.

That day is also the anniversary of the discovery of the structure of DNA, and some testing companies are offering discounts from now until around then - check FTDNA Project activity feeds and Ancestry offers. There may be others.

The next DNA group meeting will be both in-person and via Zoom on Saturday 23 May from 10am. Focus will be on beginners' questions.

For more info email dna@qfhs.org.au.

QFHS Management Committee Meetings

Constitution Update;

Our constitution has been approved by the Office of Fair Trading. A huge thank you to Char for all of her work over a lengthy period. Thanks to Chris Shuetz and Kevin Haley for their contributions to the constitution sub committee.

Centre update;

Tiling update; We hold BCC work approval to tile the kitchen. Application to BCC for work approval has been lodged to tile the male and female toilets. MC has agreed to apply for a BCC grant to finance these projects. The cost of waterproofing the front wall influenced the change of funding ideas. BCC Grant opened 23/3/26 and Peter Gehrke is working on this. Jenni is arranging delivery of the tiles involved in readiness for that work to be undertaken when circumstances permit.

Plans are in hand to complete the drainage of the down pipes from our new awning away from our building in the cooler months. Chris Gibbs is liaising with a painter to waterproof the front wall. Gutter guard is also to be installed on our new awning when the next gutter service occurs and a quote for the job is held.

Recent incidents involving our front door have initiated the reintroduction of having a spare key in the key lock box.

Library proposed alterations;

The MC has taken the decision to move on with this rearrangement. We shall leave the

kitchen floor in its current state. Items against the back wall in the maps area will be moved to a new location in the centre and not into the kitchen area as initially planned, this change should save a double shift of these items when tiling occurs. Shelving will be ordered, our library team will be requested to provide a plan for the book rearrangement. The physical movement of books will involve professional removal services.

Building Maintenance Register;

All checks to 31/03/26 have been attended to and duly recorded in our register maintained by our Facilities team..

Grants;

Peter Gehrke is working on a BCC grant application for our tiling project. We were successful with our Gambling grant application for \$16,500 to replace 12 PCs, screens and accessories at the centre. Our TAG team are now working on suitable specification for each of the new units. Peter has finalised the server grant as the unit is now fully operational.

2026 Speaking Tour;

In view of the current world situation including the oil issue impact on world economies and costs in general we have opted out of the tour. The MC considered the prevailing economic conditions and its impact on business and personal finances indicated now was not the right time to become involved in this tour.

Volunteering;

Jenni has filled most vacant position with the exception of the Education role. A group is working on setting some parameters for the Education unit.

Welcome to our new volunteers

- Roseann Whyte – Snippets Co-Editor
- Tharushi Kaushani – Community Outreach Co-Ordinator
- Katie Humphreys – Publicity Co-Ordinator

We can always use additional volunteer assistance at the centre or from home online if that works better for you with many of our tasks. We need to continue to expand our data base coupled with providing services available presently with additional assistance when required. Members are requested to please give serious consideration to further supporting our society by offering a few hours to achieve this goal.

The exterior of our property;

The disposal of three of the five raised garden beds has been arranged and will occur over the coming weeks. The disposal of the remaining two raised garden beds and our tank remain a work in progress. Any member who might be able to use either of these items, would you please email me, president@qfhs.org.au or Clem Ditton, QFHS.MC10@qfhs.org.au.

Car Park Barrier 7pm to 7am daily;

The barrier operation has been reinstated and our neighbours have been informed

accordingly.

Nominations for Management Committee;

As our AGM on June 16 fast approaches, members are advised that nominations for management committee position will open shortly. Its is essential that we have a complete management committee. Are YOU prepared to become involved in the operation of our society?

Family Search Affiliated library approval;

Family Search have reviewed their terms and conditions for affiliated libraries. QFHS has been approved to continue as an affiliated library.

Graeme Drew

14/4/26



As you know, our organisation is run by a dedicated group of volunteers. I would like to extend a huge welcome and thank you to our new volunteers: -

- Roseann Whyte – Snippets Co-Editor
- Tharushi Kaushani – Community Outreach Co-Ordinator
- Katie Humphreys – Publicity Co-Ordinator

Current Vacancies

We are currently looking for the following: -

- Volunteers to be part of our Education Team where you will work closely with Members Lounge and Special Interest Groups to provide our members with enriching and educational experiences (around 2 hours per week – you set the pace).
- Assistance in the development and implementation of our new WordPress site, assist with migration of the existing website to the new website and troubleshoot and

resolve any technical issues. Requirements of the role are: -

- A background in IT working as a software developer
- Experience building websites in WordPress including customising themes and managing plugins
- Knowledge of Bricks Builder, Bricksforge, SureCart, Ottokit and SureMembers would be a bonus
- Knowledge of SEO principles and Google Analytics setup is a bonus
- Ability to work independently and manage timelines for a defined project
- Strong attention to detail and problem-solving skills

If you would like to volunteer for any of these positions or just want to chat about them, please call Jenni Doolan on 0412 789 559.

Special Interest Groups (SIGS)

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Next meetings:



Central European:	Thursday 14 May 26 – 10am – 12noon - in person
Colonial India & the Far East:	Sunday 14 June 26 – 10am – 12noon - online
DNA (beginners' questions):	Saturday 23 May 26 – 10am – 12noon - hybrid
DNA (some experience):	Saturday 27 June 26 - 10am - 12noon - hybrid
English West Country:	Sunday 28 May 26 – 12 noon – 2pm - online
Family History Writing:	Saturday 16 May 26 – 9am – 12noon - online
Family Historian Software:	Sunday 3 May 26 – 1pm – 3pm - online
Family Tree Maker:	Saturday 2 May 26 – 10am - 11:30am – hybrid
Irish Research Group:	Friday 3 June 26 – 10.30am – 12:30pm - online
QLD Pre-Separation:	Saturday 5 June 26 – 10.30am – 12noon - in person
Scottish:	Saturday 9 May 26 - 10am - 12noon - hybrid
Technology:	Thursday 7 May 26 – 10.00am – 12noon - online
The Master Genealogist:	Monday 18 May 26 – 7pm - 8:30pm – online
Welsh:	Sunday 31 May 26 – 10am - 12noon – 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 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 in person at the Research Centre on 24 May 2026 at 9.30 am to 12.30 pm.

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

Members Lounge - Book Club

No Time for Makeup

by Dr Elizabeth Green

Date: 27 April 2026

Time: 7:30pm - 9:00pm



The incredible story of a woman who took the path less travelled to work for the Royal Flying Doctor Service in outback Australia, and what the experience taught her about life, death and human connection.

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

Learn@QFHS



Charles Booth's London Maps and Poverty Notebooks

Date: 8 May 2026

Time: 10am - 11:30am

Presenter: Dr Penny Walters

Charles Booth took 17 years to compile the maps and notebooks surveying the Victorian urban poor. To register and read [more..](#)

Members Lounge - Presenting

A Medal from Commissioner Thallon

Date: 20 May 2026

Time: 1pm - 3pm

Presenter: Greg Hallam, Historian

with Queensland Rail

Greg Hallam will talk about two towns that today sit at the end the Queensland Railways system in tribute to one of Queensland Rail's Commissioners. To register and read [more..](#)



Members Lounge - Social



Visit to Miegunyah House

Date: 24 May 2026

Time: 2:15pm - 4:30pm

Come along for a Devonshire Tea and a guided tour through the Historic Miegunyah Museum, home of The Queensland Women's Historical Association and is dedicated to sharing the colonial history of Brisbane and Queensland. To register and read [more..](#)

Members Lounge - Talking About ...

Memorialisation

Date: 27 May 2026
Time: 10 am - 12noon

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



NOTICEBOARD

Vale Margaret Doherty

It is with deep sadness that we share the sudden passing of Margaret (Marg) Doherty, Treasurer of QFHS from 2019 to 2021, and a much-valued member of the family history sector.

She was also a former President of GSQ and, most recently, convenor of their education program. She was President of History Queensland from 2011 to 2023.

Marg was a warm and generous presence who gave freely of her time, knowledge, and encouragement, supporting many in their family history journeys. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her.

Condolences have been conveyed to her husband, Geoff Doherty, on behalf of the President and members of the Society.

Her funeral is at 11am Tuesday 21 April at Mt. Thompson Crematorium, with refreshments after at the Holland Park Hotel. Attendees are asked to wear bright clothes - Marg loved her brights.

The livestream link will be available for 90 days at

<https://view.oneroomstreaming.com/index.php?data=MTc3NjIwNzgyNDIwMzM2NTgmb25lcm9vbS1hZG1pbiZjb3B5X2xpbnms=>

QFHS Members Lounge Book Club Meeting 23 February 2026

Anita Heiss - *Dirrayawadha* (Rise Up)

Anita greeted us with, 'Marang ngarin', -- G'day in Wiradyuri.

We discussed the meaning of 'colonisation', before Anita expanded on the context, history and significance of her book. It examines the invasion and colonial history of the Bathurst region, the Declaration of Martial Law in 1824, and the ensuing disastrous consequences before Windradyne takes action to secure a peace agreement with the authorities. It is also a love story : of family, country, and between Mina and the Irishman Dan. Anita believes *Dirrayawadha* is her most important piece of writing. She said it was distressing both to research and to write and was published against the background of the defeated 2023 Australian Indigenous Voice referendum and the horrors of Israel's war with Gaza.

Alex Daw again did a wonderful job as convenor, saying, 'Anita, you are a legend and so generous to share your time with us.'

Carmel added, 'Anita, your language flows beautifully from you.'

Leesa, a first-time attendee, said she learnt a little while ago that Indigenous adults are enrolling in/returning to higher education at greater rates than non-Indigenous peoples. Interesting. Linda was also with the group for the first time and added valuable insights.

Alex forwarded some relevant sites.

<https://www.abc.net.au/sydney/eora-anita-heiss/8321490>

<https://reconciliationnsw.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Reconciliation-Ally-Reading-List.pdf>

<https://anitaheiss.wordpress.com/2016/05/16/anitas-black-book-challenge-3/>

<https://anitaheiss.wordpress.com/2016/02/21/20-reasons-you-should-read-blak/>

The meeting continued with members sharing recent reads.

Anita: *Nannertgarrook* by Tasma Walton

Jenny: *Limberlost* by Robbie Arnott

Char: *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell; *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See; *A Great Act of Love* by Heather Rose

Leesa: *Talkin' Up to the White Woman* by Aileen Moreton-Robinson

Chris: *The Good Bohemian: The Letters of Ida John* selected and edited by Rebecca John and Michael Holroyd; *Coolgarra...: more than memories* by Kerry Culloty

Bettina: *Crucible of Light: Islam and the Forging of Europe from the 8th to the 21st Century* by Elizabeth Drayson

Carmel: *Twenty-Six Letters* by Charlotte Nash

The members of the Book Club are welcoming and love to listen and to share. The next meeting is Monday 27 April in the evening to discuss *No Time for Makeup* by Dr Elizabeth Green. Dr Green shares heartfelt memories of her time with the Royal Flying Doctor Service in 1980s outback Australia, where she dealt with life, death and connections. The link to the book is [here](#).

Report by Dornell Wylie

Belinda Daley of the St Helena Island Community Page is doing a project with the Harry Gentle Research Centre at Griffiths University and would like help from people who had ancestors living on St Helena Island, particularly the Penal Establishment there. This is part of gaining information for the Griffith Research project on women and children that Belinda is doing, as she finds genealogy is a key source of personal information, particularly about women.

If you can help her blog post link is [here...](#)



More of Queensland history will become available with The Queensland State Archives new partnership with Ancestry. QSA cares for around 3.8 million records documenting Queensland's past. While many have already been digitised, the majority of the collection is still only accessible onsite.

Working with Ancestry will allow more of these records to be made accessible online, both on the [Ancestry.com](#) website—which is free to access in QSA's Reading Room in Runcorn—and via ArchivesSearch, QSA's catalogue.

An Ancestry team member is now working onsite at QSA to digitise selected material, starting with historic local government rate books.

QSA looks forward to sharing more of Queensland's history with researchers across the state, the country and beyond.

Queensland School Pupils Index

Queensland School Pupils Index Part 7 has just had an additional 415,213 names uploaded from 183 school admission registers. If you are wanting to know which the new schools are then check out the "List of schools" and search for those that have "(new)" included in their description. Use the index and then chase up the original register entry at the archives. The extra details will help break down many brick walls.

The new entries take the total for QSPI Part 7 to over 3.5 million entries and our overall

count of school records to almost 6 million. They are an exceedingly valuable resource for researching your Queensland families.



Watch the best of RootsTech 2026 for free now on demand

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH (14 April 2026) —RootsTech 2026, the world's largest family history celebration, successfully held its 16th annual event and offered new content in 23 languages. Hosted by FamilySearch, the event drew millions of people in person and online from 235 countries and territories and all 50 states. It offered more than 500 classes, keynotes, an expo hall with more than 200 exhibitors, and the popular Relatives at RootsTech interactive discovery activity. This global experience had millions of participants who made new family connections and viewed millions of ancestral relationships online. Find and share this announcement in the [FamilySearch Newsroom](#).

FamilySearch hosts RootsTech as part of its purpose to help individuals discover more about their heritage and make more family connections—past, present, and future. Although RootsTech 2026 has concluded, many of the sessions are now available on demand for free at [RootsTech.org](#). Users can explore thousands of free online classes and create personalized watchlists of their interests to continue learning and discovering year-round. The [RootsTech Online Expo Hall](#) will be available until August 2026.

Most Popular Classes

RootsTech 2026 featured more than 500 sessions and 200 expert-led classes. From AI to DNA to using the latest family discovery tools, the list of topics was extensive. Some of the most popular RootsTech 2026 classes were the following:

["AI and Family History: Help or Hype?" by Andrew Redfern](#)

["DNA's FAN Club: Using Shared Matches to Solve Genealogical Mysteries." by Paula Williams](#)

["Ahórrate años de búsqueda: El poder del texto completo." by Nancy Steffy Orellana Vidal Francisco and Javier Gómez](#)

["Da Hipótese ao Plano de Pesquisa: IA aplicada à Genealogia." by Tatiana Marin](#)

["Finding Binkey: When Research Questions Become a Road Map to the Enslaved," by Michael A. Willis](#)

["DNA Misconceptions," by Kelli Bergheimer](#)

["Gravestone Symbols from A to Z," by Cathy Wallace](#)



The North of Ireland Family History Society

puts out a monthly newsletter.

Their most recent newsletter is available [here...](#)



Finding Your Scottish Ancestors

1 May 2026

2:00pm - 3:30pm

Land of the Beardies History House Museum and Research Centre (Ferguson St, Glen Innes, NSW)

At the **Australian Celtic Festival in Glen Innes (May 2026)**, the Society will present a session titled **"Finding Your Scottish Ancestors."**

The presentation by second generation Scottish Australian, Ruth Graham, will introduce audiences to the Celtic regions from which many Australians descend and explain how migration from these regions shaped Australian communities.

Includes remote access. To book and read [more...](#)

5 May 2026

2:30pm - 3:30pm

Online via Zoom

Dublin's Registry of Deeds is a genealogical goldmine for anyone with Irish ancestry.

The records cover memorials and deeds for property transfer for all of Ireland. It was not

compulsory so there are gaps, but there are literally **thousands of documents** (including wills) **with information on family relationships** which can't be found elsewhere.

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



New Family History Federation Website Changes

They have recently made a change to the Family History Federation website. This website is now exclusively for their Members. You will now need to login to view the website.

You can make changes to the News and Event pages on the Family History Federation website but they will in future be visible on the Explore your Genealogy website which going forward will be the public facing website of the Family History Federation.

Read [more...](#)



My Heritage is now home to the complete set of Sweden's historical births, marriages and deaths collections. Births from 1850 to 1920; Marriages from 1850 to 1945 and Deaths from 1850 to 1945. That is over 33 million records.

Note that QFHS members can access My Heritage for free from home via our website.



The Parramatta Female Factory Friends put out a newsletter and have interesting presentations on convict life in Sydney and the Factory especially. This Factory was where all female convicts were sent to work under harsh conditions and other than more recent immigrants a large majority of Australians can trace ancestors back to here. Check out their website [here...](#)



Female Convicts Research Centre Inc.

Researching female convicts of Van Diemen's Land (Tasmania)

Sunday 3 May 2026

9.00 am – 3.00 pm

Stanley Burbury Theatre

University of Tasmania, Sandy Bay Campus

Compliance or Defiance: Working the System – How did convict women cope with the convict system in Van Diemen's Land?

This seminar explores the ways in which convict women navigated the rules and expectations of the convict system. Did they submit, resist, or negotiate a path somewhere in between? Were these choices deliberate, or shaped by circumstance? And how were their actions recorded and interpreted within the official convict conduct records?

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



Brisbane City Archives

Brisbane City Archives are packed with treasures on how our city came to be. Included is the 1974 Brisbane house survey which details every single house in Brisbane street by street. Check out some of the details on the Facebook post [here...](#)



GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc

Enriching family history

Upcoming events that may be of interest:

Date: 16 May 2026

Time: 9:00am - 11:00am

Title: The Manorial System in England and Wales

The Manorial system lasted from 1066 to 1926 in England and Wales and provides one of the great repositories of family history information. The records can be difficult to access but this may change over time.

Read [more..](#)



Look History in the Eye Podcasts

This is the award-winning podcast *Look history in the eye* produced by Public Record Office Victoria. People are interviewed who delve into public archives and uncover interesting truths about Melbourne and Victoria's past. Discover the back story to some iconic Melbourne and Victorian people and places, and download the archival record which inspired each episode.

Read [more...](#)

RESOURCES - NEW AND ONGOING



**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)

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.

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 **2008-2026** 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 1979-2026** [here...](#)



Journals: a Rich Resource

(This list is updated monthly.)

Australia

[FAHS Newsletter 61 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[SAG Descent 56 1 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

New South Wales

[Blue Mountains Explorers Tree 129 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[Ancestral Lines 9 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[Cape Banks Kith Kin 159 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[Founders 57 1 2026 02 \(PDF\)](#)

[Coffs Genie Allergy 121 2026 04 \(PDF\)](#)

[PFFF Newsletter 68 2026 04 \(PDF\)](#)

[Botany Bay Endeavour 166 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[Orange Newsletter 2026 04 \(PDF\)](#)

Queensland

[Sunshine Coast Kin Tracer 33 3 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[GSQ Generation 49 3 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[Redcliffe Newsletter 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[RHSQ 915 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[Whitsunday Branching Out 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

Victoria

[Victoria Gum News 44 04 2026 04 \(PDF\)](#)

[Gensoc Victoria Ancestor 38 1 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

New Zealand

[NZ Family Tree 2026 04 \(PDF\)](#)

England

[Cornwall Issue 199 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[Essex Family Historian 187 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[Manchester Genealogist Issue 62 1 2026 10 \(PDF\)](#)

[Nottinghamshire Journal 18 06 2026 04 \(PDF\)](#)

[West Surrey Root Branches 52 4 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[Family History Federation Bulletin 67 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[Dorset 39 2 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[Roots In The Forest 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

[East Yorkshire Banyan Tree 185 2026 05 \(PDF\)](#)

[JGSGB 113 2026 04 \(PDF\)](#)

Ireland

[Irish Roots Magazine 135 2025 Q3 \(PDF\)](#)

Scotland

[Gallus 135 2026 03 \(PDF\)](#)

Wales

[Cronicl Powys 127 2026 04 \(PDF\)](#)

[Dyfed 15 8 2026 04 \(PDF\)](#)

Canada

[BCGS Cariboo Notes 43 1 2026 \(PDF\)](#)

[Saskatchewan Bulletin 57 1 2026 04 \(PDF\)](#)



Queensland newspapers newly digitised

We have been working on a project with the NLA to get some of our older microfilm digitised. Hundreds of titles, including many regional Queensland ones, have been selected for this project and are being added to Trove. We're keeping a live list for people to track on our website, but you can also see the updates on Trove's website. I'll include links below. They're well worth exploring if you have the chance!

- On our website - <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/blog/more-vintage-queensland-newspapers-trove-2025>
 - December updates in Trove
- <https://trove.nla.gov.au/announcement/2025/11/07/new-december-2025>
 - Coming soon in Trove - <https://trove.nla.gov.au/announcement/2024/03/22/coming-soon-trove>
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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.

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.

Source of our cover illustrations



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

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

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

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all those who have taken time out to send items of interest to our Snippets mailbox at snippets@qfhs.org.au.

The more we receive, the more interesting to members our newsletter will be. If your submission does not appear in this issue, we will try to include it in a future edition. Please note that reference to any product

does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

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

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