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We are now well into 2016 and if you have not visited the library this year can we suggest you get along to inspect the front area revamp. The space has been totally re-organised with much improved working areas for your comfort. Microfiche have been given a new home, keyless lockers have replaced the old metal ones, new tables and a much more open space awaits you, fully air conditioned of course. A specific 'help desk' for you to speak with duty librarians has been provided. The bookshop is much easier to browse and find a treasure to assist your research. Member Alex Daw was impressed and you can read Alex's blog, including a few images, [here](#)

Our first seminar for 2016 will be held Saturday 6th February at the Queensland Baptist Conference Centre, commencing at 9.00 am. Lots of helpful information for writing and publishing your family history

We are very excited to be able to offer you a seminar, ***Researching your Scottish ancestors***, on 2 July 2016. Three experts will speak on topics not previously covered in our seminars. More information can be found [here](#)

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## Calendar

- 05 Feb - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)
- 06 Feb - [Writing and publishing family History: a 21st century approach](#)
- 12 Feb - [Oral History: more than a name](#)
- 13 Feb - [Irish Interest Group](#)
- 15 Feb - [Finding your family: a beginner's course in research Week 1](#)
- 17 Feb - [Members' Meeting: Finding photographs of WW1 soldiers](#)
- 20 Feb - [New Members' Welcome and Orientation](#)
- 20 Feb - [The Master Genealogist User Group](#)
- 22 Feb - [Finding your family: a beginner's course in research Week 2](#)
- 27 Feb - [Family Tree Maker User Group](#)

- 29 Feb - [Finding your family: a beginner's course in research Week 3](#)
- 02 Mar - [Management Committee Meeting](#)
- 05 Mar - [DNA Interest Group](#)

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## Education - Workshops/Courses/Seminars

### Seminar - Writing and publishing family history: a 21st century approach

**Presenters:** Noeline Kyle, Rick Valenta and a QFHS panel



**Noeline Kyle** writes and publishes biography, memoir, women's history, and the writing of family history. She has published two family histories: a biography of her great grandmother, Nurse Mary Kirkpatrick, and a memoir of her childhood (Ghost child: a memoir).

**Rick Valenta** is a geologist married to a family history enthusiast. His job for the last decade has regularly required him to produce professional quality colour-illustrated reports, press releases, and presentations. Rick will discuss using Adobe Indesign to format and print an illustrated family history document.

In the final session of this seminar, a number of **published authors** will share their experiences in producing books and publications.

**When:** 9.00am to 12.30pm 6 February 2016

**Where:** Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

**Cost:** \$15 members and \$20 non-members

**Only 1 week to go!**

**Register now**



### Oral History: more than a name

**Presenter:** Suzanne Mulligan - Life member of Oral History Queensland

Suzanne will talk about the importance, to family historians, of collecting oral histories. She will show what you can do with oral histories to ensure they are preserved and accessible to future generations and she will discuss interview techniques, transcribing, and ethics.

**When:** 10.00am to 11.30am 12 February 2016

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

**Cost:** \$11 members and \$15 non-members

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## Adoption

**Presenters:** Susan Kelly and Chris Mundy



**Susan Kelly** and **Chris Mundy** from *Jigsaw Queensland Inc* will speak about the processes for people affected by past adoptions: accessing information about their adoption, searching for their birth relatives, and establishing contact with them. They will outline the steps needed and the roles of various government departments. During the presentation, Susan and Chris will share some of their searching tips and how they work to support clients through the anxious journey of approaching birth relatives. They will also discuss how people can apply for adoption information concerning relatives who have passed away for the purpose of family history research.

**When:** 10.00am to 11.30am 11 March 2016

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

**Cost:** \$11 members and \$15 non-members

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## Seminar - Get the picture: all about family history photographs

**Presenter:** Jenny Joyce

**Jenny Joyce** has been researching family history for over twenty years and has built up an extensive knowledge of genealogical sources and resources in Australia and the United Kingdom. She holds a Certificate in Genealogical Research from the Society of Australian Genealogists. Jenny is one of the 2012 Gems of Ku-ring-gai for her work with Ku-ring-gai Historical Society. Jenny regularly writes a blog: Jennyalogy

Topics include Dating family photos Organising and editing your photos with Picasa

Keeping your photos safe

**When:** 9.00am to 12.30pm 2 April 2016

**Where:** Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

**Cost:** \$15 members and \$20 non-members

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### Researching Indigenous Australians

**Presenter:** Charlotte Sale



Cultural differences, unwritten histories, story-telling, and attempting to grasp the traces of people without written records are only a few of the challenges of researching a family history that includes indigenous Australians. Come and learn about the issues, and where to find records for making headway in this fascinating area of family history research.

**When:** 10.00am to 11.30am 8 April 2016

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 59 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

**Cost:** \$11 members and \$15 non-members

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### Findmypast

**Presenter:** Rosemary Kopittke



Confused about searching on findmypast? Come along and learn a variety of search methods for locating records relating to your family.

**When:** 10.00am to 11.30am 8 April 2016

**Where:** QFHS Library and Resource Centre, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne

**Cost:** \$11 members and \$15 non-members

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**Seminar: Researching your Scottish ancestors**

**Presenters:** Rosemary Kopittke, Professor Eric Richards



and Margaret McLaren

**Rosemary Kopittke** currently works as an editor of the Unlock the Past series of guidebooks. She is a Life Member of the Queensland Family History Society and has been active in a variety of roles since joining the Management Committee in 1986.

**Eric Richards**, Emeritus Professor of History at Flinders University in Adelaide, has extensively researched and written on the Scottish highland clearances.

**Margaret McLaren** has been a member of the Genealogical Society of Victoria's Scottish Ancestry Group and the Committee for several years, being Secretary, Thistle mailing and currently Chairperson. She was a speaker at the Third Australian Scottish Genealogy Conference.

Topics will include: ScotlandsPeople, The Highland Clearances and Life in Scottish Tenements 1750-1850, tenants, lodgers and factors.

**When:** 2 July 2016

**Where:** Queensland Baptist Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Road, Gaythorne

**Cost:** \$15 members and \$20 non-members

For more information on presenters and topics go [here](#)

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## Web Wanderings

### Queensland State Archives Webinars

To view the Queensland State Archives webinars, go [here](#)

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### Public Record Office Victoria

As of 1st January, hundreds of records relating to Victoria's history have been made public as part of our annual opening of officially closed records. These records will be of particular interest to those of you waiting on files that mention members of your family tree.

Under Section 9 of the Public Records Act 1973 files of a personal or private nature are closed for up to 99 years to prevent the violation of personal privacy. To view the full list of newly opened files, go [here](#)

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## FamilySearch Australia

[Tasmania Miscellaneous Records 1829-2001](#)

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### New from Findmypast

Available via subscription or free at the QFHS library.

- [British Army, Worldwide Index 1841](#)
- [British Army, Indian Volunteer Force Medal Awards, 1915-1939](#)
- [British In India](#)
- [British India Office Births & Baptisms](#)
- [British India Office Marriages](#)
- [British India Office Wills & Probate](#)
- [British India Office Assistant Surgeons records](#)
- [British Newspapers](#)
- [England, Phillimore Marriage Registers, 1531-1913](#)
- [England, Pollbooks and Directories 1830-1837](#)
- [1531-1913PERSI Image Updates](#)
- [Hertfordshire, Parish Registers Browse, 1538-1988](#)
- [Kent Baptisms](#)
- [Kent Marriages](#)
- [Kent Burials](#)
- [Knights Of The Realm Index](#)
- [Lincolnshire Monumental Inscriptions](#)
- [Plymouth & West Devon Electoral Registers, 1780-1973](#)
- [Suffolk Baptisms](#)
- [Suffolk, Lambert's Family Almanac 1857-1917](#)
- [Surrey, Southwark, Newington Apprentice Register 1891](#)
- [Warwickshire Baptisms](#)
- [Scotland Registers & Records](#)
- [Irish Newspapers](#)
- [Dublin Registers & Records](#)
- [American Bible Society Index Search](#)

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### UK Archives digitises World War I Hospital Diaries

The UK National Archives has digitised almost 250 World War I hospital diaries and put them online [here](#).

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### 190,000 New records of ship passengers from England and Ireland

These passenger records span the years from 1828 to 1896. In addition to the usual information found in ship passenger records some of these new records also list additional information such as the passenger's occupation, name of employer and salary. Available by subscription [here](#) or free at the QFHS library.

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### Over 3.6 Million Parish Records from Norfolk Country

This release includes baptisms, banns, marriages and burial records that cover many of the parishes in Norfolk. This is the first part of a two-part release of Norfolk parish records as part of TheGenealogist's agreement with the Norfolk Record

Office. The link provides access to the complete list of parishes and dates that are covered by this release. Access is by subscription [here](#) or free at the QFHS library.

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### **Soldiers' Wills**

The National Archives of Ireland holds a collection of the wills of Irish soldiers who died while serving in the British Army. Most of these date from World War I but there is a small number from the late 19th Century and from the period of the South African War, 1899-1902. The documents have been digitised by the National Archives and are now available free online. Read more about the project [here](#)

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### **ScotlandsPeople release another year of BMD**

The latest images of Scottish births, marriages and deaths are now available. This year they consist of births registered in 1915, marriages in 1940, and deaths in 1965. The 1940 marriages are very significant because that year saw the introduction of civil marriages by registrars. Go [here](#)

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### **African Netherdutch Reformed Church Records online**

FamilySearch.org has created a new image collection of records that covers various areas of South Africa, Angola, Kenya, Namibia, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe. These records span the years from 1838 to 1991. There are some 141,000 images in this collection and consist primarily of christenings, marriages and church membership records. The records are in both Afrikaan and English and are available [here](#)

An Afrikaan word list used in genealogy is available [here](#)

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## **Members Noticeboard**

### **Lost and found**

A Scandisk USB was found 12 August last in one of the library computers. Appears to belong to someone with ancestors named Cecil Stanley Scott WW1, Alex Scott, Richard Scott and Ethel Ristrom. To claim the item please contact Lyn Hooper by [email](#).

A reminder to members that USBs are not permitted in the library. The only exception being the electronic reader in the microfiche area.

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### **Toowong History Group**

This group meets on the first Thursday of the month from 7pm to 9pm. Meetings are held in the Toowong State School Library. No fees or membership are required – everyone is welcome. Tea and coffee are served after the meeting. Entry via Kate Street (off Sylvan Road). More details [here](#)

On Thursday, 4 February guest speaker Peter Brown will talk about Queensland University, its growth and effect on the surrounding suburbs.

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### **Genealogical Society of Queensland Grand Opening and Family History Fair**

You're invited to attend on 6 February 2016 - from 10am to 4pm . Morning tea and a sausage sizzle will be provided.

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### **Caloundra Family History Research Inc.**

Saturday, 2 July 2016, from 10am to 4pm. A WWI seminar - Commemorative Centenary Event of The Great War 1914-1918 will be held.

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### **FindersCafe - The global social history project**

There is now a place where everyone can upload an image and link it with family relationships; to connect people around the world to find their own histories. You can find information [here](#)

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## **General items of interest**

### **Lilian Watson Family History Award 2016**

The Tasmanian Family History Society Inc. will be making an award for a book on family history in 2016. The award is for a book, however produced or published on paper, dealing with family or biographical history and having a significant Tasmanian content. A definition of 'significant' is contained in the Conditions of Entry. The competition is open to the general public as well as to AFFHO members.

The Conditions of Entry and Entry Forms are available [here](#). The closing date for entries is 1 December 2016

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### **Trove Newspapers to be published in 2016**

Gould Genealogy has published a useful list of all the historic newspapers that are expected to be digitised and put into the Trove system over the next six months. It's a very useful list if you want to get a head-start on your planning for 2016. Available [here](#)

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### **Guild of One-Name Studies reaches 2,847 members**

The Guild of One-Name Studies has reached another membership milestone. In 2015 the Guild of One-Name Studies broke all its previous memberships records by achieving its highest membership ever – some 2,847 members. Members are from: the United Kingdom, United States, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the Republic of Ireland, as well as various other countries.

Details of all the Guild facilities can be found [here](#) together with where you can find out:

- More about undertaking a One-Name Study
  - The benefits of joining the Guild of One-Name Studies, and the assistance members of the Guild can provide to anyone researching their family history on any of the 8,700-plus names currently being researched.
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### **Surnames Revisited**

The vast majority of "official names" in the world are registered in a language other than English. Telephone directories in Iceland are sorted by given name. For an interesting discussion of how "surnames" are treated around the world, go [here](#)

For a list of two-letter surnames see [here](#). This link also contains a discussion of the



problems associated with Romanising names.

Frequently occurring surnames in the USA census can be found [here](#)

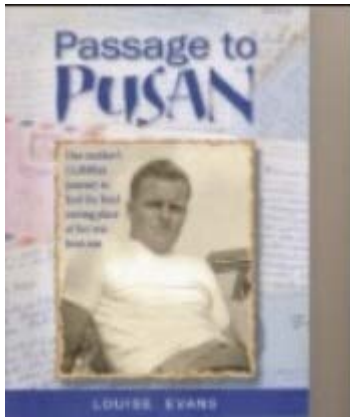
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### **Just how much is cancer due to your genes?**

About a third of all cancer cases can be blamed on inherited genes, a giant study finds. Read more [here](#)

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## **Book Review**



Passage to Pusan by Louise Evans is another of those accounts which can be appreciated at two levels. This book centres on the life of Thelma Healy (née Best) who was born in Brisbane in 1905, spent her lifetime in Brisbane and died there in 1971. Thelma's life saw marriage, multiple pregnancies, loss but overall triumph. Her family was her anchor or more correctly her children were. She dedicated her life to their well being. It is an interesting read and one can only admire her strength.

However, the book reveals diverse material on life in the period of Thelma's lifetime. The social division between Protestants and Roman Catholics is well illustrated in Thelma's case. The scandal of an out of wedlock child was bad enough but with a Roman Catholic father it simply could not be tolerated.

We can appreciate the hardship of home life in a large family with an abusive husband and father. When father Michael Healy finally opted out of their lives it was a brave step for any woman to seek upkeep via a court order. The home at 27 Miles Street Woolloowin was their haven but again this provides an insight into this area of Brisbane.

Thelma's quest to locate the grave of her precious eldest son, Vincent, opens up the field of international affairs covering World War II, the Korean War, Vietnam and the Malayan crisis. As we track her journey to Pusan we can only wonder at what inner strength drove her on. 219 pages, P. B. Publishing Victoria.

Review courtesy of Pam Masel.

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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)

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Pauline Macfarlane

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