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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your eleventh e-Bulletin for 2015. If you have information to share we would love to receive it. You can send information for the e-Bulletin to me at mulligan53@inet.net.au and use OHQ E-Bulletin in the subject line. If you have an event coming up, let me know as soon as you can to ensure it gets in the e-Bulletin on time. The editor reserves the right not to publish if any information is judged to be inappropriate. Please visit our web site: www.ohq.org.au and “Like” our Facebook page. Also check our Blog which is updated weekly with stories related to oral history. Feel free to add a comment. Any feedback is very welcome.

Have a great Christmas!

Suzanne Mulligan

1. Stories of Stephens

Stephen Sheaffe, Annerley-Stephens History Group Inc, in conjunction with The Royal Historical Society of Queensland says:

“The Stephens Council area has a very rich history. Our Aboriginal forbears occupied the space from time immemorial. Our European history began more recently, and papers will be delivered on many aspects of this history. We would like to invite you to the history conference held by Annerley-Stephens History Group in conjunction with The Royal Historical Society of Queensland on Saturday 27 February 2016. We have distinguished speakers including Neville Buch, who has just published a book on the history of the Junction Park School, Dr Michael Macklin and many others. Please circulate this [brochure](#) to members of your organisation and family and friends. We look forward to seeing you there.”

2. Sounds of Then – Home Remedies

Back in an era when pharmacies were few and far between, families had their own home remedies to ward off coughs and colds, fix cuts and bruises, and draw boils. There were many weird and wonderful, often foul-tasting treatments that were dispensed to children, all in the name of 'good health'. For more, click [here](#).

3. 2015 M&G QLD Conference: Plenary Session Videos Now Available

Videos of the Plenary Sessions from the 2015 Museums & Galleries Queensland Conference are now available to view. Presentations include:

- Dr David Fleming OBE, National Museums Liverpool, UK: *Creating the Much Loved Museum*
- Kirstin Sillitoe, Co-CEO, Arts Access Australia: *Access: It's All About Breaking The Rules*
- Kiersten Fishburn, Director Community and Culture, Casula Powerhouse Arts Centre, Liverpool City Council, NSW: *At The Heart of Everything: Casula Powerhouse and Community Centred Programming*
- Alfredo and Isabel Aquilizan, Artists: *Making Do*
- Alec Coles OBE, CEO, Western Australian Museum: *Whose Museum is it Anyway?*

Videos are available to watch [here](#).

4. Oral History & Recorded Sound Collection

The sound collection consists of oral history recordings, period music, radio interviews, and programs which are concerned with Australia's involvement in war and armed conflict, as well as oral history recordings. There are over 5000 items (over 7000 hours) of recordings in this collection. For more click [here](#).

5. Presenting the Interview

The audio of Presenting the Interview which was on at the State Library of Queensland on 29 October can now be accessed through State Library's Youtube channel [here](#).

6. State Library of Queensland Video Collection

Located in Brisbane, Australia, the State Library of Queensland's mission is to creatively engage people with information, knowledge and community. View the collection [here](#).

7. 2016 Australian Historical Association Conference

From Boom to Bust - Call for Papers

AHA 2016: *From Boom to Bust* is convened by the Collaborative Research Centre in Australian History (CRAH) at Federation University Australia, Ballarat and will take place Tuesday 5 July to Friday 8 July.

Conference themes include:

- Frontier encounters and challenging colonial legacies
- Urban and regional histories
- Industrial heritage, cultural landscapes and historic urban landscapes
- Minerals and mining, from gold seeking to the end of the second long boom
- Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums (GLAM) sector, history and cultural heritage
- Labour and economic histories
- Environmental histories
- Oral histories, public histories, genealogical and migration stories

Proposals are due by Wednesday 3 February 2016.

For more information visit this [website](#).

8. Power of Oral History

The awarding of this year's Nobel Prize for Literature to Belarusian journalist and oral historian Svetlana Alexievich is gratifying for, among other things, its recognition of non-fiction as an integral and dynamic sibling to literature. But the Literature Nobel has gone to non-literary genres before. For example, it was given to the Classical Greek and Latin scholar Mommsen in 1902 (the second year of the Prize), peace-activist and philosopher Bertrand Russell in 1950 and, rather more unfortunately, to imperialist historian and biographer Winston Churchill in 1953. But these remain exceptions. Even within literature, the committee has had to soothe the competing claims of various genres — poetry, the novel, drama and the short story. Read all this article [here](#).

9. RHSQ December Newsletter

OHQ is a member of RHSQ. Helen Brackin, Manager, Royal Historical Society of Queensland says:

“Dear Members, Librarians and Affiliated Societies,

Please find attached your copy of the December 2015 edition of the [Bulletin](#).

Upcoming events include:

- The December Wednesday Talk will be given by Ms Grace Grace MP, Member for Brisbane Central, on 9 December 2015. Ms Grace will speak on the one hundred year anniversary of women receiving the right to stand for the Queensland Parliament in 1915. The talk will start at 12.30pm, and a light lunch will be served afterwards.
- The Separation Day Cocktails event will be held at the Commissariat Store again this year, on Thursday 10 December 2015. This year's celebrations will feature works by local artist Pamela Gough, whose inspiration comes from Brisbane's built heritage. The cost is \$55 for RHSQ members or \$60 for non-members. Please see the [flyer](#) and [payment form](#) attached for more details.
- The Annerley-Stephens History Group Inc, in conjunction with The Royal Historical Society of Queensland, will be holding a history conference on Saturday 27 February 2015 at the Marymac Community Centre, 616 Ipswich Road, Annerley. Papers will be presented on the history of the Stephens Area, local Aboriginal history, tramway history, Junction Park, Annerley and Fairfield history and eminent pioneering families of the locality. Registration costs \$40 per person. Please contact Stephen Sheaffe (0417 770 176 or stephen@sheaffe.com) or Bill Elliott (0417 713 200 or billelliott@optusnet.com) to register or if you have any questions about this exciting event. [Flyer attached](#).

We wish you all a very merry Christmas, and a happy and prosperous new year.”

Kind Regards,

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“Memory is subject to a filtering process that we don’t always recognize and can’t always control. We remember what we can bear and we block what we cannot.” – Xby Sue Grafton