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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your 11th e-Bulletin for 2017. This year has flown by for me. Can't believe it's nearly Christmas. Hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Please send me any information you have to share in our e-Bulletin 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 in 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.

Suzanne Mulligan

1. Diaries of Ordinary Life

Seeking diaries of ordinary life: Centre for Applied History. Australia has no collection of diaries and letters reflecting on ordinary people's lives. Diaries like these are valuable and significant historical sources that reveal everyday histories. Macquarie University's Centre for Applied History <https://www.mq.edu.au/research/research-centres-groups-and-facilities/resilient-societies/centres/centre-for-applied-history> want to develop a diary archive in Australia. Do you or your family have diaries, personal memoirs or letter collections in your possession? These can be written in any language, and describe any aspects of the lives of Australian people or people who have lived in Australia. The Centre for Applied History want to collect documents that have not been written for a public audience. If you'd be interested in donating your diaries to this potential archive, please contact the Centre for Applied History arts.cah@mq.edu.au .

2. Awards and Prizes

The Australian Historical Association administers a range of prizes and awards annually and biennially. The Association is also proud of their partnership with the National Archives of

Australia to offer scholarships to postgraduate students, and the Copyright Agency to offer postgraduate bursaries associated with our annual conference and an ECR mentorship scheme. <http://www.theaha.org.au/awards-and-prizes/>

3. Voices of Early Prime Ministers

At the Museum of Australian Democracy we know a lot about what our early prime ministers were like. There are plenty of photos of them throughout their lives, and biographies record their personalities, appearance, quirks, habits, and even their tastes in food, literature or music. But we don't know much about how they sounded. Listen here:

<https://www.moadoph.gov.au/blog/what-did-our-early-prime-ministers-sound-like/>

4. Conference – Dangerous Oral Histories, Belfast 2018

This joint conference of the Oral History Society and the Oral History Network of Ireland addresses the ethical and legal implications of oral history research. It presents a timely opportunity to explore the many issues raised by challenging projects, such as: What is an acceptable level of risk for interviewees/interviewers in the oral history process? The deadline for submission of proposals is **22 December 2017**. For more information, click [here](#).

5. Black Mum White Mum

This is a story of an aboriginal baby, Sarah Sullivan, who was adopted by Diane Sherwood at the request of Sarah's mother, Dianne Sullivan. As she grew up Sarah had access to her birth mother and her maternal grandmother, Dimple. Diane Sherwood recorded Dimple's stories so Sarah would have them. Read and listen to the stories here – [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#).

6. Podcasts - History of Sexuality and Gender

New podcast uses oral histories to explore the history of sexuality and gender
by Gillian Frank

[Sexing History](#) is a new podcast that examines how the history of sexuality shapes present day cultures and politics. This podcast, hosted by historians Gillian Frank and Lauren Gutterman, uses oral histories, archival sound clips, commentary and analysis, and interviews with other scholars to tell compelling stories about the past to illuminate the sexual politics of our present.

[Our first episode](#) looks at the story of Aaron Fricke. In 1980, Aaron sued his Rhode Island school district after they prohibited him from bringing his same-sex partner to prom. We are delighted that Aaron shared his history with us and you can access the episode on our website.

[The second episode](#) tells the story of Dr. Kenneth Edelin, an African American abortion provider, who was charged with manslaughter for performing a legal abortion shortly after Roe v Wade. This episode features an oral history with Dr. Edelin's attorney, Frank Sussman.

Our [most recent episode](#) explores the history of the postwar obsession with large breasts in the United States and the products sold to women to enhance their bodies. It features an

oral history with Jennie Ivey, a writer who purchased a breast enhancement device in the late 1960s.

You can subscribe to our podcasts through iTunes, <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/sexing-history/id1264132399> Feedburner, <http://feeds.feedburner.com/SexingHistory>, and Stitcher, <https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/sexing-history?refid=stpr>, and please head over to our website, www.sexinghistory.com, for more information or to get a sneak peak of future episodes.

7. Australian Lives - an online oral history resource for Australian history teaching

In this video Alistair Thomson (Professor of History, Monash University) introduces an extraordinary new resource for school and university teaching in Australian history and Australian studies. *The Australian Lives* ebook curates access into one of Australia's largest online oral history collections, so that students can read - and listen - to 50 Australians born between 1920 and 1989 talking about their personal histories across the past century, in every corner of the country, from childhood through to old age, and ranging across themes such as migration, faith, place, work, school, play, family, love, sex or politics. Watch Alistair's explanation as to how this book works [here](#). The e-book is available at Amazon [here](#).

8. Museum Galleries Australia National Conference

When: 4 - 7 June 2018

Where: Meat Market, Melbourne, VIC

Registration for the Museums Galleries Australia National Conference 2018 is now open. The conference will be held in a heritage building, the former Meat Market in North Melbourne, just a short walk or tram ride from the Melbourne CBD. The conference will be environmentally-friendly and socially-aware, with a program that focuses around four sub-themes within the overall theme of 'Agents of Change'. Three invited speakers have been announced on the conference website. Click [here](#) to find out who they are. Early bird discount ends 20 December 2017. To register, or for more information, visit www.mga2018.org.au

9. Latest Development with Boston College Tapes

Police and prosecutors have been given two weeks to provide reasons why recorded interviews with a former IRA man should not be sent back to America. High Court judges sitting in Belfast set the deadline in Anthony McIntyre's legal battle against police accessing his "Boston tapes". For full story click [here](#).

10. History Queensland News

Oral History Queensland is a member of History Queensland. Read their latest news [here](#).

11. Amplify

The State Library of New South Wales' oral history transcription tool has reached a significant milestone - 100,000 individual corrections have been made to transcripts across five oral history collections. This has been achieved in just over a year (13 months) since

Amplify was launched in October 2016. Another exciting statistic is that 44 individual recordings have 100% corrected and completed transcripts. From the State Library of NSW, thanks to all the online digital volunteers who have listened and transcribed. So if you've got some spare time, you can enjoy listening to some interesting stories and help with this great project. If you haven't tried it - give it a go here! <https://amplify.sl.nsw.gov.au/>

12. 2018 Australian Heritage Festival

The 2018 Australian Heritage Festival theme is **My Culture, My Story** celebrating the diversity of cultures that have shaped our shared heritage. The Festival is an opportunity to reflect on the places where we live, work, and travel, and why they are special, celebrating our many diverse and distinctive cultures. So we call on communities to treasure their local cultural heritage by telling their stories and celebrating their traditions, including storytelling, music, food, dance, traditional games, and crafts. Festival Dates: 18 April - 20 May 2018. Register your event before 13 February 2018. For more information click [here](#).

13. ABC Regional Storyteller Scholarship

Closes: 15 February 2018

Purpose: To champion emerging voices in the disability community in rural and regional Australia. This is an early career opportunity for someone with a lived experience of disability and an interest in telling factual stories that connect with Australians.

More information: www.careers.abc.net.au

14. Students interview nursing home residents

The ABC TV News (South Australia) on Saturday 25th November showed a story about high-school students in Adelaide who have been visiting a nursing home to collect the stories of residents. The results of the interviews were presented in a book for the interviewees. There was a link to the iView news story but it's gone now (after only two days). But you can find the written story at the ABC website here <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2017-11-26/school-students-writing-the-memoirs-of-elderly-in-aged-care/9194628>. This is a great example of the use of oral history helping two groups learn from each other and enjoy that connection. Allity Aged Care said they will expand this program to their other facilities Australia-wide.

15. West Australia Newsletter

For your information and interest, you may see the West Australia newsletter, Playback, November 2017 [here](#). Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 December 2017.

16. Royal Historical Society of Queensland News

Oral History Queensland is a member of the RHSQ. Manager, Ilona Fekete says:

“The RHSQ has some interesting and exciting events coming up before the end of the 2017:

- 10 December, 4:00 pm - Separation Day Celebrations:
<http://www.queenslandhistory.org/2017-separation-day-celebrations/>
- 13 December, 12:30pm - Wednesday Lunchtime Talk with Greg Hallam: The Warwick Egg Incident, 1917 :
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-queensland-railways-the-eggs-the-prime-minister-and-warwick-tickets-40126481386?aff=ehomecard>

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to visit or contact our office on 07 3221 4198.

The John Douglas Kerr Medal of Distinction

Nominations for the prestigious John Douglas Kerr Medal of Distinction for research and writing Queensland or Australian history have opened. The award is made jointly by The Royal Historical Society of Queensland and the Professional Historians Association (Queensland). Nominations close on 31 March 2018. Further information about the award can be found at: <http://www.queenslandhistory.org/awards-and-medals/>

RHSQ has a number of books for sale at the Commissariat Store. See list [here](#). Contact Ilona at 07 3221 4198 before buying so they don't run out of a title you may want."

"Do you not know that a man is not dead while his name is still spoken?" — Terry Pratchett, Going Postal [from GoodReads Quotes]