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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your third e-Bulletin for 2017. I hope you are all safe after Cyclone Debbie. We would love to receive any information you have to share in our e-Bulletin. You can send it 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 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. Our Likes are growing steadily. 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. National Library of Australia Fellowships

The National Library of Australia Fellowships support researchers to make intensive use of the Library's rich and varied collections over a sustained period of three months. There are eight fellowships available, some of which include Australian literature, curatorial research, and Japan Studies. Applications close 30 April 2017. For more information click [here](#).

2. Interviewing Vulnerable Narrators

On 23 February 2017 Oral History Queensland partnered with State Library of Queensland to host a panel discussion on interviewing vulnerable narrators. Chaired by OHQ President Margaret Ridley, the speakers were Anne Monsour, Jo Besley and Kevin Cocks. You can find out more about them [here](#) (at top of page click on View Details). The State Library has now made the audio of the discussion available [here](#).

3. Having a Voice

Member, Kathy Shilvock, from Fraser Coast Libraries says:

Please see the local history blog on the Launch of the Oral History Project "Having a Voice" found here <http://fclibrarieslocalstudies.blogspot.com.au/2017/03/womens-week-oral-history-launch.html>

Have a look at the videoed interviews with the link on the Blog.

4. Beyond Camps and Forced Labour

Sixth international multidisciplinary conference, to be held at Birkbeck, University of London, and Wiener Library, London, 10-12 January 2018.

This conference is planned as a follow-up to the five successful conferences, which took place at Imperial War Museum London in 2003, 2006, 2009, 2012 and 2015. It will continue to build on areas previously investigated, and also open up new fields of academic enquiry. The aim is to bring together scholars from a variety of disciplines who are engaged in research on all groups of survivors of Nazi persecution. These will include - but are not limited to - Jews, Roma and Sinti, Slavonic peoples, Jehovah's Witnesses, homosexuals, Soviet prisoners of war, political dissidents, members of underground movements, the disabled, the so-called 'racially impure', and forced labourers. For the purpose of the conference, a 'survivor' is defined as anyone who suffered any form of persecution by the Nazis or their allies as a result of the Nazis' racial, political, ideological or ethnic policies from 1933 to 1945, and who survived the Second World War. For more information click [here](#).

5. Footsteps in Time – a reminder

Family & Local History Conference & Fair 19-21 May 2017 Southport Community Centre, 6 Lawson Street, Southport. The 2017 Queensland State Conference and Fair aims to inspire, challenge, educate and encourage those interested in family, local and social history. This event is hosted by Gold Coast Family History Society Inc and supported by History Queensland Inc. For more information visit <http://www.footstepsintime2017.com.au/>

6. International Oral History Association Conference, Finland in June 2018

The theme of the XX IOHA Congress is *Memory and Narration*. The congress focuses on the complex and multidimensional nature of oral history, and we welcome presentations from diverse perspectives. We invite papers that focus on methodological issues concerning the production and analysis of oral histories and life stories. We especially encourage contributions related to oral history sources as narratives/narration and applications of methodological theories and practices. For more information click [here](#).

7. Royal Historical Society of Queensland News

Sanna Nalder, Manager, RHSQ says:

There are many interesting and exciting events coming up at the RHSQ, including:

- *12 April 2017*: Wednesday Lunchtime Talk at the Commissariat Store Museum at 12.30pm – Mark Whitmore on ‘*The Mephisto Tank*’, invitation [attached](#).
- *22 April 2017 10.00 am*: *Ties that bind* exhibition opening and one day seminar - a collaboration between Australian Lebanese Historical Society (Queensland) and The Royal Historical Society of Queensland. Several speakers will present an engaging program on the history of Queensland's Lebanese community, including presentations by Dr Anne Monsour and Yvonne Matta. Tickets are \$25 for RHSQ and ALHS members and \$30 for guests. Light refreshments will be provided. Basic details of the event are as follows:
10.00 am - 1.00 pm Saturday 22 April (this may be extended slightly depending on speakers)
Seminar accompanying the exhibition - Dr Anne Monsour: *Enduring bonds: Lebanese immigrants in Queensland*; Yvonne Matta: *A long and winding road*.
Further speakers will be announced closer to the event. See flyer [here](#) and Payment Form [here](#).
- *6 June 2017*: Queensland Day Dinner at The Brisbane Club. Read the flyer [here](#) and Payment Form [here](#).

If you are on Facebook, please feel free to ‘like’ and follow the Commissariat Store. We can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/RHSQld/>

8. Hearts and Minds

History Trust of South Australia State History Conference **Call for Proposals** for Hearts and Minds - revaluing the past, 6 – 8 October 2017.

The History Trust of South Australia is inviting proposals for sessions at the State History Conference, with the main conference venue being Immanuel College, Novar Gardens. We invite proposals for sessions, papers, workshops, tours and quick-fire presentations relating to aspects of history and historical practice. **Closing date for proposals is Sunday 30 April 2017.** For more information click [here](#).

9. Dispatches from Bundy

From Creative Regions:

Earlier in the month we partnered with the researchers and storytellers from ‘[Writing The Digital Futures](#)’ and the State Library of Queensland for ‘Dispatches From Bundy’ – a weekend of digital storytelling, oral history and creative writing workshops. The 24 participants created short, digital memoirs and autobiographies, exercised their creative writing skills, and imagined dystopian futures. [See the post-apocalyptic world the storytellers created.](#)

10. Brisbane Square Library Events

Iona Cominos, Senior Librarian says:

Dear local history groups

We have lots of great history events coming up at Brisbane Square Library in April and May, as follows:

- **The world of water: A brief history of Brisbane's public swimming pools. Sunday 9 April 11am-12noon.** Artist Charles Zuber and historian Steve Capelin explore the cultural significance of public pools in Brisbane, from the earliest river enclosures in the colonial years to the swimming pools of today which offer so much more than just a place to keep fit. This talk is presented as part of a photographic exhibition at Brisbane Square Library celebrating the 50th birthday of Musgrave Park Pool in West End.
- **If walls could talk: Researching Brisbane houses. Saturday 22 April 2-3pm.** Brisbane houses hold many secrets about the city's people and past. Heather Richards from Brisbane City Council's City Architecture and Heritage Team will uncover stories about Brisbane houses and the families that occupied them, and share tips and resources for revealing the history of your own house. This talk is presented as part of the National Trust Australian Heritage Festival.
- **Mid twentieth-century buildings of Brisbane. Saturday 29 April 11am-12noon.** Modernism emerged as a new style of architecture in Brisbane following World War II. Join Marianne Taylor from Brisbane City Council's City Architecture and Heritage Team as she discusses how this movement revolutionised Brisbane's built environment, from public buildings such as Annerley Library, La Boite Theatre and St Andrew's Church, to private residences such as Torbreck, Jacobi Residence and the many post-war homes that dot the suburban landscape. This talk is presented as part of the National Trust Australian Heritage Festival.
- **ANZAC cottages. Saturday 6 May 11.30am-12.30pm.** Join Dr Carmel Black from Brisbane City Council's City Architecture and Heritage Team as she reveals the history behind ANZAC cottages. Find out why these houses are an important part of the city's cultural heritage and how they expressed the community's gratitude to the families of soldiers killed or injured during World War I. This talk is presented as part of the National Trust Australian Heritage Festival.
- **Meet Susan Currie. Sunday 7 May 11am-12noon.** Join former lawyer, academic, teacher and librarian Dr Susan Currie as she discusses her experiences in writing *A Prescription for Action: The Life of Dr Janet Irwin*. Dr Janet Irwin was the Director of Health Services at the University of Queensland from 1974 to 1988 and later, a Commissioner of the Criminal Justice Commission. She was ahead of her time in bringing issues such as medical cannabis and sexual harassment to public attention. She was a strong campaigner and regularly took part in rallies, including during the Bjelke-Petersen government era when they were banned.

All events are free but bookings are essential – [call the library on 3403 4166 to reserve your place.](tel:34034166)

11. Hazel de Berg Award

The Call for Nominations for the Hazel de Berg Award for Excellence in Oral History has just opened. Applications close 30 June 2017. You can find out how to nominate someone for this award [here](#).

12. History Queensland Newsletter

OHQ is a member of History Queensland and they have asked that I share their March newsletter with you. To read click [here](#).

13. Oral History Australia National Conference – a reminder

Oral History Australia will hold its national conference in Sydney in September 2017. Registrations open today. For further details click [here](#).

14. Disaster Management Plan for Museums

Museums & Galleries Queensland says:

As we are beginning to see, flooding may affect collections in ex Tropical Cyclone Debbie's path.

While power and internet are unavailable in some areas, those who are still connected can access valuable information and resources about disaster planning, recovery and salvage through the Museum Development Officer blog, State Library of Queensland and the Australian Institute for the Conservation of Cultural Materials (AICCM).

www.qmmdo.com.au/2016/09/12/are-you-prepared/
www.slq.qld.gov.au/resources/preserving-collections

M&G QLD is also working with the Queensland Disaster Information Network (Q-DIS). We encourage you to join Q-DIS to connect with colleagues across regional and metropolitan Queensland. For more information on Q-DIS please visit

www.manexus.ning.com/group/qdis

Should any museums, galleries or cultural heritage organisations require assistance, please contact M&G QLD on freecall 1800 866 101

15. Museum Galleries Australia National Conference

The Museums Galleries Australia National Conference is being held from 14-17 May 2017 at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, South Brisbane Queensland.

Register for MGA2017 for a packed schedule of progressive plenary, concurrent and workshop sessions, plus the opportunity to make exciting new connections and develop existing ones. You will take fresh insights, ideas, skills and partnership ideas back to your team. For more information see <http://www.mga2017.org.au/>

"Our memory, our stories, our little successes, our frustrations, our recall are essentially what makes us human." When This Thing Happened by Michael McKernan.