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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your fifth e-Bulletin for 2016. I had computer problems for more than a month. I lost all my Contacts and had to use other means to get the April e-Bulletin to you. I may have missed some people then. If you did not receive the e-Bulletin last month, my apologies. You can read it on our website [here](#). My computer is back to normal now.

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. There are a couple of conferences coming up in our region. Check out upcoming conferences on our website [here](#). 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.

Suzanne Mulligan

1. South Australia & Northern Territory Newsletter

For your information and interest you may see the South Australia & Northern Territory newsletter Word of Mouth, Autumn 2016 [here](#). Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 June 2016.

2. Oral History and Migration Stories Seminar

With almost a quarter of the Australian population born overseas, migrant experiences are a pivotal element of Australian historical narratives. At this seminar in Sydney, we will explore the use of oral history as a means of recording and revealing Australian stories of migration.

Date: 25th June 2016

Time: Refreshments from 10am. Seminar 10.30-12.30.

Location: Dixson Room, State Library of NSW

Cost: \$20 for members of Oral History NSW; \$30 for non-members

For more information click [here](#).

3. Making Digital Oral History Seminar

This seminar was held on 12 March 2016 with presenters Hamish Sewell (writer, oral historian/radio producer and founder of the Soundtrails app). And Bronwyn Murphy (sound recordist/editor and coordinator of the National Film and Sound Archive Oral History Program). Listen to their presentations [here](#).

4. The Irony of Family History as a Source of Identity

“Family history research is experiencing an unprecedented surge of interest, facilitated by the vast array of archives now accessible on the Internet, including social media style family tree websites such as ancestry.com that allow family historians to share their research. Amateur genealogists frequently look to their recovered ancestors as a source of identity. Nowhere is this more obvious than in the popular genealogical television series *Who Do You Think You Are?*” To read full article click [here](#).

5. *Your Living Family Tree: Discover Your Family Stories*

You can record conversations with your living relatives about their own unique life experiences and about your family history. When the fascinating patchwork of stories is stitched together, a living branch, with living ancestors, appears on your family tree. For more information about this book click [here](#).

6. Tasmania Newsletter

For your information and interest you may see the Tasmania newsletter Real to Reel, April 2016 Part 1 [here](#) and Part 2 [here](#). Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 June 2016.

7. Cardwell & District Historical Society Website

This historical society is one of our members.

“After five years dominated by recovery from cyclone Yasi, [Cardwell & District Historical Society](#) (CDHS) is developing a new website and online management system to widen its reach and dissemination of local history. Visitors will have access to stories, images, videos and ultimately archival materials and links exposing Cardwell’s history as an 1860s frontier of Australian settlement, with opportunities for interactive conversation. An online bookshop will be expanded to drive sales of other merchandise.

The new website is designed to work in tandem with online management tools now crucial, especially for rural communities ([read more](#)). Active members of CDHS are spread 1,500km across Queensland and engage in direct operational roles online. We invite you to check out the Cardwell society’s website progress and leave a comment.”

Murray Massey, Cardwell & District Historical Society Inc. (from Queensland Memory)

8. StoryCatcher

StoryCatcher an app for iPhone which enables users to record and create stories. This is one of the apps that can be used for this. Check it out [here](#).

9. RHSQ Annual Seminar

The following received from Helen Brackin, Manager, The Royal Historical Society of Queensland, of which OHQ is a member:

“This year the RHSQ’s Annual Seminar will be held at the Commissariat Store on Saturday 18 June 2016 and will be themed around *A History of Sport in Queensland*. It promises to be a very interesting morning with a variety of different speakers including Steve Hadden from Queensland Rugby League, Dr Mark Loane AM (past captain of the Australian Wallabies Rugby Union Team), Gwendolyn Welford BEM ASM (Lifesaver of the Century), and Professor John Pearn AO. Please see the [payment slip](#) attached for more information.

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Manager”

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10. Memories of the Struggle

Barry York from the Museum of Australian Democracy writes:

“My last blog post (Memories of the struggle against apartheid) as a member of staff at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House. I am now officially retired. I'll be 65 next week. I had a great ten years at the museum, mainly with the Oral History Program. My work in the field of oral history began in earnest in 1984, more than 30 years ago, and I intend to continue with it in retirement. By all means add a comment to the blog post at the museum's site [here](#).”

11. Footsteps in Time – a reminder

The organisers of the next Queensland State Conference of Local and Family History are calling for speakers for their conference in May 2017. For more information, click [here](#).

12. NOHANZ biennial conference “Tell me more: Sharing our Stories”

The New Zealand Oral History Conference will be held in Christchurch in October 2016. Click [here](#) for more information.

13. International Oral History Association Conference in India – a reminder

The IOHA Conference will be held in Bangalore, India from 27 June to 1 July 2016. For more on conference themes, fees and contact details, see [here](#). Please let me know if you are attending the Conference.

“One of the benefits, the very few benefits, of old age was having that menu of moments: Moments to return to and relive, over and over.” The Memory of Lost Senses by Judith Kinghorn.