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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your fifth e-Bulletin for 2017. We would love to receive any information you have to share in our e-Bulletin. You can send it to me at [mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@iinet.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](http://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. Oral History Australia National Conference – a reminder**

Oral History Australia will hold its national conference in Sydney in September 2017. Registrations are now open. Early bird closes on 30 June 2017. For further details click [here](#).

## **2. Grants and Philanthropic Opportunities - 2017 Documents Now Available**

Museums & Galleries Queensland has compiled a useful list of grant opportunities available for museums, galleries and other cultural organisations in Queensland.

You can download the 2017 grants and opportunities documents here: [www.magsq.com.au](http://www.magsq.com.au)

## **3. Walking with the Dead: West End (Townsville) Cemetery Tour**

Member, Ariella van Luyn writes this post on her Blog:

As part of an event organised by the English Teachers' Association Queensland, I created a walking tour and teaching resource. It offered hands-on ways to use creative writing, research, imagination and empathy to engage participants with the local history in the West End Cemetery and to think about how the past lives on in the present.

<https://ariellavanluyn.com/2017/05/03/walking-with-the-dead-west-end-cemetery-tour/>

Ariella's work may be an inspiration to all teachers who are teaching history and/or creative writing.

#### **4. International Oral History Association Conference, Finland in June 2018**

The theme of the 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. The deadline for all proposals is **August 31, 2017**. For more information click [here](#).

#### **5. Presentations Available: *Securing Funding* Workshop**

M&G QLD's *Securing Funding* Workshop was held in Chinchilla this year. It included presentations from funding body representatives. The following presentations are available to download on the M&G QLD website:

- Catherine Turner, Cultural Development Coordinator, Western Downs Regional Council on Regional Arts Development Fund
- Lavinia Tyrrell, Community Development Coordinator, Western Downs Regional Council on Local Events and Minor Grant Programs
- Janice Irvine, Development Manager, Arts Queensland
- Helen Dennis, Lapunyah Art Gallery, Chinchilla
- Kylie Bourne, Miles Historical Village Museum
- Siobhan Ketter, Senior Grants Officer, Community Benefit Fund Unit, Office of Liquor and Gaming Regulation, Department of Justice & Attorney-General on Gambling Community Benefit Fund
- Fran D'Castro, Coordinator, Community Heritage Grants, National Library of Australia
- Annie Wright, Ambassador, Foundation for Rural & Regional Renewal

Download the presentations <http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=8209>

#### **6. Tasmania Newsletter**

For your information and interest, you may see the Tasmania newsletter, Reel to Real, April 2017 [here](#). Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 June 2017.

## **7. Hazel de Berg Award**

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

## **8. Source: News, Information & Resources - Autumn Edition 2017 Now Available**

*source: news, information and resources* is published four times per year and provides updates on Museums & Galleries Queensland programs, events and services, along with Queensland sector news. You can download [here](#).

## **9. West Australia Newsletter**

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

## **10. South Australia & Northern Territory Newsletter**

For your information and interest, you may see the South Australia & Northern Territory Newsletter, Word of Mouth, Autumn 2017 [here](#). Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 June 2017.

## **11. Australian Lives: An Intimate History**

A new book *Australian Lives: An Intimate History* by Anisa Puri and Alistair Thomson (Monash University Press) \$39.95 provides glimpses of Australian lives from the 1920s to the 1980s. Culled from 1500 hours of oral history interviews, the ebook will link each story to the National Library of Australia's online collection so readers can listen to the story direct. See full story [here](#).

## **12. New Zealand Newsletter**

For your information and interest, you may see the New Zealand (NOHANZ) Newsletter, April 2017 [here](#). Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 June 2017.

## **14. Barbara Erskine**

Barbara Erskine lived in various places in Queensland, including Townsville, Mount Isa and Brisbane until about 10 years ago when she moved to Victoria. She has been active in oral history work in Queensland and Victoria. She has recently returned to Brisbane and would like to hear from anyone who knew her and would like to make contact. Her email is [jberskine@y7mail.com](mailto:jberskine@y7mail.com)

## 15. Oral History Basics Workshop

Oral History Queensland is running a workshop in Brisbane on Sunday 25 June 2017 which will cover the "basics" of doing oral history including interview techniques, ethics, and transcribing. For more information, contact Suzanne Mulligan on 07 3376 1865 or email [mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@iinet.net.au).

## 16. Volunteers needed for our Executive

At our next Annual General Meeting which will likely be late September or early October 2017, all positions on the Executive will be vacated – President (currently Margaret Ridley), Treasurer (Sandy Liddle) and Secretary (Suzanne Mulligan). Those on the Executive are unable to continue in these roles. So we urge you to think about taking on these roles. With electronic communication becoming more sophisticated we can have people on the Executive who don't have to be in Brisbane. This situation is highlighted in the West Australia newsletter, which is shown below. We understand that it is difficult to get people to step up for roles in all volunteer organisations. Please think about it and if you would like to know more information about what the roles entail, you may email me, Suzanne Mulligan [mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@iinet.net.au) We are hoping West Australia will resolve their situation so that drastic action will not need to be taken.

From p. 2 of WA's *Play Back*, May-2017:

### **"President's Message**

#### **Possible closure of OHAA WA Branch**

I have periodically requested support for the executive committee of OHAAWA Branch from members within WA as there is a need to supplement the over taxed existing committee members. No support has been forthcoming to date and the time has come to make some hard decisions bearing in mind that we need to share the workload, comply with government regulatory requirements and work within our constitution. The branch is very sound financially and our membership base is growing so we have been going reasonably well but the committee have reluctantly come to the conclusion that we cannot continue much longer without a Secretary, Vice-President and at least two more committee members. As President, I also have to say that it is essential that a much younger and more technically up to date person must come forward as my potential successor.

**We have a General Meeting scheduled for 6 pm on Wednesday, 7 June 2017 at the State Library of WA** when I will seek the input of members in a general discussion on this issue. **If we cannot fill the committee positions, then I expect that a motion of closure of the branch will be put at our AGM on 10 September 2017.**

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*"All the stories go with you, Franny thought, closing her eyes. All the things I didn't listen to, won't remember, never got right, wasn't around for."*

*Commonwealth by Ann Patchett.*