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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your 7th e-Bulletin for 2018. Hope you've all had a wonderful month. I did an oral history this month and I'll share with you how I broke a "Golden Rule", which is NEVER edit your Master copy. During the interview I paused three or four times so I wouldn't have one large file to download to my computer. When I looked at one of the files, there was one very large spike which would affect my Normalising edit. I thought – I'll just get rid of that, save it and then make a copy of the file. So I deleted the spike then tried to Save the file. But, of course, it wouldn't Save would it!! Fortunately, as I'd only done the interview a couple of days before, it was still on my recorder so I was able to download it again. So that spike has lived on – but not in my copy.

Please send me any information you have to share in our e-Bulletin at 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 and "**Like**" our **Facebook page**. It's good to see our Likes are growing, as we put some interesting information on there as well as on our Blog. So 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 Queensland Annual General Meeting

Our next Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 18 August at the State Library of Queensland. All positions on the Executive will be vacated. Our current President, Elisabeth Gondwe, will stand again for that position. Our acting Treasurer, Sandy Liddle, will not be standing for her position. OHQ has purchased a laptop which Sandy has loaded with Office and Quick Books software, thus making it easier for a new person to take over, especially as electronic banking is used. The position of Secretary remains vacant since Elisabeth moved to the President's position earlier this year. We strongly urge you to consider taking on the roles of Treasurer or Secretary. 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@inet.net.au. These positions must be filled at this meeting. As well as the formal proceedings, the AGM is always a great opportunity to talk about your projects and make connections. Please let me know if you will attend.

2. The Royal Historical Society of Queensland News

Oral History Queensland is a member of RHSQ. Below information from Manager Ilona Fekete:

Dear Members, Librarians and Affiliated Societies,

The RHSQ has many interesting and exciting events coming up:

8 August Wednesday, 12:30Pm: Exclusive lunchtime talk: Tertiary Education in Brisbane: Training, Teaching and Turmoil from the beginning till now by Bill Metcalf. Please RSVP by calling/emailing us or through the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/tertiary-education-in-brisbane-training-teaching-and-turmoil-from-the-beginning-till-now-by-bill-tickets-48054679841>

25 August Saturday 10AM: Annual Seminar 2018: Parliament House – Celebrating 150 Years. More information about the program and booking is in the [attached flyer](#). Only a handful of tickets left, book your ticket through the phone: 07 3553 6234. or the following link: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/parliament-house-celebrating-150-years-tickets-46058949558>. The Seminar will be at the Parliament, please bring a photo ID along.

Also attached [the flyer](#) of a unique concert on **14 October, Sunday** by the Enoggera Ensemble in the Commissariat Store. Music will be played from the earliest colonial days showcasing an antique guitar (built in 1858). You can book tickets through the following link:

<http://www.queenslandhistory.org/event/special-event-boh-colonial-chords-music-for-banjo-mandolin-and-guitar-from-queenslands-earliest-colonial-days/>

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

Warm Regards,
Ilona Fekete

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland Commissariat Store

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3. Queensland Police Museum Lectures

The Queensland Police Museum welcomes you to the 2018 Sunday Lecture Series. Unless otherwise advised, lectures are held on the last Sunday of the month (between February and November) from 11am until 12.30pm, within the Police HQ ground level conference room. Entry is FREE and spaces are limited so please arrive EARLY; the room opens at 10.45am. To receive weekly notification of future topics, consider signing up to our blog at [myPolice Museum](#), it's free! We look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

2018	Lecture Title	Speaker
August 26	THE EVOLUTION OF FORENSIC PHOTOGRAPHY	Sergeant Owyn Butters
September 30	POLAIR	Senior Sergeant Pam Leech
October 28	TRACING YOUR INDIGENOUS FAMILY TREE	Cathy Franklin
November 25	QUEENSLAND POLICE MUSEUM 125 th BIRTHDAY	Help us celebrate; there is sure to be cake!

4. Leper Colony on Peel Island

This extraordinary story had the most hits ever on our Facebook page: “It was a shattering diagnosis – that turned out to be wrong. Yet this young mother spent 12 harrowing years in isolation on Peel Island leper colony.” Read full story and listen to interview excerpt from interview with Phyllis Ebbage [here](#).

5. Hidden stories from Queensland islands

Characterised by sun, surf and sand, Queensland’s islands are popularly seen as playgrounds and scenic holiday destinations. State Library’s newest exhibition [Islands](#) draws on the collections of the library and explores five islands through digital stories, photographs, drawings, maps and objects. Visitors are invited to stop and listen closely to the voices that share their personal experience of island life.

From Peel Island’s lazaret and St Helena Island’s penal settlement to the story of Eliza Fraser and the development of tourism on Lindeman Island, the exhibition brings to life some of the lesser known stories of island life. Free curator tours are offered on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. For more information [contact State Library](#).

Anna Thurgood, State Library of Queensland

6. New knowledge - Land ballots in Queensland

Dr Jennifer Moffat, the 2018 John Oxley Library Fellow, commences her research into the history of Queensland’s land ballots. Official records show that balloting occurred in Queensland for 100 years and millions of hectares of Crown land were distributed through this method.

While some local and family histories have explored the topic, new research will provide a more comprehensive account of how this group of selectors contributed to the social,

economic and political development of Queensland. By combining interviews of families and their descendants, memorabilia, and the collections of State Library and State Archives, Jennifer plans to address a significant gap in this part of Queensland's history.

Anyone interested in contributing to this knowledge can contact Jennifer [by email](#) or via her personal [website](#).

Chrissi Theodosiou, State Library of Queensland

7. National Family History Month

During August events will be conducted across Australia and online that focus on genealogy, family history, heraldry and related subjects. Oral History Queensland is running an Oral History Workshop on 24 August as part of this initiative (see below). For other events click [here](#).

8. Oral History Workshop

Oral History Queensland is holding an Oral History Workshop at the Pine Rivers Heritage Museum on 24 August 2018, details below (and flyer [attached](#)). There are four places left. Venue: Pine Rivers Heritage Museum, Old Petrie Town, 901 - 949 Dayboro Road, Whiteside Qld 4503

Date: Friday, 24 August 2018.

Time: 10.00 am to 4.00 pm.

Description: will cover the basics in recording oral histories including interviewing techniques, ethics, transcribing. The workshop will be run by Lesley Jenkins, a very experienced oral historian, Churchill Fellow and Life Member of Oral History Queensland. This is a "hands-on" workshop which will provide practical experience.

Cost: \$100.00 for OHQ members, \$120.00 for non OHQ members.

Contact details: Bookings essential. Suzanne Mulligan, Oral History Queensland, at mulligan53@inet.net.au or phone on 07 3376 1865.

9. New Zealand Oral History Conference – a reminder

The National Oral History Association of New Zealand (NOHANZ) will hold its biennial conference at the University of Waikato, Hamilton, Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 of November 2018. This year the theme of the conference focuses on the sweet sound of the voice, the singers of tales (te waha kairongorongo), storytellers, and the resonance of the voice through time and space. How is oral history transient through time and space? How do the voices of our participants travel through, or resonate in, time and space as a vehicle for memory? What significance do we find in the spaces we use to access, listen to, co-create, and present voices that give meaning and memory to the past? How is the notion of "time" apparent in the transmission of memory across generations of voices? For more information, click <http://www.oralhistory.org.nz/>.

10. Writing Historical Fiction - Online workshop with Hannah Kent

'Writing Historical Fiction' with bestselling novelist Hannah Kent, author of *Burial Rites* and *The Good People*, is designed for anyone with an idea for a novel based on true events or a wish to produce a work of fiction set in the past. (Authors have used oral histories in the

same way.) For more information click <https://workshops.killyourdarlings.com.au/p/writing-historical-fiction/>

11. History Lab Podcast

History Lab is a new podcast that explores the gaps between us and the past. After a successful launch in June, the creators of History Lab now want to hear from you! If you have a great idea for an episode, head to the website to find out how you can get involved For more information click here <https://historylab.net/>

12. Voices of the First World War Podcasts

The Imperial War Museum in Britain has done a series of podcasts about the First World War, much of it told by the people who experienced it. Listen to them here <https://www.iwm.org.uk/VoicesOfTheFirstWorldWar>

13. The Federation of Australian Historical Societies Newsletter

You can read the newsletter here:
<http://history.org.au/Documents/Newsletters/FAHSNewsletter45-Jul2018.pdf>

Editor's note: I suggest you "cut and paste" this link to your browser rather than click on it. Of particular interest to Oral History Queensland members are:

The Australian Lesbian and Gay Life Stories Oral History Project ...11-12
Australian Lebanese Historical Society21-22

14. Oral History Australia Journal – Changes to Editorial Board

Monash University academic Dr Francesco Ricatti is the new Chair of the Editorial Board for the *Oral History Australia Journal*. (Dr Ricatti is formerly a member from Queensland). The Chair of the *Oral History Australia Journal* Editorial Board manages the peer review process for the journal. Activities include recording submission details, de-identifying papers, assessing the quality of submissions and communicating with authors and peer reviewers. Read the full article [here](#).

"Arthur thought about how it was possible for memories to shift and change with time. To be forgotten and resumed, to be enhanced or darkened as the mind and mood commanded." *The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper* by Phaedra Patrick.