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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your 3rd e-Bulletin for 2018. I hope you're all having an enjoyable Easter break. Queensland has been hit in recent days with damaging cyclones and very heavy rain, particularly in our northern region. Hoping you're okay up there.

Please send me any information you have to share in our e-Bulletin 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**. 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. Bus Tour of Inner Brisbane Street Signs**

Oral History Queensland invites you to this bus tour on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> of April 12.00pm – 2.00pm. The bus departs at 12.00pm from the State Library of Queensland. The cost is \$20 cash and bring some lunch to share as our first stop is a picnic at the Roma Street Parklands. Please rsvp to Elisabeth Gondwe [Elisabeth.gondwe@bigpond.com](mailto:Elisabeth.gondwe@bigpond.com) as spaces are limited to 35 people. For those who are interested there is a second bus tour at 3.30pm that afternoon.

## Reflective Surface Paradise

This is a tour of the reflective surfaces of inner Brisbane. It will take place within one of the city's multi-dimensional reflective surfaces. It is a bus tour of Brisbane's street signs. The tour will be hosted by **Greg Manning**. Greg is interested in stories highlighted by combinations of place names. Combinations of place names are generated by land use in the form of addresses, journeys, traffic reports, etc. These combinations create opportunities for active, relevant, inclusive and multi-faceted historical conversations. Since we will be meeting during the Commonwealth Games, we will reflect on the stories Brisbane street names evoke when they are activated by events on the Gold Coast. By viewing our street names from two different 'usage' perspectives, this tour will highlight some of the collaborations and the contests that have shaped the populations who implement these words in their own land use. Listen to snippets of Greg's tours on ABC Radio - <http://www.abc.net.au/radio/brisbane/programs/afternoons/road-cycling/9591378>

## **2. New Zealand Oral History Conference**

The National Oral History Association of New Zealand (NOHANZ) invites abstract submissions for our biennial conference to be held at the University of Waikato, Hamilton, Wednesday 28 and Thursday 29 of November 2018. This year the theme of our 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? Abstracts to be submitted by 29 June 2018. For more information, click [here](#).

## **3. West Australia Newsletter**

For your information and interest, you may see the West Australia newsletter, Playback, February 2018 [here](#). Please note this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 April 2018.

## **4. Oral History Australia Journal 2017 – a reminder**

We now have the 2017 e-Journal available for members. This is our first e-Journal which has been delayed to ensure it's done correctly. You may find the access instructions [here](#).

## **5. Abortion Stories Oral History Project**

Melissa Madera has posted on the H-OralHist List:

"I am the founder of [The Abortion Diary](#), producer of The Abortion Diary's podcast (a podcast of abortion stories), and curator of [ar.ti.facts: abortion stories and histories](#), an immersive, traveling multimedia exhibit sharing the stories of people, like me, who have had abortions. Since beginning the project in July 2013, I have listened to and recorded over 290 people share their reproductive experiences. These experiences are quite diverse across geographic location (33 U.S. states and 21 countries), socioeconomic background, age (18-85.5), ethnicity, race, religion, and gender, and

span from the late 1950s to 2016. This unique project is aimed at amplifying the voices of people who have had abortions, drawing attention to restrictive laws and difficulties in obtaining abortion across the United States (and abroad), creating community around an experience that can be extremely isolating, and facilitating community conversations around an issue that is highly politicized and polarizing with the use of oral histories, audio stories, images, objects, multimedia storytelling, interactive exhibits, and powerful performances. The Abortion Diary and ar-ti-facts: abortion stories and histories allow people to understand and witness real life experiences of people who have had abortions, and create culture change around abortion in our communities.”

Full story on the H-OralHist List which you can join.

## **6. Understanding Copyright**

Understanding Copyright seminar will be held 18 - 20 June 2018 in Brisbane. The Australian Copyright Council's seminars are presented by experts in the field of copyright law who are up-to-date with the latest policies, laws and applications of copyright, using examples of recent case law to put your queries into context. Book: Prices start from \$90 per session; early bird offer ends 7 May 2018. For more information, visit [copyright.org.au](http://copyright.org.au)

## **7. National Library Community Heritage Grants**

Grant Funding: National Library of Australia's Community Heritage Grants (CHG) 2018 round now open. CHG provides grants of up to \$15,000 - details at: <http://www.nla.gov.au/awards-and-grants/chg>

## **8. Family and Local History Conference 2019**

“Waves in Time” 24 – 26 May 2019, Lake Kawana Community Centre, Bokarina on the beautiful Sunshine Coast. Third Queensland State Conference hosted by: Caloundra Family History Research Inc., with the support of History Queensland, proudly supported by the Sunshine Coast Council's grants program. *Free* family history fair all weekend plus *free* Master Classes on Friday. An interesting and diverse range of excellent speakers in parallel streams of family and local history on Saturday and Sunday. For further information see [www.wavesintime2019.org.au](http://www.wavesintime2019.org.au)

## **9. Request for RHSQ Journal Submissions**

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

“If your research is seeking larger audience, the Royal Historical Society of Queensland welcomes papers on the history of Queensland as well as the Commonwealth of Australia and adjacent islands of the Pacific. The Queensland History Journal is published quarterly and the Society Bulletin is published monthly from February to December.

Important guidelines for authors:

Queensland History Journal Policy: [http://www.queenslandhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/RHSQ\\_Journal\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.queenslandhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/RHSQ_Journal_Policy.pdf)

Style Guide for Contributors: [http://www.queenslandhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/QHJ\\_StyleGuide\\_201608.pdf](http://www.queenslandhistory.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/09/QHJ_StyleGuide_201608.pdf)

## 10. Cairns Digital Access to Collections Workshop

**Dates:** Wednesday 2nd to Thursday 3rd May 2018

**Time:** 10am to 5pm each day

**Location:** Stratford Library Meeting  
Room, 11 Kamerunga Road, Stratford QLD 4870

This two-day workshop gives attendees the opportunity to participate in training focused on digitisation and the provision of digital access of collections, Q&A's with leading technology providers and the chance to network with other GLAM organisations.

<http://www.digitalcollections.org.au/workshops/grants>

## 11. State Library of Queensland 2018 Research Fellowships

\$100,000 to uncover Queensland's stories. State Library of Queensland is calling for applications for its annual research fellowships, worth up to \$20,000 each, which encourage new perspectives on the state's history. <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/awards/qmawards>

## 12. Armenian Genocide

The USC Shoah Foundation has received one of the largest collections of testimonies from survivors of the Armenian Genocide that were recorded over decades by Dr. Richard Hovannisian, a leading scholar on the World War I-era genocide. See <https://armenianweekly.com/2018/03/11/richard-g-hovannisian-armenian-genocide-oral-history-collection-officially-announced/>

## 13. 2018 Small Museums Conference - *Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow*

When: 26 - 28 October 2018

Where: Roma, QLD

Call for Abstracts by 20 April 2018

The conference will inspire communities to share and preserve local history from yesterday, today and tomorrow. A blend of plenary sessions and hands-on workshops will stimulate ideas for staff and volunteers to share and put into practice.

For more information and to submit abstracts, contact Michelle Blair, Regional Libraries, Arts & Culture Development Coordinator, Maranoa Regional Council via email with subject heading "Small Museums Conference – Call for Abstracts":

[Michelle.Blair@maranoa.qld.gov.au](mailto:Michelle.Blair@maranoa.qld.gov.au) or phone: 07 4624 0302

**Abstracts** are now open for presentations and workshops responding to the following three conference sub-themes:

- Exhibitions - examples included successes in telling stories and case studies,

- Collections - examples include digitization, significance, cataloguing, display techniques, preservation, de-accessioning and storage, and
- Management/Policies/Procedures - examples include collection management, disaster management, funding sources and volunteers.

Abstract submissions must contain the following information:

- Name, contact details and organisation,
- Title of presentation or workshop,
- Identity of the sub-theme you are responding to,
- The length of your proposed presentation or workshop (usually presentations are 20 minutes and workshops 90 minutes duration).
- A succinct abstract of presentation or workshop (250 words)

#### **14. National Library Fellowships**

Calling all researchers - National Library fellows gain in-depth access to Library collections and staff expertise, financial assistance, and uninterrupted time for research in a respected and supportive scholarly environment. Apply for a 2019 [National Library Fellowship](#) before applications close on 30 April 2018.

#### **15. “Having a Voice” – Fraser Coast Libraries**

Our member, Fraser Coast Libraries, invites everyone to subscribe to and view the collection of 18 oral histories called [Having a Voice](#). Supported with funding received through the Regional Libraries Strategic Innovation and Access Grant, the project was inspired by the 2017 Heritage Festival theme to record the stories of people who traditionally did not have a voice. These included women, Australian Chinese, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, Australian South Sea Islander peoples and rural land-owners economically disadvantaged with links to the Fraser Coast. A significant aspect of this project also involved digitising local history collections.

The exhibition of these ordinary people and their extraordinary lives will be launched in April.  
*Kathy Shilvock, Fraser Coast Libraries*  
 From Queensland Memory March 2018

#### **16. Anniversary of Amalgamation**

Based on five oral histories member, Pam Willis Burden, tells the story of the Douglas Shire’s fight to maintain its identity. On 15 March 2008 the Douglas Shire was amalgamated into the Cairns City Council to become part of Cairns Regional Council. Read the full story [here](#).

#### **17. Voices of the Stolen Generation**

For the Library’s new Indigenous Curator, Rebecca Bateman, the recent 10th anniversary of the National Apology to the Stolen Generation was memorable. Rebecca’s mother, Judith Stubbs, was one of the Stolen Generation, taken from her home at age two, never to know her mother and father. Mrs Stubbs’ story is part of the Library’s [Bringing Them Home](#) oral history collection,

which grew out of an Australian Government effort to record and keep the stories of members of the Stolen Generation to ensure they were never forgotten. Ms Bateman spoke to [ABC Radio](#) about how her mother felt about the Apology.

## **18. Oral History Australia Journals Collection**

A long-time member is having a bit of a de-clutter. She has a complete collection of all Oral History Australia Journals and would like to see them all go to one new home. Please email me at [mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@iinet.net.au) if you are interested and I'll pass it on to this member.

## **19. 2018 Grants and Philanthropic Funding**

Museums & Galleries Queensland has compiled a list of grant opportunities available in 2018 for museums, galleries and other cultural organisations in Queensland. You can search for grants through our website, or download our 2018 Grants and Philanthropic Funding document. For more information, visit <http://magsq.com.au>

## **20. Queensland Multicultural Awards 2018**

Nominations are open and will close 7 May 2018. The Queensland Multicultural Awards recognise community volunteers, groups, businesses, government agencies and media whose long-term efforts have helped all Queenslanders to participate in the state's economy and community. The overarching theme for this year's awards is *Building a prosperous, fair and harmonious Queensland*. For more information, visit <https://www.qld.gov.au/about/events-awards-honours/awards/queensland-multicultural-awards>

## **21. Mater Heritage Walking Tour**

When: 29 April 2018, 10-11am

Where: Mater Hospital, Raymond Terrace, Brisbane, QLD

Join Brisbane's Living Heritage Network for a tour of the historic precinct within the Mater Hospital. The Guide and Archivist from the Mater Archives and Heritage Centre will point out Mater's rich heritage architecture and explain the contribution the Sisters of Mercy have made to Brisbane's health and welfare since 1906.

Book: \$15; \$10 for BLHN Individual Members and/or National Trust members.

For more information, phone BLHN Coordinator, Michele on 0498 382 899 or Email:

[info@brisbanelivingheritage.org](mailto:info@brisbanelivingheritage.org)

## **22. Genetic Genealogy Seminar**

When: 19 May 2018, 9am - 12.30pm

Where: Queensland Baptists Conference Centre, 53 Prospect Rd, Brisbane, QLD.

Presented by the Queensland Family History Society, Dr Maurice J Gleeson, Education Ambassador for the International Society of Genetic Genealogy (ISOGG) will focus on a step-by-step approach to managing your DNA matches so that you can potentially identify the common ancestor you share with each match.

Book: \$25 Queensland Family History Society members; \$40 non-members; includes morning tea. For more information, visit [qfhs.org.au](http://qfhs.org.au)

"We now know that memories are not fixed or frozen, like Proust's jars of preserves in a larder, but are transformed, disassembled, reassembled, and recategorized with every act of recollection." *Hallucinations* by Oliver Sacks  
[<http://www.kcblau.com/r-i-p-oliver-sacks/>]