



# e-Bulletin

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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your eighth e-Bulletin for 2020 which is coming to you a little earlier as I'm having a short break. With COVID I'm a little light on content this month. I'd really like to hear from you about any projects you are working on or have recently completed so I can share that with members.

If you have information to share in our e-Bulletin please email 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. We try to put some interesting information related to oral history on our Facebook page as well as on our Blog, particularly a lot of posts related to COVID-19. Feel free to add a comment. **All** feedback is very welcome.

**Suzanne Mulligan**

## **1. Membership Renewals Due**

Members will have received a reminder that OHQ Membership fees are due for the 2020/2021 financial year. We would really like you to continue to be a valued member of OHQ and hope that you will make your payment to our Oral History Queensland bank account as soon as you are able:

Bank of Queensland BSB 124001  
Account number 20355175  
Account Name: Oral History Queensland Inc

Please remember to **include your name in the payee box**. You may also pay via cheque posted to Oral History Queensland, PO Box 3296, BIRKDALE Queensland 4159, if you prefer. The Membership Form [here](#) provides all these details as well. Once you have renewed your membership, you will continue to receive the annual Oral History Journal and of course our e-Bulletins. If you have paid in the last week, please do ignore this.

Please also advise if you require an invoice in order to make payment and we will prepare one for you.

## 2. Annual General Meeting

The OHQ Annual General Meeting will be very different this year with the meeting taking place using Zoom. You will have received an email from our Secretary, Sasha Mackay, attaching the Agenda for the AGM and also the General Meeting. Please take this opportunity to attend our meeting in the comfort of your own home. This Zoom meeting is also a chance for more of our regional members to attend when they couldn't come to Brisbane for meetings in the past. Please let Sasha know whether or not you'll be attending. We look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting tomorrow, Saturday 29 August at 10.00 am.

## 3. Oral History, Place and Environment

*Studies in Oral History* (formerly *Oral History Australia Journal*) has issued a [call for papers](#) on the theme oral history, place and environment. Humans are profoundly emplaced beings. We become attached to places – be they homes, cities or natural environments—so that when we are separated from them, we become homesick. Geographer Yi-Fu Tuan referred to this love of place or sense of place as 'topophilia', and it can also be connected to cultural belonging or family identity. Hence our place memories can be deeply felt and intensely personal. Moreover, place memories can retain a special resonance in the mind over time, associated as they are with sensory experiences, emotional associations and social inflections. Place matters, as oral historians have shown across a range of settings. To be considered for peer review, articles should be between 5,000 and 8,000 words (excluding references) and are due **30 November 2020**. Citations should be in the form of footnotes in Chicago style. Publication of the special issue is anticipated in late 2021.

## 4. Remote Interviewing

Oral History Center, The Bancroft Library, University of California, Berkeley, California. "In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Oral History Center oral historians have developed new practices and procedures to enable remote interviewing and to consider the implications of this practice. In the documents below, we provide our latest guidelines on topics including: remote interviewing with Zoom; tips for getting started in oral history while sheltering in place; and more to come. We welcome feedback, questions, and suggestions for additional topics to cover." Read more, including links to video and other resources [here](#).

## 5. Harry 'Bunda' Darlow

"Harry 'Bunda' Darlow was a retired Aboriginal stockman and Ray Humphrys a farmer, journalist and budding historian. Both lived around Dalby, 200 kilometres west of Brisbane." Humphrys interviewed Darlow in 1971. Read the full story and listen to an interview excerpt [here](#).

## 6. One in a Million Campaign

"Almost one million Australians served during the Second World War, this makes each of their stories one in a million. Each memory from the largest global conflict of the 20th century is as unique as it is remarkable. In the lead up to the 75th anniversary of the end of the Second World War, Australians are encouraged to capture and share the stories of the nation's Second World War veterans by holding an image of a relative, taking a picture and

sharing it to social media using the hashtag #OneInAMillion.” Here is one story, taken from an interview by Suzanne Mulligan – [Edith Edwards](#). You can see other stories [here](#). Click on the photo to see the YouTube video.

## 7. Hard Times

“The timing feels terribly apt. *Hard Times: An Oral History of the Great Depression* turned 50 this year. A bestseller in 1970, the book was one of nearly two dozen written by the cheerfully empathetic historian and journalist Studs Terkel.” Read the full story and listen to excerpts of Studs Terkel interviewing people about the Great Depression [here](#).

## 8. Atomic Bombings

“The impact of the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki is still acute – 75 years after the events. Survivors have to live with the memories; people in the Asian-Pacific nuclear testing sites are still fighting for compensation; activists are still campaigning to abolish nuclear weapons. And the sale of uranium is still big business and a new nuclear arms race seems to be on the way.”

A panel of historians reflects on the social and political legacy of the atomic bombings in a podcast [here](#).

## 9. Are You Tougher Than Your Ancestors

Kirrilly Brentnall sent an email to Oral History Australia about a Children’s History Series:

We are currently looking for new stories for series 2 of the ABC programme ARE YOU TOUGHER THAN YOUR ANCESTORS?, which is an immersive living history series that pits the skills of today's kids against the exploits of children from Australia's past to find out how they measure up.

<https://iview.abc.net.au/show/are-you-tougher-than-your-ancestors>

We would greatly appreciate you letting us know if any of your members have suggestions for **children from the past** who have performed amazing deeds or achieved heroic feats that we could potentially explore for our next series. We are particularly interested in more recent history from the 1950s-70s, but are also very open to all and any ideas from any period of Australian history.

We look forward to hearing from you.

With many thanks and kind regards,

**Kirrilly Brentnall**

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## 10. Nambour Heritage Trail

Walk the Nambour Soundtrail: the Sunshine Coast's most immersive and informative sound experience with Soundtrails founder, and international award winning sound producer, Hamish Sewell. Meet at Nambour Library 10 am sharp with smartphone, headphones, H2O & app downloaded: Soundtrails/Nambour. For more click [here](#).

Thursday, 3 September 2020 from 10:00-11:15, Nambour Library.

Public · Hosted by [Soundtrails App](#)

See you there!

## 11. History Matters: History - what is it good for?

Public history shapes our communities' understandings of the past. This series explores the issues that stimulate and bedevil the work of public historians. Join historians Emma Dortins, Mark Dunn and chair Madeleine Shanahan for what will be a fascinating discussion. 2

September 2020, online via Zoom 5.30pm - 6.30pm

[Register](#) for this free event via State Library of NSW.

## 12. The Importance of Language

"We use words every day but the significance of language and speech and how it has developed in Australia has recently been in the spotlight. A dictionary has been published for the Dhurga Indigenous language of the Yuin Nation spoken on the NSW South Coast and Southern Tablelands." Listen to the podcast [here](#).

*"We are all the pieces of what we remember. We hold in ourselves the hopes and fears of those who love us. As long as there is love and memory, there is no true loss."* — Cassandra Clare, *City of Heavenly Fire* [from GoodReads quotes]