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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your 11th e-Bulletin for 2020. Hope you're all well as we move closer to the end of this strange year. As the borders are now open for most states, I hope you will have a Happy Christmas with your loved ones.

As you'll be aware, Oral History Queensland is affiliated with a number of other organisations and we pass on their newsletters and notices to you. May I gently request that you please don't click on "Unsubscribe" on any of their newsletters as that results in OHQ being unsubscribed. Thank you.

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

Suzanne Mulligan

1. Membership Renewals

For any members who have not yet renewed this financial year, please do so as soon as you can. I know it's been a crazy year and many of you will have had a lot to deal with. However, we would really like you to continue to be a valued member of OHQ and hope that you will make your payment on-line to our Oral History Queensland bank account.

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 ignore this.

Please note: OHQ has received a payment of \$40.00 on 9 October 2020 however there were no details to identify the payee's name. If you made that payment, please let us know

at info@ohq.org.au ASAP. Thank you.

2. OHQ General Meeting

Our final General Meeting for the year will be 10am December 5th, via Zoom (please see Agenda and Zoom details [here](#).) Please RSVP to info@ohq.org.au if you are able to attend.

We do hope you can make it - it'll be wonderful to catch up with you before we finalise this unique year.

Warm regards,
Sasha Mackay
Secretary - Oral History Queensland
<http://www.ohq.org.au/>

3. History in Paradise

The Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Congress 2021 will be held in one of the most historical places in the Southern Hemisphere – beautiful Norfolk Island from 1 to 5 August 2021, hosted by Norfolk Island Museum. Find out more [here](#).

4. Oral History and the Media

The Oral History Society (United Kingdom) is holding their Annual Conference from 9 to 10 July 2021. It will be an online conference. The deadline for submission of proposals is **18 December 2020**. Each proposal should include: a title, an abstract of between 250-300 words, your name (and the names of any copresenters, panellists, etc), your institution or organisation, your email address, and a note of any particular requirements. Most importantly your abstract should demonstrate the use of oral history or personal testimony and be directly related to the conference theme. Proposals that include audio playback are strongly encouraged. Find out more [here](#).

5. Brisbane's Living Heritage Network's Annual General Meeting

Oral History Queensland is a member of Brisbane's Living Heritage Network and our secretary Sasha Mackay attended their AGM on Wednesday 25 November 2020. Here is her report:

During a year of limited physical social interaction, it was especially wonderful to attend an in-person meeting, catch up with BLHN's news and enjoy a special address by Cr Vicki Howard, and exchange stories of 2020 with other members of the Network. This has been a tough year for museums and the wider arts, cultural and heritage sectors, but it was interesting to hear that many organisations and groups found that the COVID-19 lockdown presented them with a rare opportunity to do much of the important 'behind the scenes' work of research, oral history, story gathering and archiving – work that they lack time for when museums and venues are open to the public. BLHN noted that COVID-19 presented an opportunity to trial online training, in the form of a seminar in June, and that professional development and training for members will be a priority going forward. The meeting was hosted by the Racing Museum and held at the Doomben Racecourse. Attendees were welcomed to join a

guided tour of the splendid Racing Archives after the meeting. BLHN has a new website - <https://blhn.org/>

6 Sixth Floor Museum

“Dealey Plaza is widely hailed as the birthplace of Dallas, it's also known for something much more grim — the assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963. A new digital exhibit at the Sixth Floor Museum at Dealey Plaza will help visitors explore the events of Nov. 22, 1963 without ever having to leave their homes. The interactive guide offers a variety of multimedia features, most notably a narrated walking tour that lets visitors explore the site of the Kennedy assassination. The guide will be the first of its kind, as it offers a detailed history of Dealey Plaza.” Oral history excerpts are included. See the guide [here](#).

7. "Practicing Oral History" Book Series

The [Routledge book series *Practicing Oral History*](#) invites proposals for new titles relating to applied oral history. Books should address one of three approaches to oral history: best practices for a specific stage or skill within the oral history life cycle, oral history adapted to a specific professional community, or using oral history to achieve a specific goal. Contact nancymackay@gmail.com for a detailed prospectus or to discuss your book project. Book ideas are welcome at any stage, including early stages. See books in the series [here](#).

8. Oral History Australia Call for Presentations

Launceston, Tasmania from 14-16 October 2021.

Oral History Tasmania and Oral History Australia has released a Call for Presentations for the upcoming OHA Biennial Conference. The conference theme is 'Oral History in Troubling Times: Challenges and Opportunities'. While we plan to meet in solidarity and optimism for our biennial conference in Tasmania in 2021, if that proves to be impossible due to COVID-19 restrictions we will run our conference online. CFP found [here](#). **Due 1 March 2021.**

“And remember. Everyone has a story. You just have to listen long enough to hear it.” – *The Women’s Pages* by Victoria Purman.