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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your second e-Bulletin for 2022. I hope you and family are well. COVID is here now and more likely to affect us or someone we know. I have a few close relatives who have had it or now have it. Fortunately, they're vaccinated so they've recovered well.

Now we've had constant heavy rain causing widespread flooding in the south-east of Queensland. The rain has stopped today. Many people will be facing a heartbreaking clean up, including some of our members.

If you have any information to share in our e-Bulletin, particularly the project you're working on, 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 that 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, including posts related to COVID-19. Feel free to add a comment. All feedback is very welcome.

**Suzanne Mulligan**

## **1. Gambling Community Benefits Fund (GCBF)**

Round 113 will open 21 February and close midnight 31 March 2022. (The closing time has been extended to allow groups impacted by Covid an opportunity to submit their applications.) The GCBF is Queensland's largest one-off community grants program. To check eligibility requirements and understand your organisation's responsibilities throughout all stages of the grant funding process, read the [guidelines for GCBF applicants](#) with the [instructions for applying for and using the GCBF grant](#). The outcome of a funding application may take up to 4 months after the closing date.

## 2. Genealogical Society of Queensland – Back to Basics

Some of our oral history work goes hand in hand with genealogical research. Maureen Cavanagh from the Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) has advised they are holding:

“a special presentation by Cyndi Ingle titled ‘**Back to basics: research planning and execution online**’ on **Saturday 26 March 2022 at 9:00am AEST**. Further information on this exciting morning with a great presenter can be found on the [attached flyer](#) which you are welcome to distribute. Bookings can only be made on our [GSQ webpage](#).”

## 3. Introduction to Oral History Seminar, Online, 12 March 2022.

In this introductory seminar, Oral History NSW Vice President Scott McKinnon will explore some of the key ideas behind oral history as a research methodology and will outline important steps in planning oral history projects, including tips on preparing for, undertaking and preserving interviews. You can register for this seminar [here](#).

## 4. Oral History Australia Conference – Call for Presentations - Reminder

As advised previously, the Oral History Australia Conference has been postponed to 14-16 October 2022. The Call for Presentations deadline is 1 April 2022. Find out more about the Call for Presentations and the Conference [here](#).

## 5. Bursaries for OHQ Members

Oral History Queensland is offering a number of bursaries to attend the Oral History Australia National Conference in Launceston, Tasmania in October 2022. Each bursary will cover the conference registration fee (includes Welcome Drinks), plus \$200 to assist with travel and/or accommodation. The Conference Dinner or additional workshops are not included so they will need to be self-funded. See the conference website [here](#).

Registration will be open at a date to be advised. Applications for bursaries will close 31 July 2022.

To be eligible for the bursary:

1. You must be a financial member of Oral History Queensland as at 1 July 2022.
2. You are attending at least the three days of the National Conference 14-16 October 2022
3. You must have no funding from any other institution, grant etc.
4. You must be currently enrolled in tertiary studies involving oral history OR currently working on an oral history related project and can demonstrate how you are using oral history as part of your project or research OR planning to do an oral history project.

5. The successful applicants will provide a comprehensive report on the conference – reviewing the sessions you attend, a general overview of the conference, impressions of speakers and fellow attendees – which will be published in the 31 October 2022 e-Bulletin (to be forwarded to Editor Suzanne Mulligan [mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@iinet.net.au) by 27 October 2022). To this end you will need to take thorough notes with photographs to accompany the report.

You must provide name, contact details, details of university course (if applicable) and provide a statement of approximately 200 words explaining what you hope to gain by attending the National Conference, addressing the issues as shown above.

Please email your application to [info@ohq.org.au](mailto:info@ohq.org.au) by 31 July 2022. The successful applicants will be advised by 15 August 2022.

## 6. National Library of Australia Calls for EOIs from Queensland Oral Historians

The National Library of Australia welcomes Expressions of Interest from oral historians based in Queensland who might be interested in interviewing for the National Library of Australia's oral history program. Previous experience as an oral history interviewer is highly regarded. The Library is also keen to include a diversity of oral history interviewers, including interviewers who may speak languages other than English or from Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander interviewers. The Library is also running two projects that explore oral histories of migration, so interviewers who have worked in this field are also encouraged to make contact. In the first instance, interested oral historians can contact Dr Shirleene Robinson, Director of Curatorial and Collection Research at the National Library of Australia on [srobinson@nla.gov.au](mailto:srobinson@nla.gov.au) with *curriculum vitae* and any further information about their oral history experience.

## 7. Oral History Australia Journal: Special Issue 44, 2022

*Studies in Oral History* is currently planning the [2022 issue](#). The reviews section seeks new oral history books, podcasts, exhibitions & websites. The reports section seeks summaries of projects happening globally. Send your ideas by 1 April 2022 to [journal@oralhistoryaustralia.org.au](mailto:journal@oralhistoryaustralia.org.au).

## 8. Guidelines: Risk Assessment in Oral History Recordings

[NSLA](#) (National and State Libraries Australasia) is the peak body for the national, state and territory libraries of Australia and New Zealand. These newly released guidelines help libraries to assess risk in providing online access to oral history or sound recordings, where rights and permission agreements are missing, poorly documented or unclear. Read more about the guidelines and download them [here](#).

## 9. Introduction to Oral History, online workshop

Are you new to oral history? If so, consider signing up for Oral History Victoria's first **Introduction to Oral History workshop** for the year on **Saturday 5 March and Saturday 12 March 2022**. Led by highly experienced oral historians Al Thomson and Sarah Rood, this workshop comes very highly recommended!! [Info and booking link here](#).

## 10. *In Sunshine and Shadow* – author in conversation

OHQ member Eve Wicks has her “Author in Conversation Event” coming up soon. Eve will talk about her book *In Sunshine and Shadow*. Those of you who attended the online International Oral History Conference in Singapore late last year may have seen Eve’s presentation and seen that Eve was the winner of the Inaugural Book Award of the International Oral History Association for her book. The IOHA Awards Committee “felt that it was poetic, creative and beautifully presented.” It is a really beautiful book and a wonderful achievement for Eve. OHQ is very proud of her work and proud to have her as our member. So please get along to this event if you can. Also, please pass on to your interested contacts.

The venue, the END ROOM on Level 2 of the Brisbane Square Library - opposite the Casino, is a beautiful very large room with plenty of room for social distancing. Weekend Parking: King George Square car park is \$5 for 4 hours. Here is the Eventbrite link for the event at Brisbane Square Library on Saturday 5th March at 1-2pm :

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/meet-dr-eve-wicks-brisbane-square-library-tickets-251724453617>

## 11. History Queensland Newsletter

Oral History Queensland is a member of History Queensland. Enjoy their latest newsletter [here](#).

## 12. Royal Historical Society of Queensland Events

OHQ is a member of RHSQ. Manager Sophie West says:

“The Royal Historical Society of Queensland’s (RHSQ’s) second Wednesday lunchtime lecture for the year is on 9 March when Harvey Greenfield will speak on *Early Maritime History*.

Wednesday Lectures are between 12.30pm and 1.30pm. All RHSQ events must be booked through Eventbrite which is on the RHSQ website under ‘events’ where there is further information on all forthcoming activities.

On 19 March the Queensland Parliament and your Society is holding a joint seminar in the Upper House Chamber of the Queensland Parliament to commemorate the *Centenary of the Abolition of the Legislative Council*. This will be followed by an optional lunch. At the time of writing there were still a handful of seats remaining. This is an opportunity to hear about further aspects of the event that left Queensland as the only state in Australia with a unicameral system. This will be a half-day morning seminar. The Governor Her Excellency the Honourable Dr Jeannette Young PSM, Patron of the RHSQ has accepted the invitation to open the seminar. Please book [here](#).

This will be followed on Wednesday 13 April by Dr Michael (Mick) Davis speaking on *An Historical Overview of the Queensland Ambulance*. Mick has had 50 years of service in the Queensland Ambulance Service.

The Wednesday Lecture on 11 May will be *Lady Cilento – a Pioneer in Child Maternal Health* presented by barrister Stephen Sheaffe AM. Stephen is the immediate past president of the RHSQ and is well known to many of you.”

Details of our upcoming events are available [here](#).”

### 13. Closure of the Russian Memorial organisation

On the Oral History Australia website read a Statement by OHA President Professor Al Thomson condemning the closure of the Russia Memorial organisation. Read his statement [here](#).

### 14. Escape from Fall of Singapore

I had one of my interviews featured on the State Library of Queensland blog earlier this month. I wrote up the story to remember the 80 years since the Fall of Singapore. It's the story of Jim Iliffe and others who escaped Singapore just as the Japanese captured it. This story is based on an oral history, part of my collection which is part of the State Library's archive. I strongly encourage you all to deposit your collections or projects with the SLQ when completed. Read Mr Iliffe's story [here](#).

Suzanne Mulligan

### 15. Sands of Time Newsletter

The ***Sands of Time*** Local and Family History Conference is getting closer Here find the third issue of the [Sands of Time Newsletter](#).

### 16. New Research About Older Adults Accessing Memories

"Scientists say a lifetime of knowledge clutters older people's memories. A new study suggests that because the brains of older adults allocate more space to knowledge accumulated over the years, they have more material to sift through when attempting to access memories. This may explain why remembering becomes more of a challenge with age." Find out more [here](#) and [here](#).

### 17. General Meeting on 26 February 2022

We had our first General Meeting for the year on Saturday. It was a Zoom meeting for COVID safety and turned out well because of the inclement weather. The meeting was well attended and we followed it with a Peer Support Session hosted by Anne Monsour where we shared information and asked questions about our current and impending projects. It was pleasing to hear about some wonderful projects that are happening. It was an enjoyable way to spend part of the morning, talking about oral history. Everyone took something positive away from the session.

**"Your memory is a monster; you forget—it doesn't. It simply files things away. It keeps things for you, or hides things from you—and summons them to your recall with will of its own. You think you have a memory; but it has you!" John Irving, *A Prayer for Owen Meany* [from GoodReads quotes]**