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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your first e-Bulletin for 2022. I hope you are all well and have not been adversely affected by the borders opening. For many it has meant reuniting with loved ones. We can no longer take it for granted that COVID is not here, so be cautious and stay safe!

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 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 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. Sands of Time Newsletter

Fiona Murgatroyd from the “Sands of Time” conference committee says:

“It's hard to believe that it's 2022 already! Happy New Year to all our friends and fellow history buffs. The **Sands of Time** Local and Family History Conference is going to be on us before we know it! Please find attached the second issue of the [Sands of Time newsletter](#).”

2. Royal Historical Society of Queensland Events

Oral History Queensland is a member of RHSQ. Manager Sophie West has advised of upcoming events:

Talk: Uncovering a Lost Culture: Australian Convict Dance 1788-1840
Wednesday 9 February, 12.30-1.30pm
Booking and more information [here](#).

Conference: Queensland's Earliest Surveyors: Who, What and Where
Saturday 12 February, 9am-1pm
SOLD OUT

Convict Music and Dance Concert

Friday 18 February, 5.30-7pm
Booking and more information [here](#).

Talk: Early Queensland Maritime History
Wednesday 9 March, 12.30-1.30pm
Booking and more information [here](#).

Talk: An Historical Overview of the Queensland Ambulance
Wednesday 13 April, 12.30-1.30pm
Booking and more information [here](#).

Talk: Lady Cilento: A Pioneer in Child and Maternal Health
Wednesday 11 May, 12.30-1.30pm
Booking and more information [here](#).

You are invited to a joint seminar between The Royal Historical Society of Queensland and the Queensland Parliament to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the abolition of the Queensland Legislative Council, followed by an optional lunch. It is on Saturday 19 March at 9am.

Speakers and Program

- Mrs Lynne Armstrong – *Setting the Scene*
- Dr Denver Beanland AM – *Who's who in the Chamber 1860 – 1910*
- Emeritus Prof Kay Saunders AO – *The Beginning of the End*
- Prof Gerard Carney – *Constitutional Battles – Resistance and Reform*
- Mr Neil Laurie – *Life After*

Ticket price includes the seminar and morning tea. An optional lunch from 12.45pm to 2.30pm in the Strangers' Dining Room is also available to pre-purchase. Lunch includes drink on arrival, an alternate drop main course, dessert, tea and coffee.

Please book [here](#). More information [here](#).

3. Roxanne McDonald Interview

OHQ Member Marsali Mackinnon told me about this interview:

"If this is of interest – ABC Radio National's *Conversations* program ran a great interview last year with Queensland First Nations actress Roxanne McDonald (link below), a cousin of my friend Leona Landers - who I mentioned at the last OHQ meeting as sleuthing Queensland archives and public records to fill in gaps in her family's early 20th century and 19th century history. I passed on to Leona the contacts OHQ committee members kindly gave me to help take her research forward, and she was very grateful.

[Roxanne McDonald's deadly life on stage - Conversations - ABC Radio](#)

Roxanne McDonald's early life was spent tailing her grandmother and cousins, collecting bushfoods around Roma, in outback Queensland. When she was seven, her parents packed their belongings into a single, giant grey suitcase and bundled the five children in the back of a friend's car, headed for Brisbane. As a young woman working in administration, when a flyer passed over her desk advertising a play featuring the poetry of Aunty Oodgeroo Noonuccal, Roxanne was compelled to audition. Roxanne was in the thick of it as Queensland's first Indigenous theatre

company, Kooemba Jdarra was taking off in the 1990s. Her acting career has been at the centre of her life ever since. Except for when she took a short break to become a guard at a Brisbane children's hospital.”

4. Oral History Interview – Bill Hatfield

I've now completed my project about Bill Hatfield and his remarkable achievement—being the oldest person to sail around the world non-stop and unassisted. Much of Bill's life was about adventure and challenges. He had tried before but things had gone wrong with those attempts, much of it being out of his control. He fell in love with the sea as a child spending time on the Great Barrier Reef. He completed his record-breaking sail in February 2020 – just before a Global Pandemic. You can find a link to an edited version of the interview at the bottom of my website home page - <https://mulliganoralhistory.info/>

Suzanne Mulligan

5. 2022 CHART Funding

The Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) Program offers \$3,000 grants to community museums, galleries and historical societies. Phone Queensland Regional Coordinator, Tara Callaghan, to discuss your application on 07 3059 9742. You can apply for up to \$3,000 if your organisation is located in a 'rural and remote' place. More information can be found [here](#). Applications close 29 April 2022.

6. 2022 Small Museums Conference – save the date

Topic: Making My Museum Memorable

Explore and share how to highlight the unique attributes of your museum in order to attract visitors, funding, sponsorship and research opportunities.

Date: 7 - 9 October 2022

Location: Redland Museum, Cleveland QLD

A call for speakers and more details will be announced in the coming month.

7. General Meeting 26 February 2022

As we told you last, our next General Meeting is scheduled for 26 February 2022 which is planned to be a face-to-face meeting (COVID permitting). We intend to follow the meeting with a Peer Support Session so we can have a discussion about your projects and seek any advice you may need. We are still optimistic that we may have a face-to-face meeting. However, if we can't, we will have a Zoom meeting instead. We'll let you know in the coming weeks.

“How often do we tell our own life story? How often do we adjust, embellish, make sly cuts? And the longer life goes on, the fewer are those around to challenge our account, to remind us that our life is not our life, merely the story we have told about our life. Told to others, but—mainly—to ourselves.” — Julian Barnes, *The Sense of an Ending* [from GoodReads quotes]