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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your seventh e-Bulletin for 2021. Sadly COVID is still affecting our lives, unable to travel to NSW. We must hope for all our sakes the crisis will be over in the not too distant future. Due to COVID, some conferences have been postponed or now online. Check our Upcoming Conferences page here - <http://www.ohq.org.au/conferences/> Don't miss the opportunity to attend an international oral history conference from the comfort of your own home. **Early bird rates close today.** (I've registered, so excited!!)

If you have any information to share in our e-Bulletin please email me at [mulligan53@inet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@inet.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. Oral History Peer Support Meeting**

You are invited to join other OHQ members to discuss your current or proposed projects on 21 August 2021 at 10.00 am. This Zoom session is an opportunity to share what you are doing and to discuss with other oral history practitioners the challenges involved. Often this leads to fresh ideas and practical suggestions to consider. We may talk about project

scoping, interview technique, asking questions or anything else you need help with. Email [info@ohq.org.au](mailto:info@ohq.org.au) with your RSVP and specific issues/topics you wish to discuss. Details on accessing the meeting will be provided closer to the time.

## **2. Annual General Meeting and General Meeting**

The OHQ Annual General Meeting this year will again be using Zoom and will take place on 28 August at 10.00 am. 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. All executive positions are vacated on the day of the meeting. Unfortunately, our current Treasurer, Joan Kelly, and our current Secretary, Sasha Mackay, have indicated they will not be nominating to continue in those roles. I urge you all to consider nominating for these positions and become a member of our executive team. Participants attending the meeting will need to be financial members. We are all volunteers and the work our committee members do is greatly appreciated to keep our association going. Please contact me at [mulligan53@inet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@inet.net.au) to find out more about these roles. We look forward to seeing many of you at the meeting.

## **3. OHA Biennial Conference, Launceston**

Registrations for the 2021 Biennial Conference in Launceston are now open. Learn more [here](#) and read an update regarding registration for the Conference [here](#). While the current lockdowns are very troubling, we want to assure those considering registration that if their attendance is prevented due to COVID-related circumstances their registration will be refunded. Conference organisers are continuing to monitor the situation.

## **4. Soundtrails V2: Building immersive audio walks**

If you're big on oral history and want to know more about situated listening (or locative-audio/audio AR), then please consider joining Hamish Sewell for a full day's Master Class on 14<sup>th</sup> October at this year's OHA national conference. These biennial conferences are well organised, intimate events that bring together a range of experts in research, storytelling and academia. Find out more [here](#).

## **5. History Transmitted: Connect – Consider - Challenge**

The historian's job in the 21st century is richer than ever before. Technological advances have created new audiences with diverse needs, and allowed historians to chart and chronicle the past in ways that have never been conceived before. This conference will be held on Saturday 18 to Sunday 19 September at the Commissariat Store Museum. It has been organised by the Professional Historians Australia. Please go [here](#) for more information and to book.

## **6. Australian Veterans share their stories**

This Story Australia was founded to capture and preserve the 'living history' of our veterans. A glimpse into the unique personalities behind the men and women who have served our country. From WWII through to current day conflicts, we provide a platform for our Veterans to talk freely and to be heard. The completed documentary interviews provide a historical

collection of significant importance both to current and future generations. Find out more [here](#).

## **7. Where I Belong**

*“Where I Belong* inspires listeners to explore Brisbane through a patchwork of diverse stories, cultures, and perspectives. Each episode tells a story about a remarkable individual whose life and work is shaped by our city. Featuring writers, artists, performers and public figures, the podcast shares previously unheard stories about Brisbane and its people; who find purpose, make unexpected changes and celebrate the place – the landscape and its communities – where they belong. Their narratives traverse Brisbane’s broad reach – along the river, over the hills and out to the islands, offering new insights into shared experiences of this place.” Listen to their stories [here](#).

## **8. Migrant Voices: Community Collaboration and Telling Migration Histories**

Contributions for this Special Issue are invited from Australia and overseas for publication in [Studies in Oral History](#) No. 44, 2022. **Papers due 1 November 2021**. Find out more [here](#).

## **9. Oral History and COVID-19: Drastic Changes or Business as Usual?**

OHQ Member Jessica Stroja poses the title question, particularly in relation to the need to travel some distances to record oral histories. Read her paper [here](#).

## **10. IOHA Virtual Conference, Singapore**

The National Archives of Singapore, an institution of the National Library Board is pleased to announce that registration for the XXI International Oral History Association (IOHA) Virtual Conference, 23–27 August 2021, has begun. Details of the conference can be found [here](#). Originally scheduled to take place in 2020, the IOHA Conference was unfortunately postponed due to the ongoing pandemic. While we still cannot meet up physically, we look forward to bringing the international oral history community together virtually to discuss topics under our conference theme: Harmony & Disharmony: Bringing Together Many Voices. Early bird rates are available until **31 July 2021**.

## **11. National Family History Month**

National Family History Month (NFHM) is in August. There is a website for NFHM at <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/>. The History Queensland Patron, Shauna Hicks, is opening NFHM with a free event on the future of family history. Again, go to the website for details.

## **12. AFFHO Family History Congress**

Having considered the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the continuing uncertainty due to ongoing travel restrictions within Australian States and Territories, it is with great regret to advise that the AFFHO Congress 2021 will be postponed until 2022. Find out more [here](#).

### **13. The Fickle Fortunes of a Mount Morgan Miner and His Family – a reminder**

The article 'Fortunato Stablum: the fortunes of an Italian mining labourer and the puzzles of oral history' by Lesley Syngge was published in the *Queensland History Journal* in May 2021. An oral history interview conducted for the Australian Oral History 1938 Project with the subject's oldest daughter is the basis for the biography. In this presentation on Wednesday 13 October, 12.30pm – 1.30pm, the challenges of using oral history will be discussed and new information about Fortunato Stablum's life that has become available since publication will be shared. Booking and more information [here](#).  
The Royal Historical Society of Queensland

### **14. Membership Renewals Due**

Thank you to the members who have already renewed their memberships which were due on 1 July. We'd really like you all to continue to be valued members of OHQ. If you haven't yet paid your renewal, please make your payment to our Oral History Queensland bank account as soon as you can:

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.

### **15. NOHANZ Newsletter**

For your interest and information you may read The National Oral History Association of New Zealand June 2021 newsletter [here](#).

### **16. source Winter 2021**

The Winter 2021 edition of source is now available to download.  
<http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=5022> source is published three times per year and provides updates on Museums & Galleries Queensland programs, events and services, along with Queensland sector news.

### **17. Oral History Toolkit**

This resource was developed in collaboration between AMaGA Victoria and Museum Victoria, and is based on Museum Victoria's Oral History Kit, 2014. See toolkit [here](#).

### **18. Getting Equal**

An exhibition that shares the story of the 'Aboriginal Gang' of the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum and their fight for equal wages. North Stradbroke Island Museum on Minjerribah 30 July 2021 to early 2022. Find out more [here](#).

## 19. Brisbane's Living Heritage Network Newsletter

Oral History Queensland is a member of BLHN. You may see their newsletter [here](#)

## 20. Promote your collection through Trove

Trove Collaborative Services is offering a free trial to Australian galleries, archives, museums and historical societies that would like to reach this vast audience and benefit from seeing their collection in a national context. By enabling Trove to capture data and information about the items you hold, you can reach new audiences and contribute to the Australian digital cultural heritage collection. Find out more [here](#).

## 21. SLQ: Pre-qualified List of Suppliers

“State Library of Queensland would like to invite offers to be on a pre-qualified list of suppliers for the provision of oral history and digital story production services. Closes: 21 July 2021.”

This item (in Museums and Galleries Queensland newsletter dated 7 July 2021) was not brought to my attention until after the closing date. I contacted SLQ requesting the date be extended as there would likely be OHQ members who would be interested. Gavin Bannerman, [Gavin.Bannerman@slq.qld.gov.au](mailto:Gavin.Bannerman@slq.qld.gov.au) said he would welcome contact from anyone who would like to be added to the list. Find out more in these documents:

- [Prequalification for Suppliers – Oral History and Digital Story Production Services](#)
- [Sample Project agreement – oral histories/digital stories](#)
- [Specifications for Creating Born Digital Video](#)

Suzanne Mulligan

## 22. National Library of Australia – Fijian Australian Collection

One of the National Library's important responsibilities is to ensure that the histories and contributions of migrants are represented in our collection. Australia is home to more expatriate Fijians than any other country. The NLA is reaching out to Fijian communities around Australia to encourage them to add their oral histories, pictures and manuscripts and published materials to the national collection. [Expressions of interest for the Fijian Australian collection](#).

“I have learned that if you must leave a place that you have lived in and loved and where all your yesteryears are buried deep, leave it any way except a slow way, leave it the fastest way you can. Never turn back and never believe that an hour you remember is a better hour because it is dead. Passed years seem safe ones, vanquished ones, while the future lives in a cloud, formidable from a distance.” Beryl Markham, *West with the Night* [from GoodReads quotes]