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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your tenth e-Bulletin for 2021. I'm pleased to tell you we are having a face-to-face Oral History basics workshop on 27 November in Brisbane. See item 7. below. Also please save the date for our next General Meeting on 20 November. This will be a Zoom meeting and we will provide more information about that soon.

If you have any information to share in our e-Bulletin please email me at 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 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. AFFHO Congress Norfolk Island

AFFHO Congress Norfolk Island has been postponed until 2 – 4 August 2022. Information regarding new travel packages will be available soon. See [here](#) for more information.

2. History Queensland Meeting

Oral History Queensland is a member of History Queensland. They are having their next six-monthly meeting at Peachester Hall and Heritage Centre on Saturday 20 November 2021 hosted by Peachester History Committee. Lunch will be provided according to current COVIDSafe Guidelines. Cost \$15.00 - pay at registration. RSVP by 14th November to Valerie Thornton secretary@historyqueensland.org.au OR register via this [link](#). The meeting is open to all member groups and also to members of your groups. Also read their latest newsletter [here](#).

3. Keepers of the Flame

The Queensland Irish Association Historical and Cultural Committee is presenting a film produced by the Irish Military Archives titled 'Keepers of the Flame'. The film will be shown at the Elizabeth Street Theatre in Brisbane at 2pm on Saturday, 6th November 2021. 'Keepers of the Flame' is an account of experiences in the 1916 Rising, War of Independence and Civil War in Ireland. After the film, Oral History Queensland member Pat Ryan, an Irish historian living in Warwick (and also QIA Member), will host a post-film summary and discussion. This promises to be an important and significant occasion, in relation to pivotal aspects of Irish history. Book your tickets and see trailer here: <https://fivestarcinemas.com.au/the-elizabeth/movie/keepers-of-the-flame/>

4. News from Oral History Australia

- The annual general meeting of Oral History Australia (OHA) was held online on Thursday 14 October 2021.
- OHA President Alistair Thomson presented his [annual report](#) and announced the winners of the 2021 OHA Book Award and 2021 OHA Media Award (see news item [here](#))
- Co-editors of the OHA journal *Studies in Oral History*, Skye Krichauff and Carla Pascoe-Leahy, launched the 2021 issue of the journal – now available online [here](#).
- The national committee for 2021-22 was unchanged from the previous year other than Maria Savvidis taking over as NSW/ACT delegate from Alex Dellios. [See a full list of the national committee](#).
- New dates for Oral History Australia conference [here](#).

5. How to Put Yourself in the Story

Sarah Rood and Carla Pascoe Leahy participated in a podcast for the University of Melbourne's Narrative Network about a joint oral history initiative. Listen to [How to Put Yourself in the Story on Spotify](#). In this 'How To' episode of Narrative Now we explore a question that may cross the minds of many narrative scholars, that is, how to include the author or researcher in the story that is being told. How we that answer question might also depend on what story is being told. We speak to two oral historians, Carla Pascoe Leahy and Sarah Rood, about their unique approach to this question.

6. Australian Garden History Society

"Formed in 1980, the AGHS brings together people from diverse backgrounds united by an appreciation of and concern for our parks, gardens and cultural landscapes as part of Australia's heritage. The Society promotes knowledge of historic gardens, significant landscapes and research into their history. It aims to examine gardens and gardening in their widest social, historic, literary, artistic and scientific context." See their National Oral History Collection [here](#).

7. Oral History Basics Workshop, Brisbane

Oral History Queensland will run a face-to-face Basics workshop in Brisbane on Saturday 27 November 2021. It will provide an overview of an oral history project, ethics and permissions, introduction to interview techniques, file management and transcribing.

Numbers will be limited to provide a COVID safe workshop. More information [here](#). For enquiries, email info@ohq.org.au

8. General Meeting – Save the Date

Oral History Queensland plans to have a General Meeting at 10.00 am on Saturday 20 November 2021. Members will receive more details closer to the time.

9. Oral History Commons

Oral History Commons: open access articles on Oral History from around the world: http://network.bepress.com/arts-and-humanities/history/oral-history/?mc_cid=791cc9848f&mc_eid=fba9e55528

10. NOHANZ Newsletter

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

11. Oral History Victoria Awards Shortlist Announced

Organisers of the 2021 Oral History Award, awarded jointly by Oral History Victoria, the Royal Historical Society and Public Records Office Victoria, have announced the shortlisted nominees.

- *COVID Kids Oral History Project – Way Back When Consulting Historians.*
- *End of an Era: The Last Gippsland Lakes Fishermen* – Lynda Mitchelson-Twigg, representing the Gippsland Lakes commercial fishing community, assisted by Nikki and Leigh Henningham, Tanya King, Donna Squire and Geoff Stanton.
- *In the Eye of the Storm: Volunteers and Australia's Response to the HIV/AIDS Crisis* – Robert Reynolds, Shirleene Robinson, Paul Sendziuk.
- *Understanding Through Testimony* – Jewish Holocaust Centre.

Find out more about the shortlisted nominees [here](#).

12. Royal Historical Society of Queensland Annual General Meeting

Oral History Queensland is a member of RHSQ. Their AGM is Thursday 18 November, 5.30pm to 7.30pm on the ground floor of the Commissariat Store Museum. OHQ member Dr Anne Monsour will be delivering the Clem Lack Oration (A Continuous Thread: The Lebanese Presence in South Brisbane, Woolloongabba and West End). The outcome of Anne's project is an exhibition, book and [website](#). The book can be ordered on the website. If you missed Anne's project launch in September, here is a chance to see her presentation. Booking and more information [here](#).

13. Transcribing Oral History - Online

On 5th November 2021, Sally Stephenson from "Listening to the Past" is running an online workshop about transcribing your oral history interviews. Her workshop will provide guidance on how to go about preparing clear and informative transcripts that will be valuable research tools. Find out more and book a place [here](#).

14. Toolkits from Smithsonian

Ten Ready-to-Use Resources for Your Teaching Toolkit - During the Smithsonian's inaugural Educator's Day program, teachers learned about classroom-ready tools, transferable teaching approaches, and opportunities for ongoing professional learning. Click [here](#) then Scroll down to "Conduct Oral History Interviews with Students". "In the [Behind the Scenes at the Center for Folklife and Cultural Heritage](#) session, educators shared how your classroom can participate in the Smithsonian's folklife and cultural heritage programs throughout the school year. Events and resources include: the Smithsonian Folklife Festival, Smithsonian Folkways Recordings (and their new [learning pathways!](#)), and a very robust cluster of international cultural sustainability projects. They also shared a [guide for conducting oral history interviews](#), allowing students to turn members of their own families and community into key sources of history, culture, and tradition."

"A long life is not a question of years. A man without memories might reach the age of a hundred and feel that his life had been a very brief one." Travels With My Aunt by Graham Greene.