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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your ninth e-Bulletin for 2022. I hope you've all been well. It is now about two weeks from the start of the Oral History Australia national conference. The oral history community is looking forward to getting together again. I'm going to relax after the conference so there will be no e-Bulletin for October 2022. However, I plan to write and take photos about parts of the conference that I attend. Check out our Facebook page and our Blog (on our website). I'll pass on any important general information through our Blog.

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 website: 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. 2022 Queensland Memory Awards – a reminder

Professor Andrew Griffiths, Chair, Library Board of Queensland, and Vicki McDonald AM FALIA, State Librarian and CEO, invite you and a guest to join us for a celebration of Queensland history and research as we officially announce a range of awards and fellowships. The Queensland Memory Awards recognise the valuable contribution of individuals and organisations in the investigation, preservation and celebration of Queensland's memory — past and present. Hosted by Jenny Woodward, ABC presenter and journalist. 3.45 pm for 4.00 start, Thursday 6 October 2022 at SLQ Auditorium 1, Level 2, State Library of Queensland. Reception 5.00 to 6.00 pm, Queensland Terrace Level 2, SLQ. **RSVP by Thursday 29 September 2022.** Contact qldmemory@slq.qld.gov.au or (07) 3840 7900 for further details. [RSVP](#).

2. Australian Language Data Commons

OHA President Al Thomson participated in a panel discussion on 4 August 2022 at the Brisbane Powerhouse regarding the development of an Australian Language Data Commons which could potentially provide a home for oral history. Al's comments and the general discussion is available [here](#).

3. 120th Anniversary of the State Library of Queensland

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland invites you to their Wednesday talk on 12 October 2022, from 12.30 pm to 1.00 pm. Guest speakers will be Vicki McDonald & Anna Raunik. Booking and more information [here](#).

4. Royal Historical Society of Queensland Annual General Meeting

On Thursday 17 November 2022 at 5.30 pm the Society will be holding its Annual General Meeting to be followed by the Clem Lack Oration with our guest speaker Dr Margaret Kowald who is the editor of the Society's *Queensland History Journal* (also member of OHQ). She will be speaking about 'Queensland's struggle against rabbits: How far have we come?' Those wishing to attend should book through the [RHSQ website](#) under 'Events' on 'Eventbrite'. Members and Non-members are asked to book their seats.

5. RAHS Special Event: Country Calling: History on the Land

Join the Royal Australian Historical Society (RAHS) for a special online event on 22 October 2022 and learn about new developments in local and community history as we explore our [Country Calling](#).

6. Call for Papers, International Oral History Association (IOHA) Conference

The 22nd IOHA Conference will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil 25-28 July, 2023. The conference theme is 'Oral History in a Digital and Audiovisual World'. More information about the conference can be found [here](#). Proposal submissions are from 1 August, 2022 until 1 November, 2022. Please see [the website](#) for details on how to submit a proposal as well as registration details.

7. OHA National Conference, Tasmania, October 2022 – a reminder

Registration is open for the 2022 OHA Biennial Conference in Launceston, Tasmania. Register and see the latest draft program (June 2022) [here](#).

8. New Zealand Oral History Conference – November 2022

The New Zealand Oral History Conference will be held in Wellington from 18 – 20 November 2022. More information [here](#).

9. “Sands of Time” Conference Information

Feel the excitement at this State Conference! No matter how digitised our society becomes, online events will never replace the advantages of a face-to-face event. Here's the latest [information](#).

Sands of Time

Local and Family History Conference

21-23 October 2022

10. New Zealand Oral History Guide

“One of the values of oral history is that it adds the view of eyewitnesses to existing records, providing new or additional information and insights. It is not about repeating what has already been written and recorded about the past. Instead it gives us the *personal perceptions* of individuals who were there, so we can learn not only what happened to people in the past but also the thoughts and feelings they recall having at that time.” See the Guide [here](#). [This Guide has been added to the Links page of the OHQ website].

11. Oral History Queensland Post Office Box

For those of you who have been trying to reach us with letters, Journals, payments etc., our apologies. The renewal of our box was overlooked but we're back in business now with the same box – PO Box 3296, Birkdale Qld 4159.

12. Getting Equal

The story of the ‘Aboriginal Gang’ of the Dunwich Benevolent Asylum on Minjerribah and their fight for equal wages is told in the SLQ Blog here. Elisabeth Gondwe and Tegan Burns will co-present on this project at the OHA National Conference. Find out more [here](#).

13. How to Make a Podcast

“This toolkit has been created to help you through the steps of creating an oral history podcast: how to conduct research, how to interview subjects, and how to incorporate an interview into a script that tells a story. It introduces activities, in-person or virtual, that guide students in planning their own podcast episodes. The toolkit focuses on interviewing a Memory Project speaker and incorporating their story into a podcast, and provides opportunities to showcase oral history as a valuable primary source.”

This [guide](#) has been produced in Canada as an education resource for teachers.

14. Oral History Queensland Annual General Meeting - Committee

As you know, we had our AGM on 17 September 2022. Elisabeth Gondwe was re-elected as President. Helen Turner was re-elected as Treasurer. Suzanne Mulligan was elected Secretary.

15. Membership Renewal

Membership renewal was due on 1 July 2022. Many thanks for those who have paid. Those of you who received an invoice but haven't yet paid, please pay your renewal as soon as you can. Thank you.

16. A Continuous Thread

The economic contribution of Syrian/Lebanese women in Brisbane from the 1880s - Anne Monsour. In 2019, Anne was awarded the Brisbane City Council's Lord Mayor's Helen Taylor Research Award for Local History to undertake the project *A Continuous Thread: the Lebanese Presence in South Brisbane, Woolloongabba and West End*. This online presentation focuses on the hidden story of Lebanese women and their descendants.

In Syria/Lebanon, it was usual for the family to work as a single economic unit. Economic advancement was not pursued for the individual or even the nuclear family, but was undertaken to improve the prosperity of the extended family. Since its beginnings in the early 1880s, Syrian/Lebanese migration to Brisbane included a significant proportion of women, yet their presence and contribution is generally understated. Examining the lives of Syrian/Lebanese women in Brisbane reveals that, just as they had in their homeland, women continued to play a crucial role. Working as hawkers, operating stores, sewing clothing and other articles to sell, managing households and raising children, women's work was critical to the immigrant families' survival in an alien and at times hostile environment. As the immigrant families established themselves in Brisbane, women did not retreat into the domestic sphere. The acceptability of women working in public occupations solidified in the second generation with both daughters and sons working in the family business or establishing a business of their own.

The Australian Lebanese Historical Society is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: **A continuous thread: the economic contribution of Syrian/Lebanese women in Brisbane from the 1880s**

Time: 7.00pm 27 October, 2022 Brisbane

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85451888426?pwd=L0hZRmdDaWVPRVBsNnk4UFdFSmVLU09>

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"An inter/view is an exchange of gazes, persons both seeing and listening to each other."--Alessandro Portelli [from GoodReads Quotes]