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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your November e-Bulletin. I hope you've all been well and have a wonderful Christmas. I attended the Oral History Australia national conference in Launceston in October and enjoyed it very much. It was great to see other Queensland members there. Following the conference I did a road trip with my husband around Tasmania. I was very pleased to do an oral history interview with my former English teacher in high school. She has a very interesting life story.

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. Royal Historical Society of Queensland News

Wednesday Talk - Commander Eric Feldt, OBE and the Coast Watchers

Wednesday, 14th December, 12:30 – 1.30 PM

Join us for the last Wednesday talk of 2022, with guest speaker Dr Betty Lee who is the grandniece of the leader of the Coastwatchers, Commander Eric Feldt. The Coastwatchers played a vital role in defending Allied interests in the Pacific during the Second World War. Betty will speak about her great uncle in what promises to be a captivating talk about his life. Booking and more information [here](#).

2022 Separation Day Celebrations

Saturday, 10th December, 6:00 PM

The President and Council of The Royal Historical Society of Queensland invite you to attend the 2022 Separation Day celebrations on the occasion of the separation of Queensland from New South Wales in 1859.

The Special Guest Speaker is Dr Katie McConnel who will be giving a talk on Lady Diamantina Bowen, the wife of the first Governor George Bowen.
Booking and more information [here](#).

2. Oral History Australia News

It's been a busy few weeks with the OHA Biennial Conference in Launceston and the publication of the 2022 issue of our journal *Studies in Oral History*.

Recent news items on the OHA website which may be of interest to members are:

- 2022 OHA award winners - <https://oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/2022-oha-award-winners/>
- New OHA journal now available - <https://oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/2022-oha-journal-now-available/> (This item also includes reminder about the Call for Papers (peer review) for the 2023 issue.)
- Congratulations to Alexandra Dellios - <https://oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/congratulations-alexandra-dellios/>

President's report available - <https://oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/presidents-report-available/>

Post-conference

There have been a number of minor updates to the website following the conference and the publication of the latest journal. FYI, these include:

- The 2022 Biennial Conference website is now located in the OHA website menu under 'Biennial conference', the page for past biennial conferences - <https://oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/activities/past-biennial-conferences/>. You can also go directly to the 2022 conference home page at: <https://oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/biennial-conference-2022/>
- The 'Latest issue' tab in the Journal menu now goes to the 2022 issue. There is also a link to the latest issue from the 'About our journal page'. The direct URL is <https://oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/journal/issue-no-44-2022/>. Previous issues of the journal are available at: <https://oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/journal/previous-issues/>.
- Updated national committee membership on Governance page.

Check out OHQ Blog post - <https://ohq.org.au/news-from-oral-history-australia/>

3. The Benalla Experiment

In "The Benalla Experiment" (a podcast program for ABC Radio National's 'The History Listen'), producer Lyn Gallacher and sound engineer Richard Girvan highlight the lives of women and children housed in the Benalla Migrant Camp from 1949 - 1967.

See <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/the-history-listen/benalla-migrant-experiment/13805104>

4. The Women Who Made Australian TV

This is the first article in a [5-part series](#) on women's contribution to early Australian television production. For creating the series, Jeannine Baker received the 2022 Oral History Australia Media Award. The first episode is - <https://www.nfsa.gov.au/latest/women-who-made-australian-television-1-beginnings-television?>

5. Setting up, recording and managing oral history interviews

This video was produced as part of the Community Archives: Skills, Support and Sustainability project. This project supports community archives in Norfolk to ensure their work is sustainable, and provides training to members and volunteers to improve their archive skills and their confidence in managing and looking after their collections. Watch video [here](#).

6. AMaGA National Conference 2023, Discomfort

AMaGA National Conference 2023, Discomfort – 16-19 May 2023

Be brave in 2023 and join us to explore how areas of discomfort are being identified, acknowledged and addressed by museums and galleries in local and global contexts. Find more information [here](#).

7. Stories from the NYC Adult Literacy Community

This oral history project (in 2009) chronicled narratives from the NYC adult literacy community in an attempt to preserve the field's public collective historical memory. These narratives, countering dominant ideologies, explicitly connect adult literacy to human rights struggles, can support the field in a larger collective conversation rooted in sustainable democratic practices. See more [here](#).

8. 60 Second Seniors

To celebrate Queensland Seniors Month, Wesley Mission Queensland is sharing the stories of a diverse group of seniors showing that life doesn't stop at 60! *60 Second Seniors* is a heart-warming and inspiring look at what you can continue to achieve with a positive spirit, a good sense of humour and strong connections to family and the wider community. See the videos [here](#).

9. Australian Copyright Council Webinar

The [Australian Copyright Council \(ACC\)](#) is a small, independent, not-for-profit community legal service dedicated to promoting understanding of copyright law and its application. We have a large variety of [free fact sheets available](#) on our website including our very popular [Family Histories & Copyright fact sheet](#). [Our Historians & Copyright book provides further detail](#).

In response to the many queries that the ACC receives from people exploring their family histories, to our [free legal advice service](#), we have developed a [Family Historians and Copyright](#) webinar as part of our [webinar series](#).

We are reaching out to invite you and your network to the [Family Historians and Copyright](#) webinar. This webinar will be held on **Wednesday 7 December 2022 at 1pm AEDT** (cost \$50) and will cover copyright ownership in different kinds of family history materials including oral histories, how long copyright lasts, and permissions surrounding copyright. Participants will receive a copy of the slides after the event.

Registration is through [our website](#).

10. Where Do You Think You Are – save the date

Using oral and family history to explore concepts of place and belonging through a case study of Irish settlement in Warwick, Darling Downs, Queensland. Presented by OHQ member Pat Ryan and her colleague Pauline Peel on 18 February 2023 at Brisbane Square Library. Find out more [here](#). Here's some information about the presenters:

Pat Ryan is a member of Oral History Queensland and a passionate collector of oral histories. She has published accounts of Irish migration to Australia and delivered numerous articles and Conference papers about the Irish in Australia and on the history of her own family. She enjoys sharing her research into oral and family history with the wider community. Pat was a long-time broadcaster and presenter on community radio 4EB - The Irish Program. Her career spanned senior roles in public and community sectors.

Pauline Peel is an independent scholar with a particular interest in family and local history. She is a member of the Queensland Family History Society (QFHS), the Annerley-Stephens History Group (ASHG) and an active contributor to the *Lost Faces of Warwick* Facebook page. She has published a family history of her paternal Irish Australian family and their transition to life as farmers in the Warwick district. She has had local and family history articles published, given public talks and was the co-convenor of the ASHG's Women of Stephens history conference held in October 2021. She has been a senior public servant in local and state government.

11. Conference Report Elisabeth Gondwe and Tegan Burns

Elisabeth and Tegan have provided a comprehensive report on the workshop and presentations they attended at the OHA national conference in Launceston, Tasmania in October 2023. Read their report [here](#).

12 “COVID kids: a pandemic oral history project”

Apart from the Plenary Speaker Mark Cave's excellent presentation, I most enjoyed “COVID kids: a pandemic oral history project” presented by Lucy Bracey and Katherine Sheedy. Lucy and Katherine, together with Fiona Poulton (from www.waybackwhen.com.au) set out to interview 50 children (very young to late teens) about their experiences during the COVID pandemic. They interviewed using Zoom, beginning in 2020 during lockdown. At that time there was as yet no vaccine. The interviewers had to get written consent from the children and their parents. They also got video consent from the children at the start of the interview. The presenters also said they would revisit the children when they turned 18 to ask them to sign a new consent form to ensure they were happy to remain part of the project. One of the limitations of the project was the lack of diversity among the families involved. The families were friends and friends of friends because they could not advertise for participants because of lockdown. As the interviews became videos, the amount of data involved made this an enormous project which needed a home. It is now in the National Library.

Suzanne Mulligan

13. National Archives Queensland Office: 2023 Preview

The last seminar for the year will be held on **Wednesday 7 December** at the National Archives - 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill. [National Archives Queensland Office: 2023 Preview | naa.gov.au](#)

The Queensland State Manager will provide an overview of the year for National Archives and discuss our plans for 2023. It's a great opportunity to learn about what we're doing behind the scenes. Those interested in volunteering to assist with the collection will also hear about our Queensland Office volunteer project for 2023. Morning tea will be provided. The research centre will also be open on Wednesday 7 December.

Bookings are essential and can be made via the Eventbrite link here: [National Archives Queensland Office: 2023 Preview Tickets, Wed 07/12/2022 at 10:00 am | Eventbrite](#)

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14. International Oral History Conference – a reminder

“In July 2023, the School of Social Sciences of the Getulio Vargas Foundation, the Center for Research and Documentation of Contemporary Brazilian History (FGV CPDOC), will host the International Oral History Association’s 22nd Conference, with the general theme “Oral History in a Digital and Audiovisual World.” For more information click [here](#).

“The most amazing thing was when somebody told me, ‘I didn’t even know what I knew and felt before [our conversation].’ We process the experience together, the interviewee and myself.” – Svetlana Alexievich, from an [interview](#) about her book *Voices from Chernobyl: The Oral History of a Nuclear Disaster*.