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Hello Oral History Queensland members. Here is your fifth e-Bulletin for 2023. I hope this finds you well with COVID and flu doing the rounds. Take care and stay warm.

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. Symons Menswear

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland's Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture will have George Symons give this presentation on "Symons Menswear" at 12.30pm on 14 June at the Commissariat Store Museum, 115 William Street, Brisbane. For more information, or to reserve your spot, click [here](#).

2. "Conversations"

"Conversations" is presented by Richard Fidler and Sarah Kanowski. Conversations draws you deeper into the life story of someone you may, or may not, have heard about – someone who has seen and done amazing things. Listen for free from your mobile device on the [ABC listen app](#), [Apple Podcasts](#) or [Google Podcasts](#). Find out more [here](#).

3. TUTA - A Bold Experiment on 3CR's May Day Broadcast

On May Day, 3CR Community Radio's Breakfast Show broadcast an audio story produced by Oral History Victoria President Alice Garner. Drawing on oral history interviews recorded in 2020-21, it features voices of unionists who took courses run by a unique, fully government-funded union training body that existed in Australia from 1975 to 1996: the Trade Union Training Authority, or TUTA. For more information on the project behind this story, have a look at [TUTA – A Bold Experiment](#). The 3CR broadcast is the first of a planned series of audio stories based on oral histories that will feature on the project website. This audio story is one example of how oral histories can be shared in different formats and through different media. [Listen here](#).

4. New Heritage Guide available now

Discover Brisbane's living heritage places and spaces! [The Heritage Guide](#) is Brisbane Living Heritage's (BLH) unique guide to the cultural and historic sites, destinations, and organisations situated in the southeast of Queensland and the greater Brisbane region. With more than 90 organisations and active members involving museums, galleries, heritage sites, historic houses and gardens, history societies, churches and more, the guide is the definitive publication to guide visitation to Brisbane's cultural heritage. Next time you visit a [BLH member site](#), pick up a copy of the guide. They are also free to collect at the tourist information centres in Queen Street Mall in Brisbane's CBD, at South Bank, Redcliffe, Clontarf, and Caboolture. Heritage groups and organisations can [contact BLH by email](#). Access the latest [heritage guide online](#).

Danielle Nash, Brisbane Living Heritage

5. Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards

Nominations are open for the 2023 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards (GAMAA) which are presented by Museums & Galleries Queensland to honour the achievements of individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence. Find out more [here](#).

6. Digital Preservation Handbook

The Digital Preservation Handbook was compiled with input from 45 practitioners and experts in digital preservation. The Handbook provides an internationally authoritative and practical guide to the subject of managing digital resources over time and the issues in sustaining access to them. Find the Handbook [here](#).

7. Ten Tips on How to Make a Great Podcast

"Academics and educators are increasingly turning to podcasts to disseminate research and advance teaching and learning. Although it's relatively easy to make a podcast compared to other media formats, it's much harder to make a great one! There are over five million podcasts competing for our ears, so here are [some tips](#) to help yours attract and retain an audience." Siobhan McHugh.

8. Oral History Technology Survey

Oral History Australia is running a survey to explore what technology our members are using for oral history interviews, particularly in light of the recent growth in remote interviewing.

Results will be shared to our members and our website and used to develop resources to assist oral history practitioners including a dedicated technology page on the OHA website. They will also help state associations in planning training involving technology issues. The survey is available via Google forms at: <https://forms.gle/Rpuh9a4KdPcmNCw97>. Could you please complete the survey which is open now and will close on **23 June 2023**.

9. Oral History Australia Conference 2024 – save the date

The venue for the next Oral History Australia conference in 2024 is Trinity Gatehouse, Parkville, Melbourne; a beautiful modern venue, excellent plenary, breakout and social spaces, opening onto lawns, alongside University of Melbourne, close to Lygon Street and university cafés, and accommodation. Pencil in the dates of November 21-24. The working title is 'The Power of Oral History: Risks, Rewards and Possibilities'

10. Life Story in Oral History Practice Symposium – 30 June to 1 July 2023

This symposium by Rob Perks. Speakers from across the globe reflect on all aspects of life story interviewing including *Alexander Freund (Canada/Germany)*, *Indira Chowdhury (India)*, *Alistair Thomson (Australia)*, *Doug Boyd* and *Don Ritchie (US)*. Special guest on Saturday 1 July is artist and curator *Lubaina Himid*, to discuss her life story recording for Artists' Lives.

Full Symposium and Single Day Passes will be available. A **Full Symposium Pass** will cost **£45** (Friday sessions including lunch, Friday evening reception and public event and Saturday sessions including lunch). Single Day Passes will be charged at a lower rate. This event will be held onsite at the British Library. No livestreaming will be possible. Find out more here: <https://www.bl.uk/events/the-life-story-in-oral-history-practice-a-two-day-international-symposium>

11. Renewal of Membership due 1 July 2023

Renewal of membership of Oral History Queensland will be due on 1 July 2023. Treasurer, Helen Turner, will be sending out invoices soon to those who are due to renew. OHQ holds regular meetings, runs workshops and publishes monthly newsletters. We also provide a friendly and informative forum for those interested in oral history from any perspective.

12. Criminal Records: Offenders in the Collection, National Archives

“Join us as we comb through investigation case files, customs files and surveillance reports to uncover tawdry tales of petty theft, desertion, opium smuggling and much more.”

Date: Tuesday 20 June and Friday 23 June 2023

Time: 10:00 am to 11:00 am

Location: National Archives of Australia Queensland Office, 16 Corporate Drive, Cannon Hill QLD 4170

Cost: Free admission

Register [here](#).

13. Capturing Memories, Online Workshop via Zoom, 17 June 2023

Oral History NSW presents a practical workshop for those interested in recording the experiences of family, friends, local communities, history of museum items or any other project incorporating memories of the past. This online workshop will equip you to undertake your own oral history interviews. Bookings are now open, [register](#) as an OHA member (\$50).

14. Independent Practitioners' Toolkit

This Toolkit was written by members of the Oral History Association (in the USA). You may find some information within it which you will find helpful. Also be wary that being an American toolkit that some of the information may not be appropriate for use by Australian practitioners, particularly regarding legal issues. Much of the information maybe universal. You can find the toolkit [here](#).

15. Wilson History Oration 2023 – a reminder

'Inundated': floods, history and high water. At the second annual Wilson History Oration, eminent environmental historian and Oral History Queensland member Dr Margaret Cook will explore the ways historians can engage with the public, the media, other professions, and policy makers. In discussing her work on floods, she will highlight how her role and training as a public historian shapes her scholarship and historical practice. Join us for this online event, as we consider these themes during one of our greatest crises in history: the climate emergency.

Thursday 8 June 2023, 5.30pm - 7pm, Online. Find out more [here](#).

16. 41st Australian Historical Association (AHA) Conference, 3-6 July, ACU Melbourne

The theme of the conference is "Milestones" to mark the 50th anniversary of the Australian Historical Association, and to encourage reflection: on the historical profession in Australia, how far the nation has come, and the many things it still has to deliver. This conference will be an opportunity to take stock of what has been, interrogate the place of historical knowledge and teaching in contemporary society, and ponder potential futures. Visit the conference [website](#) for more information.

***"Memories were fragile and fluid and prone to error and embellishment."
Exiles by Jane Harper.***