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Hello Everyone. I hope you're all well and enjoying your oral history work. You're receiving the August e-Bulletin a couple of days early as I'll be away from tomorrow and most of September.

If you have any information to share in our e-Bulletin, the project you're working on, or anything interesting to oral historians, please email me at mulligan53@iinet.net.au and use OHQ E-Bulletin in the subject line. Thank you to those who have passed on information to share. 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" or "Follow" our Facebook page. We try to put some interesting information related to oral history on our Facebook page. Feel free to add a comment. All feedback is very welcome.

Suzanne Mulligan

1. RHSQ Greater Brisbane Centenary Conference

RHSQ Manager Hannah Winsome Watson says:

"I am writing to invite you all to the Royal Historical Society of Queensland's Greater Brisbane Centenary Conference, which is taking place on 11 October. This event commemorates the centenary of the amalgamation of 24 cities, towns, and shires into Greater Brisbane as the modern Brisbane City Council. A full day conference with various prestigious speakers and some great topics will be held, discussing how Brisbane took on its modern character. You can read more about the event on our

ticketing page: <https://greaterbrisbaneconference.eventbrite.com.au>. As affiliates, your representatives will enjoy the RHSQ members discount.

“We are hoping for this to be a big day, and have several hundred tickets up for grabs. If you are willing, we would greatly appreciate if you all could circulate information and brochures about this event to your own volunteers, members, and affiliates. Be very liberal, we are hoping for this to spread as far as possible. Thank you very much in advance. ☺”

2. The Charitable Purpose Newsletter

See their latest newsletter [here](#).

3. Oral History Interviewing for Beginners

Saturday 18 and 25 October 2025, 9.30am-4.00pm (including a lunch break) via Zoom. Have you always wanted to learn how to create an oral history interview? Or do you have an interest in recording the memories of elders in your family or community? Maybe you’re wondering whether or not to record remotely, or you’re thinking about conducting face-to-face interviews.

This popular Oral History Victoria two-day online training workshop is for anyone who would like to learn how to prepare, conduct, record and document an oral history interview. Facilitated by two of Australia’s most experienced oral history trainers, and using Zoom technology, you will learn and practice essential interview techniques and discuss important ethical issues.

After the first Saturday sessions, you will conduct your own oral history interview (remote recording or face-to-face), which will be a learning resource in the second Saturday sessions. The workshop will be limited to 16 participants to enable lively discussion and practical work in an online format. Participants will need a computer with Wi-Fi connection – the Zoom link will be provided, along with Zoom instructions. [Book via Humanitix here](#)
Please note, tickets are made available to OHV members first, before being made more widely available from the 2nd of September 2025

4. Portrait Photography in Oral History

Oral History Victoria online training workshop. Saturday 8 November 2025, 9.30-1pm, via Zoom. This workshop is aimed at oral historians who are beginners in photography, aiming to improve their portraiture skills within the context of oral history collection. We will start with an overview of my working principles, how I manage my relationship with the subject, as well as basic technical considerations (backgrounds, lighting, composition, exposure etc). A small selection of my work will be shown as examples, and participants can also share their own photographs for discussion. Everything covered can be applied to both digital cameras and mobile phones.

Facilitator Anna Zhu: I’ve been a professional photographer, producer and video director since 2008, commissioned mainly by public sector and not-for-profit clients. I work across a wide variety of industries but always focussed on telling stories about real people. The National Library of Australia acquired some of my photography in 2021, which also started my highly rewarding journey as an oral historian. I’ve been lucky enough to win some national and international photography awards, the most prominent prize being sent to shoot

in Antarctica with National Geographic. Unfortunately, I still didn't develop an affinity for wildlife or landscapes. www.annazhu.com. Register here: <https://events.humanitix.com/portrait-photography-in-oral-history>

5. 'Fathering: An Australian History'

The new oral history book on Fatherhood was released on 12 August 2025. Titled 'Fathering: An Australian History' the book has been authored by Alistair Thomson, John Murphy, Kate Murphy, Johnny Bell, and Jill Barnard. You can find information about the book at: <https://www.mup.com.au/books/fathering/9780522881257>.

If you missed Al Thomson on the wireless talking about Fatherhood and the book launch of "Fathering: An Australian History" here's the audio file from RN Life Matters: [What a new history of Aussie "fathering" reveals about modern families - ABC listen abc.net.au](https://www.abc.net.au/rn/life-matters/what-a-new-history-of-aussie-fathering-reveals-about-modern-families)

6. 2024 Victorian Oral History Award

Oral History Victoria has posted to its YouTube channel a recording of its latest awards showcase event. The showcase features presentations from all four shortlisted projects in the 2024 Victorian Oral History Award. See the news story at: <https://oralhistoryvictoria.org.au/news/2024-award-showcase-now-online/>. Go to the YouTube video at: <https://youtu.be/TCMScltYy8o>.

7. Renewal of OHQ Membership

Thank you very much to all who have renewed their membership which was due on 1 July 2025. Only those members who were requested by email for renewal payment, accompanied by a 2025/2026 Membership Form are due to pay their renewal. If you haven't yet paid, we would greatly appreciate receiving your renewal payment. Of course, those who joined recently do not need to renew. If you have any queries about any of this, please email treasurer@ohq.org.au
Thank you.

8. Reflections on "Deadline 2025" The Past, Present, and Future'

ASRA Conference 2025, October 30-31, 2025. The Australasian Sound Recording Association (ASRA) conference this year will be held in Sydney Gadigal Country at SAE University College and online. The conference will reflect on the 10 years since the 'Deadline 2025' report by the National Film and Sound Archive (NFSA). Details can be found at the ASRA [website](#).

9. Telling Our Stories

Telling Our Stories: Community, Connection, Resilience: ASA Conference 2025
November 10-13, 2025, Sydney
Registrations have now opened for the Australian Society of Archivists' 2025 Conference. Explore the ASA [website](#) for more information and to register.

10. What Transcription Software Do You Use?

We asked this question of you all in January 2024. Someone asked me about this recently, so I thought with the way technology (AI) is improving I thought it was worth asking again. Could you please send me a quick email telling me if and/or what software you use to transcribe your interviews so I can share that with other members. We'd all be interested to learn how you do it.

Suzanne

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11. How Queenslanders celebrated VP Day

When World War II ended, there was singing and dancing in the streets for days. "They were all going mad. All the excitement – they couldn't get over it."

<https://www.rslqld.org/news/latest-news/how-queenslanders-celebrated-vp-day?>

12. Australian Lebanese Historical Society Walk

This very popular walk is on again in September. If you missed it in June, here's your chance to join Anne Monsour on this walk. Please book as soon as you can as numbers are limited. Find out more [here](#).

13. Expressions of Interest for Editor of OHA Journal *Studies in Oral History*

Distributed on behalf of OHA President Elisabeth Gondwe, see the call for Expressions of Interest for the position of Editor of the Oral History Australia journal *Studies in Oral History*. This is a voluntary position which could be filled by one person or two people sharing the role. Expressions of Interest should be submitted to president@oralhistoryaustralia.org.au by **22 September 2025**. Find out more [here](#).

14. New Zealand Newsletter

Read the latest (August) National Oral History Association of New Zealand Newsletter [here](#).

15. Trove Help Made Easy

Our [help pages](#) are a wealth of information on how to use Trove. You can find information on [searching Trove](#), including [useful search terms](#), how to create Trove [accounts](#), and how to [get a copy of an item](#) if it is not available online.

[Trove help made easy | Trove](#)

16. Historian in Residence

Historian in Residence Program 2025-2026

Sunshine Coast Council is calling for historians to join their residency program to help fill the missing gaps in our region's history. Find out more here: [Historian in Residence](#)

17. Source

Museums & Galleries Queensland, Winter 2025 Edition here:

https://magsq.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/source_winter-2025-v3.pdf

18. Succession Planning

The Federation of Australian Historical Societies (FAHS) Succession Planning Guide is designed to assist historical societies and heritage groups to survive and thrive into the future.

[Succession Planning | Federation of Australian Historical Societies](#)

19. Genealogical Society of Queensland Presentation

Learn how to better file your research with genealogist Cyndi Ingle

<https://mailchi.mp/gsq/gsq-education-offerings-6424904?e=ca87ac761e>

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