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Hello Everyone. I'd like to bring to your attention **Item 13** in this e-Bulletin. This will be a special treat for you and I'm very much looking forward to seeing these two OHA papers which were presented at the last OHA conference in Melbourne last year. Not to be missed.

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@inet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@inet.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](http://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. ANZAC Battlefields**

"Through graphics, archive, oral history and travels across the scenes of past battles, Neil Pigot and Dr Peter Pedersen explain where, why and how the ANZACs fought in France and Belgium more than 100 years ago." Watch on ABC iView [here](#).

## **2. Koorie Heritage Trust**

"Four decades of growth, resilience, and connection to Indigenous people across Victoria will be celebrated this year with the 40th anniversary of the Koorie Heritage Trust (KHT). Under the motto Gnokan Danna Murra Kor-Ki, Gunditjmara and Yorta Yorta for "Give me your hand my friend," KHT is the only public collection in Victoria dedicated solely to Koorie art and

culture, comprising artefacts, pictures, and photographs as well as a reference library and an oral history program.” Read story [here](#).

### **3. Re-Thinking Oral History – IOHA Conference, Poland 2025**

International Oral History Association Conference, Krakow, Poland, 16-19 September 2025. Oral history today faces both old and new challenges with long-lasting and unpredictable consequences: the crisis of liberal democracy, growing tensions in international politics, climate change with its devastating outcomes on human life, increasing inequalities, wars, and mass migrations. “We encourage the global oral history community to return to the core questions of our practice: what kind of histories should we tell and pass on to the current and future generations?” Find out more [here](#). Are there any members of Oral History Queensland attending this conference? Please let us know by sending an email to [info@ohq.org.au](mailto:info@ohq.org.au).

### **4. The Greatest Menace podcast**

“The Greatest Menace is a podcast that examines how a government-run prison in Australia used those imprisoned to study the causes and treatments of homosexuality. Hosted by gay Arab-Australian journalist Patrick Abboud, the podcast interweaves Abboud’s struggle for acceptance in his homophobic community with his forensic documentation of lives ruined by a society where homosexuality was illegal till 1984.” Listen to the podcast [here](#).

### **5. RHSQ Upcoming Events**

RHSQ Manager Hannah Winsome Watson says:

#### **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 12:30pm**

Join us for the next instalment of our Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture Series, "Matthew Flinders & His Imprisonment on Mauritius (1803 – 1810)" presented by Marc Serge Rivière.

For more information, or to reserve your spot, please follow the link:

<https://rhsgmay2025lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

#### **The Moreton Bay Settlement Conference – Celebrating 200 Years Since the Relocation of the Colony from Redcliffe to the Brisbane River**

**Saturday, 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025, 8:30am – 4pm**

Join us for a day jam-packed full of historical talks at the Commissariat Store! Talks will centre around the early colony with topics ranging from convicts, soldiers, botany, medicine, and more. For more information, or to reserve your spot, please follow the link:

<https://moretonbayconference.eventbrite.com.au>

#### **Queensland Day Dinner 2025**

**Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 6:30pm – 8pm**

Join us for our annual Queensland Day Dinner at Tattersall’s Club. Our special guest speaker will be Vicki McDonald AM FALIA of the State Library of Queensland. Please see our Eventbrite page for further details and pricing. For more information, or to reserve your spot, please follow the link:

<https://queenslanddaydinner2025.eventbrite.com.au>

### **Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 12:30pm**

Join us for the next instalment of our Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture Series, "SEACOM – The 1960s SUPER HIGHWAY That Modernised Communication in Queensland" presented by Dr Jim Griffin & Mr John Rostron.

For more information, or to reserve your spot, please follow the link:

<https://rhsqjune2025lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

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## **6. Books and Website for 2025 OHA Journal for Review**

SiOH Reviews Editor Gwyn McClelland says:

"I have some books and a website that I am still looking for a reviewer to write an 800 word review for the upcoming 'Studies in Oral History' Journal edition. If anyone is interested in reviewing for our journal any of the following, they should get in touch with myself at [gmccllell@une.edu.au](mailto:gmccllell@une.edu.au). Additionally, if there are other books people would recommend, they can feel free to get in touch with me.

1. *Apron-Sorrow/Sovereign-Tea* by Natalie Harkin, Wakefield Press, 2025: *Apron-Sorrow / Sovereign-Tea* evokes an embodied reckoning with Aboriginal women's domestic labour and servitude drawing from oral history and the State's official record. It explores the complexity of Aboriginal women's experiences and survival strategies, and intergenerational stories that span loss, love, sorrow, solidarity, resistance, and refusal.
2. *Reach Out, Build Up, Send Back*, by May Kuan Lim, Immortalise Press, 2024, the over 60 year history of the Overseas Christian Fellowship movement in Australia.
3. *Oral History at a Distance*, Steven Seilaff et.al., Routledge, 2024.
4. And an interactive website: *South Australian Frontier and its Legacies Project*, University of Adelaide, 2024, <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/4755c59ae93447a9b0acf9b2b0b265f6/>

## **7. The Charitable Purpose**

April 2025 e-newsletter. Commissioner's Column:

"Advocacy is a powerful tool for charities, often as a natural extension of their mission to help others. Charities have always engaged in advocacy; be that campaigning on issues affecting their local communities, through to advocating on matters of global significance."

Read more [here](#):

## **8. 40 Years of HIV History**

"A Newcastle University (UK) researcher is to conduct a groundbreaking project to review forty years of HIV oral history across the globe with a unique fellowship award. Dr Wendy Rickard, in the [School of History, Classics and Archaeology](#), has secured a [Daphne Jackson](#)

[Fellowship](#) for her project, 'Disrupted Narratives, Exposed Voices: A Global Analysis of HIV Oral History and its Public Dissemination'. Find out more [here](#).

## 9. Snapshots from Home

"Snapshots from Home is a lively recreation of life in Queensland during the Second World War. Margery Forde's award-winning play utilises the memories—and actual words—of real people who were young at the time. The impact of the war, from early nervous uncertainty to the weary relief of victory, unfolds through multiple smaller stories. Performances will be held at the Maleny Playhouse on April 25, 26, 27 and May 3, 4, 10, 11. Tickets are available through TryBooking and the Maleny Visitor Information Centre." Find out more [here](#) and don't miss the performance.

## 10. Spirit of the Kalkadoons

"About the State Library of Queensland exhibition:

The unbroken spirit of the Kalkadoons is a tribute to survival and the enduring power of culture to heal both the land and its people. Colleen Sam, Kalkadoon (Kalkadunga) woman and visual artist, and her mother, Auntie Ena Sam, share the powerful story of the Kalkadoon people's resilience, survival, and unwavering strength. Colleen's artworks and animations, along with a series of digital stories, recount oral histories of her families' resistance during one of the darkest periods in Queensland's colonial past." Find out more [here](#).

## 11. Not-for-profit News

Latest ATO Newsletter for your information - please note the comments about the NFP self-review return if it applies to your society. [Not-for-profit news - 1 April 2025](#)

## 12. Stories of service: Australians in the Second World War

Are you interested in learning more about Australia's servicemen and women in the Second World War? Whether you're tracing your family's military history or exploring the broader stories of service, you'll be guided through the extensive records available in the national archival collection, including those made accessible through the WWII Digitisation Project. You'll learn practical tips for navigating these resources to access and interpret service records and gain a deeper understanding of the profound impact the Second World War had on past-serving Australians.

**Date:** 13 and 16 May 2025

**Time:** 10 to 11 am

**Location:** National Archives of Australia, Brisbane QLD

**Cost:** Free

[Stories of service | naa.gov.au](#)

## 13. Zoom in for Two OHA Conference Papers

Mary-Ellen Ryan and John Mickel will present their Oral History Australia Conference paper at **10.00am on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> May via Zoom** Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83998735676?pwd=KjTxMXC5vha5FhQQDCzhGUx1vDJsne.1>

Meeting ID: 839 9873 5676

Passcode: 410678

OHQ Member **Mary-Ellen Ryan** will present *Elite Oral Histories* cast new light on Premier Joh Bjelke-Petersen's 'strong man' leadership.

**John Mickel**, *Bjelke-Petersen – Nutter or Strategist*.

Read further descriptions for both [here](#).

#### 14. Australia's Virtual War Memorial

"Beginning as a commemorative project for the centenary of World War I in 2014, the Virtual War Memorial aimed to fill a vital gap in remembering all Australians who have served.

Where the Australian War Memorial commemorates those who lost their lives in war and armed conflict, the virtual platform heralds those who made it home." Find out more [here](#).

#### 15. Remembering Ash Wednesday

In February 1983, the Victorian coastline from Eastern View to Aireys Inlet and on to Anglesea was devastated by the 'Ash Wednesday' bushfires. Forty years on the Aireys Inlet and District Association (AIDA) commissioned Alex Watkins to compile and curate an oral and visual archive for the 40th anniversary as a 'digital memorial' to those who lived through the experience. The result is a wonderful archive of 26 powerful oral history interviews about the bush and beach community before, during and after the fires, and stunning photographs from 1983 and of each of the narrators forty years on. Shorter thematic clips, with the opening words transcribed, enable viewers to focus in on different aspects of the story. The project and web archive achieves the aim of both memorialising an important event in local and national history and sharing lessons about how to live with fire, deal with loss and recreate community.

An oral and visual archive of the 1983 Ash Wednesday fires in Aireys Inlet and its district (Alexander Watkins, <https://ashwednesdayremembered.com.au/>)

#### 16. Overlooked Stories of Sydney's Inner Suburbs

"Sydney's inner neighbourhoods are rich with stories – some well-known, others passed down quietly through families and communities. We're shining a light on 6 local areas through the voices of people who lived, worked and grew up there. Drawing from our oral history and archives collections, we unearth lesser-known personal stories and moments in time to reveal the rich and often hidden history of our villages." Read more [here](#).

**"I see again my schoolroom in Vyra, the blue roses of the wallpaper, the open window.... Everything is as it should be, nothing will ever change, nobody will ever die."— Vladimir Nabokov, *Speak, Memory* [from GoodReads Quotes]**