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Hello Everyone. Hope you're all well and enjoying whatever you're doing. I'm working on a transcribing project for a friend. I had to download three CDs (interviews done 1990), convert them from cda to mp3, then transcribe them. Some parts are difficult because the "interviewer" talks over the top of the "interviewees" (no oral history training). It's interesting because I know the interviewer and the two interviewees, who both died in their 90s.

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. Welcome to New Members

Oral History Queensland is pleased to welcome the following new or returning members:

Shannon Best
Canungra & District Historical Association
Ben Hawke
Kirstyn Lindsay
Reena Almeida
Inala Wangarra Incorporated
Jane Harding
Juanita Simmonds
Louise Poole

2. Turning Talk into Text: Writing Oral History

"In this audio-visual digital age, it's easy to forget that oral historians often use interviews in written formats. This interactive online workshop will focus on approaches and issues in creating text-based outputs from oral history interviews, using examples from AI's oral history publications and from participants' own work." This training at 10.00am to 4.00pm on Saturday 16 August 2025. Online via Zoom with trainer Al Thomson. Find out more [here](#). Note: fee as per OHV member.

3. How Intelligent is Artificial Intelligence?

Oral history and AI, Rob Perks, Oral History Society (UK). Artificial Intelligence (AI), specifically 'machine learning', is becoming increasingly embedded in our lives. Tools like ChatGPT, Mistral, Llama, Gemini, Copilot and Claude are changing the way people work by saving them time and improving accessibility. This [discussion paper](#) explores the risks and benefits of AI tools for oral history and invites debate and comment.

4. Family Histories and Copyright

Family histories are an important way to connect people with their own stories and community, and copyright plays an important part in that. Exploring copyright for both the historian and the subjects, this fact sheet considers copyright issues that may arise when writing, researching, and publishing a family history. Access the fact sheet from the Australian Copyright Council [here](#).

5. Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF)

Status; Program is now open for applications. This program aims to allocate funding to not-for-profit community groups to enhance their capacity to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities.

[Open - Close Jul 18, 2025](#)

6. Royal Historical Society of Queensland Events

RHSQ Manager Hannah Winsome Watson says:

Join us on Wednesday the 16th of July at 12.30pm for the next instalment of our Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture Series, "Shady Real Estate in Brisbane" presented by Paul Granville. For more information, or to reserve your spot (note the change of date), please follow the link:

<https://rhsqjuly2025lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

7. Volunteering Queensland News

Oral History Queensland is a Member of Volunteering Queensland. See their newsletter [here](#).

8. Portrait Photography in Oral History

Oral History Victoria online training workshop on Saturday 8 November 2025, 9.30-1pm, via Zoom. Facilitator Anna Zhu. About the workshop:

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.

Registration details coming soon.

9. The Charitable Purpose Newsletter

See their latest newsletter [here](#).

10. Volunteering Queensland Organisation Register

“Oral History Queensland is now part of the biggest volunteering network in Queensland. The VIO Register helps VQ connect with members, advocate for what matters most to your organisation, and offer real support where it’s needed.” Find out more [here](#).

11. Brisbane Open House 2025

“Brisbane Open House 2025 returns on **Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 July** with its largest program in 5 years. This free annual event invites the public to explore more than 90 buildings, places, and spaces across Greater Brisbane—from heritage landmarks and award-winning architecture to rarely-seen private homes.” Find out more [here](#).

12. Greater Brisbane Centenary

Save the Date for the Greater Brisbane Centenary celebration of 100 years when the Town Councils united to a Brisbane City Council. Wednesday 1 October 2025, 9:00 am 4:00 pm, Brisbane City Hall. Find out about this and other events [here](#).

13. Shauna Hicks OAM, Presentation in Rockhampton

“Shauna Hicks OAM specialises in local and family history research. She is presenting here in Rockhampton at the CQ Family History Association’s rooms. Her topics on Saturday 12 July, as stated on the brochure, are “Ancestry’s DNA Tools” and “Archives You May Not Know But Should”.

We would welcome people who aren’t members of the Association to attend. As you know, many people these days have done their DNA and are perhaps wondering where to next with the results they’ve received back from Ancestry. Download flyer [here](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards and thank you

Sharon Parkinson

Secretary CQFHA, 0417 931 106”

14. History Queensland Newsletter

Oral History Queensland is a member of History Queensland. Their June 2025 Newsletter is [here](#).

15. Register of Oral Historians

Oral History Queensland (OHQ) is assembling a register of members available for employment on oral history projects. OHQ members who are interested in being placed on the register are invited to download and complete [this form](#) then forward it to us via email, info@ohq.org.au .

16. Breast Cancer Oral History Project

I trawl the internet daily to find interesting stories related to oral history to include on our Facebook page, including projects, examples of oral history being done well and that look good on the internet. This story has stuck with me as I found it very interesting. It tells the story of the evolution of breast cancer treatment since the 1980s. The story is told well by Dr Silverstein with the YouTube interview at the end.

"This month on the Cancer History Project Podcast, Melvin J. Silverstein, Medical Director of Hoag Breast Center and the Gross Family Foundation Endowed Chair in Oncoplastic Breast Surgery at University of Southern California, sat down with Stacy Wentworth, radiation oncologist and medical historian, to reflect on his career—and founding the first free-standing breast center." Read more and watch the video interview [here](#).

Suzanne Mulligan

"If you change any part of your life, you might change where you are now. So if you like what you have now, you've got to accept all the terrible things that went on in the past." Melvin J. Silverstein