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Hello Everyone. I hope you're all well and doing some your oral history work. I'm sorry this edition is a bit late. I've just returned from a fortnight holiday on the Murray Princess and Kangaroo Island in South Australia. It was all very enjoyable, very tiring but wonderful to see this part of our country. I was glad to return home to the warmer air rather than the very cold icy winds in the south of South Australia. I highly recommend these beautiful holiday destinations.

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](mailto: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](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. Australia's First Paralympic Team**

A group of 12 athletes, who along with their support staff, etched an incredible story of resilience, enthusiasm and pioneering spirit. The first great narrative in Australia's unique and wonderful Paralympic Games history.

<https://www.paralympic.org.au/2025/09/and-then-there-were-none-a-tribute-to-australias-first-paralympic-team/>

## **2. *They Found Paradise***

Shaina Rother will be launching her book on 20 October 2023 at Broadbeach. With her interviews, Shaina, has written the stories of Jewish families on the Gold Coast. Here is part of the blurb:

*In the turbulent 1930s, Jewish families fleeing rising antisemitism sought refuge in unlikely places—including a sleepy Australian beach town now known as the Gold Coast. Just a strip of fishing villages and weatherboard shacks at the time, these families found a coastal sanctuary and a chance to begin again.*

Here is the link to more information and registration:

<http://ohq.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/They-Found-Paradise.pdf>

### **3. Oral History: A Very Short Introduction**

**Doug Boyd** Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History

Long stories are my specialty, so I decided to write a very short book. "Oral History: A Very Short Introduction" is a compact, comprehensive, and global overview of oral history (the practice and the field), filled with stories and practical wisdom drawn from years of experience. Although it may have taken me a little too long to write, I am incredibly proud of this little book. The book is shipping on October 10. Pre-order your copy today!

[https://lnkd.in/eg\\_XAS9E](https://lnkd.in/eg_XAS9E)

[Amazon.com: Oral History: A Very Short Introduction \(Very Short Introductions\): 9780190067625: Boyd, Douglas A.: Books](#)

### **4. Beyond the Classroom**

National Archives of Australia story: In the 1940s, Doris McRae was one of the most senior female educators in Victoria. Beyond the classroom, Doris was also a pacifist, women's right campaigner, communist and a 'person of interest' to ASIO. Find out more [here](#).

### **5. Reserve Bank Oral History Project**

The Reserve Bank has completed an oral history project which is available online. The interview collection includes interviews with past Bank Governors and Deputy Governors. Recordings and transcript are available from the Reserve Bank's archival website  
- <https://unreserved.rba.gov.au/>

### **6. Nancy Reagan's Fight Against Drug Abuse**

"As First Lady, Nancy Reagan focused on fighting drug and alcohol abuse among youth. She expanded the drug awareness campaign to the international level when she invited First Ladies from around the world to the First Lady Conference on Drug Abuse April 24-25, 1985. Find out more [here](#).

### **7. Oral History Interviewing for Beginners**

A reminder of an article which appeared in the August e-Bulletin: 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\**

## 8. Royal Historical Society of Queensland Upcoming Events

### **Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture: Themes of Colonisation – Twin Tyrannies & More** **Wednesday, 8th October 2025, 12:30pm. NEXT WEEK!**

Join us for the next instalment of our Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture Series, "Themes of Colonisation – Twin Tyrannies & More" presented by Anthony Millroy of USC.

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

<https://rhsqoctober2025lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

### **The Greater Brisbane Centenary Conference**

#### **Saturday, 11th October 2025 for an 8:30am reception**

This year marks a century since the formation of the modern Brisbane City Council. This is one of our flagship events of the year, so we would love to have you all.

**For more information such as the programme, or to reserve your spot, please follow the link:**

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

### **Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture: Visible, Uncontrollable, & Permeable: Coronial Investigations into Suspicious Aboriginal Female Deaths in Queensland During the late 19th & early 20th Centuries**

#### **Wednesday, 12th November 2025, 12:30pm**

Join us for the next instalment of our Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture Series, "Visible, Uncontrollable, & Permeable: Coronial Investigations into Suspicious Aboriginal Female Deaths in Queensland During the late 19th & early 20th Centuries" presented by Tonia Chalk of Griffith University.

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

<https://rhsqnov2025lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

### **The 2025 AGM & Clem Lack Oration**

#### **Thursday, 20th November 2025 at 5:30pm**

The RHSQ's AGM is held in November, and this year we are pleased to welcome Assoc. Prof. Ray Kerkhove as our Clem Lack Orator whose topic 'Evolving Perspectives on Australia's Frontier Wars' is sure to be stimulating. For new members, this is a great way to meet the RHSQ council and many other long-time members of the Society. There is no charge for this event.

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

<https://rhsq2025agm.eventbrite.com.au>

### **Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture: Peter Moffat of Irvinebank – North Queensland & His Tragic Marriage**

**Wednesday, 10th December 2025, 12:30pm**

Join us for the next instalment of our Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture Series, "Peter Moffat of Irvinebank – North Queensland & His Tragic Marriage" presented by Dr Ruth Kerr, Honorary Secretary of the RHSQ & Adjunct Professor at UQ.

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

<https://rhsqdecember2025lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

**Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture: Life on the Beat – Insight into a Street Copper**

**Wednesday, 14th January 2026, 12:30pm**

Join us for the next instalment of our Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture Series, "Life on the Beat – Insight into a Street Copper" presented by Robert Cochrane of the Friends of the Queensland Police Museum.

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

<https://rhsqjanuary2026lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

**Queen's Wharf Precinct Tours**

**Every Tuesday from April to October at 11:00am**

We recently launched our Queen's Wharf Precinct Tours programme, which begins at the Commissariat Store and takes guests for a fascinating walk through Queensland's history via a walk around the Queen's Wharf district. Tours generally last up to two hours.

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

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

**9. Australia's Literary Landscape**

"Join us as we journey through the decades to explore authors, books, and copyright materials, and see how Australia's literary landscape has transformed. Dive into the national archival collection to discover how Australian literature has evolved and inspired Australians since Federation." Find out more [here](#).

**10. Tour Queensland Archives Brisbane.**

Get a behind-the-scenes look at our Queensland Office repository with a tour led by our expert staff, followed by a morning tea. Find out more [here](#).

"How often do we tell our own life story? How often do we adjust, embellish, make sly cuts? And the longer life goes on, the fewer are those around to challenge our account, to remind us that our life is not our life, merely the story we have told about our life. Told to others, but—mainly—to ourselves." — Julian Barnes, *The Sense of an Ending*