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Hello Everyone. Hope you are all well and 2025 has been a good year for you so far.

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 as well as on our Blog. Feel free to add a comment. All feedback is very welcome.

Suzanne Mulligan

1. 2025 Australian Heritage Festival – a reminder

Registrations are now open for the 2025 Australian Heritage Festival with the theme: Unearthed – Revealing the Past, Empowering the Future. “Your event doesn’t need to be big or fancy or boast of famous connections (although that’s always good!) it just needs to be a heritage event related to our 2025 theme, **Unearthed**.” Register your event [here](#).

2. OHQ General Meeting 22 February 2025

This will be our first meeting for the year and we will use it to plan peer review meetings and presentations for the coming months. These meetings are also a great opportunity for you to

come and tell us about your projects so we can help each other. There will also be updates from the National OHA meetings and local news pertinent to OHQ. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in person at the Queensland Spinners, Weavers & Fibre Artists Hall, 12 Payne Street, Auchenflower or on Zoom at 10.00am. Please indicate whether you will attend in person or by Zoom by emailing info@ohq.org.au

3. Save the Date – Oral History Basics Workshop 29 March 2025

Oral History Queensland plans to conduct a Brisbane based workshop for people interested in commencing an oral history project. The workshop will be held on 29th March 2025 commencing at 9.30 am at the Queensland Spinners, Weavers & Fibre Artists Hall, 12 Payne Street, Auchenflower. Led by OHA National President Elisabeth Gondwe, the workshop will introduce participants to project planning, ethics and permissions, techniques used in interviewing, recording, file management and transcription. If you are interested in developing an oral history project or wish to record your family or community stories, this workshop is a great way to start. We particularly encourage new members to attend. More information next month, but you may register your interest by emailing info@ohq.org.au

4. “That’s a Wrap for 2024”

Siobhan McHugh is a leading podcast studies scholar and multi-award-winning narrative podcast producer. Read her latest Blog post [here](#):

5. Keynote, 2024 OHA Biennial Conference, Alessandro Portelli

Over more than 50 years, Alessandro Portelli has been one of the most influential oral historians in the world. In November 2024 Oral History Australia was fortunate to have this legendary oral historian as the keynote speaker for its biennial conference. See presentation [here](#).

6. Closing Plenary – Yoorrook Justice Commission

Another important session of the 2024 OHA Biennial Conference, the Closing Plenary with commissioners from the Yoorrook Justice Commission are now available [here](#). You can see this and other presentations on the OHA YouTube channel [here](#).

7. Studies in Oral History 2025

Studies in Oral History, Issue No. 47 – The Power of Oral History – Risks, Rewards & Possibilities. Contributions are invited from Australia and overseas for the peer-reviewed articles section of the 2025 issue of *Studies in Oral History*, the journal of Oral History Australia (OHA). (Note: the deadline for this section of the Journal has been extended to **21 February 2025**). Submissions are also invited for the reports section of the 2025 issue of *Studies in Oral History*.

Editors: Skye Krichauff and Carolyn Collins.
Find out more [here](#).

8. Search and discover: start researching at National Archives

“Have you ever wanted to delve into your family history or research a topic, but don’t know where to start? Join our knowledgeable Reference Officers as they share tips and tricks for research using the national archival collection.” Get tickets [here](#).

Date: 18 and 21 February 2025

Time: 10 to 11 am

Location: National Archives of Australia, Brisbane QLD

Cost: Free

9. Winston Churchill Trust

“A Churchill Fellowship offers Australian citizens and permanent residents a life-changing opportunity to travel overseas for four to eight weeks to learn more about a topic or issue that they are passionate about.”

In 2004 OHQ Life Member Lesley Jenkins was awarded a Churchill Fellowship to further her knowledge of oral history and its applications. She travelled around the world to learn the latest in oral history practice. This fellowship is a great opportunity to learn more about oral history. Find out more [here](#).

10. Oral History Queensland Grants

Oral History Queensland is committed to providing members with the means to begin or continue their oral history projects. The OHQ Executive invites applications for a Grant of up to \$1,000.00 designed to further the work of individuals or community groups who are recording the histories of their communities. Eligible projects may include the development of new oral history collections, digital and multimedia projects (including websites or podcasts) and printed publications based on oral history interviews. OHQ expects to provide two grants. See more information [here](#) and the application form [here](#).

11. Parliamentary Inquiry into Volunteering in Queensland

OHQ is a member of Volunteering Queensland. “The Parliamentary Inquiry into Volunteering and accompanying Terms of Reference was officially moved by the government and agreed to by the Parliament on Wednesday 11 December 2024. The Inquiry is due to report by 18 September 2025.

“This is your chance to make a difference. The Inquiry into Volunteering in Queensland is your opportunity to share your stories, insights, and ideas about volunteering—and to shape the future of volunteering in our state. Your voice matters. Whether you’re a volunteer, manage volunteers, work with them, or rely on them, your experiences and perspectives are vital. By writing a submission, you can highlight what’s working well, what needs improvement, and how volunteering impacts you, your organisation, and/or your community. Written submissions close on 28th February 2025.” Find out more [here](#).

12. Family History Fundamentals

“An online course from the Genealogical Society of Queensland. Start your family history research on a solid foundation. Presenters are experienced GSQ researchers. All sessions to be recorded and available to view for 4 weeks.” Find out more [here](#).

13. Brisbane Living Heritage for 2025

OHQ is a member of BLH. “Welcome to an Exciting Year with BLH! As valued members of Brisbane Living Heritage, we’re excited to share what’s in store for you in 2025! This year, we’re collaborating with Greater Brisbane Centenary and Brisbane Open House on special projects that celebrate our city’s rich history and architecture—stay tuned for more details.” Find their latest newsletter [here](#).

14. Connections Conference

Family historians from throughout Australia and New Zealand will converge on Brisbane in March as the Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) hosts the family history conference Connections 2025 at Brisbane Technology Park, Eight Mile Plains. Find out more [here](#). They are also having a [raffle](#). Find an update [here](#).

A Tasmanian based academic and key speaker Professor Maxwell-Stewart has played a leading role in digitising some of Australia’s most important convict records. Find out about Professor Maxwell-Stewart [here](#).

15. Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) Newsletter

OHQ is now a member of ACNC. “As the year draws to an end, it’s fitting to reflect on the achievements of the charity sector, the challenges it faces, and to remember the role we all play in supporting the sector’s valuable work.” Find out more in their December newsletter [here](#) and their January newsletter [here](#).

16. Australian Taxation Office Not-for-profit News

“This month, Assistant Commissioner Jennifer Moltisanti provides a wrap up of 2024 in the NFP sector.” Find out more [here](#)

17. New Podcast Revisits Studs Terkel’s *Division Street America*

A team of journalists — including Melissa Harris and Mary Schmich — follow up with the families of seven Chicagoans from Terkel’s 1967 oral history. “In 2009, after leaving the *Baltimore Sun* to work for the *Chicago Tribune*, Melissa Harris knew she had to get up to speed on the city’s people and history. She reached out to her new colleague Rick Kogan, who assigned her 10 books to read, including Studs Terkel’s *Division Street America*. Harris said she was captivated by Terkel’s 1967 oral history (and arguably his most renowned book) and had many questions: Who are these people? What happened to them? Do I know their children? Did their hopes and dreams come true?” Find out more [here](#) and follow the links to listen to the podcasts.

18. Queensland Memory – Unearth hidden stories at Research Reveals

Friday 14 March, 6 – 7.30 pm & Saturday 15 March 10 am – 4 pm | SLQ Auditorium 1 | Free, [booking required](#)

For the last year, 8 researchers have delved deep into the incredible treasures of the State Library's collections, uncovering untold stories and surprising insights. Now, they're ready to share their discoveries.

19. Award for Pam Willis Burden

OHQ member Pam Willis Burden says:

"I'm thrilled to announce that I've been granted the Douglas Shire Council's Civic Recognition Award for Australia Day 2025 for my work in documenting local history in my books, and my volunteer work with the historical society over the decades. The award came as a complete surprise and I'm very proud! So thank you and OHQ for all your support over the years. Cheers Pam"

See more about Pam's work and award [here](#).

"An interview, then, is a moment in a relationship between times: the time of the events, the time of the telling, and, when we factor in the archive, the time of listening." — Alessandro Portelli