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Hello Everyone. I hope you're all doing well with whatever you're doing. I'd like to encourage those of you who haven't already done so to record the stories of your close elderly relatives before they are no longer around. My own mother is very unwell with dementia and all that accompanies that. I had recorded many of her memories and she also wrote them down herself some years ago. I have also recorded my father, my grandmother and my husband's parents. Mum is the last of my elderly relatives.

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. 2026 Queensland Memory Awards

As advised to members early this month, applications close **1 August 2025**.

"As a research fellow, you'll have a unique opportunity to access rare archives, make new discoveries, and share your findings with the public." Find out more [here](#).

2. Rainbow Research Fellowship

As shown above this is one of the State Library's Fellowships:

"State Library of Queensland's Rainbow Research Fellowship is now open for applications — and if you're an LGBTQIA+ Queenslander with a passion for storytelling, history and community — you should **definitely** be applying." As advised in early July, applications close 1 August 2025. Read more [here](#).

3. Royal Historical Society of Queensland Book Launch

The Royal Historical Society of Queensland will be hosting the launch of the 50th anniversary edition of Raymond Evans, Kay Saunders and Kathryn Cronin's seminal work, *Exclusion, exploitation, extermination: Race relations in colonial Queensland*.

5.30pm Tuesday, 19 August 2025.

Location: Commissariat Store, 115 William Street, Brisbane.

Free event but limited seating so please book.

Harry Gentle Resource Centre

<https://harrygentle.griffith.edu.au/event-book-launch-of-50th-anniversary-edition-of-exclusion-exploitation-extermination-race-relations-in-colonial-queensland/>

4. Stories in Stone 2025

The Stories in Stone 2025 conference on 16 August 2025 will share stories and insights about Queensland's old cemeteries. The varied range of wonderful presenters include cemetery historians, researchers, and volunteers; industry figures; musicians; and social media creators - every one of them passionate about preserving and exploring our memorial heritage. Find out more and register [here](#).

5. Gambling Community Benefit Fund

"The Gambling Community Benefit Fund (GCBF) is Queensland's largest one-off community grants program and distributes approximately \$60 million each year to not-for-profit community groups. The GCBF funding helps these groups to provide services, leisure activities and opportunities for Queensland communities." [Next round](#) closes 31 October 2025.

6. OHQ Annual General Meeting and General Meeting, 30 August 2025

We plan to have the OHQ AGM at 10.00 am on Saturday, 30 August 2025. That will be immediately followed by our General Meeting. At the meeting, all Executive positions – President, Treasurer and Secretary are declared vacant before the election of the Executive. A reminder members must be financial to attend the meeting. Please consider joining our Communications team – e-Bulletin Editor, Website Manager, Facebook Manager. Send an email to info@ohq.org.au for more information. More information will be sent to you in a couple of weeks.

7. Greater Brisbane Centenary

The centenary of the establishment of Greater Brisbane (1925-2025) will be celebrated in the Brisbane City Hall on Wednesday 1 October 2025. “The Greater Brisbane Scheme was proposed because the town and shire councils in the Brisbane area were having difficulty making infrastructure improvements and providing local government services equally across twenty council areas.” Along with many Brisbane history groups, Oral History Queensland will have a presence at the event “Brisbane 100”. There will also be a History Conference at Brisbane City Hall, from 8.30am to 4.00pm on Saturday 11 October 2025. Find out more [here](#).

8. Awards Australia Foundation Community Achievement Awards

“The Queensland Community Achievement Awards started in 2002, is now conducted statewide. The awards have been encouraging, acknowledging and rewarding the valuable contributions that individuals, communities and businesses are making throughout Queensland. These awards recognise those that work tirelessly to improve their communities by promoting the social, economic and environmental prosperity.” Nominations close 3 September 2025. Find out more [here](#)

9. Health Benefits of Reminiscing

“Reminiscence is a recognised therapy. It's also called life review therapy, and it's often initiated with older people or people nearing their end of life. It can be done one on one, with photos and videos to aid the session, or in a group setting.” Find out more [here](#).

10. Margaret Cook Awarded Industry Fellowship

Congratulations to OHQ member Margaret Cook. “She has been awarded an Industry Fellowship from the Australian Research Council to work with communities to build better disaster resilience. She will be based at the Australian Rivers Institute, Griffith University, and will work with industry partners Queensland Reconstruction Authority and Natural Hazards Research Australia. The internationally shared goal is to equip local communities with the knowledge and resources they need to make people less vulnerable when faced with future climate-related disasters (for example floods, cyclones and storm surge). With Queensland’s growing population and the likelihood of climate change bringing more frequent and more intense disasters, this goal is increasing in urgency and difficulty.

But what have communities learned from past experience that could inform policy and practice to increase local resilience? What do they need to become less vulnerable? Margaret’s project will use oral history and interview people in places that have previously experienced climate-related disasters. The collected knowledge will inform the development of strategies, practical guidance and models that could help communities be better prepared for disasters in the future. By putting local stories and lived experience collected through oral history at the heart of the research, Margaret intends to use history to develop more community-focussed approaches to building resilience.”

Written by Margaret Cook

11. Volunteering Queensland News

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

12. Royal Historical Society of Queensland Events

RHSQ Manager Hannah Winsome Watson says:

Join us on Wednesday the 20th of August at 12.30pm for the next instalment of our Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture Series, "Islam in Southeast Queensland – The History" presented by Zerrin Afza of UQ.

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

<https://rhsqaugust2025lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

Join us on Wednesday the 10th of September at 12.30pm for the next instalment of our Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture Series, "Queensland, New Guinea Colonisation, and the 50th Anniversary of Papuan Independence" presented by Geoff Keating of UniSQ.

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

<https://rhsqsept2025lecture.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>

13. 80th Anniversary of End of World War II

The United Services Club Queensland History Conference 2025: 80th Anniversary of the end of World War II. In association with The Royal Historical Society Queensland (RHSQ) & Queensland Military Historical Society (QMHS) & Royal United Service Institute Queensland (RUSIQ).

Conference Dinner - the evening of Friday 5th September

History Conference - full day event on Saturday 6th September

Fort Lytton Cruise - full day event on Sunday 7th September.

History Conference events will be open for bookings from Monday 16th June 2025.

Telephone 07 3831 4433 Email: reception@unitedserviceclub.com.au

(Note: this event from RHSQ Bulletin for July 2025)

14. Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards

The GAMAA are presented by Museum & Galleries Queensland to honour the achievements of individuals and organisations in striving towards excellence. M&G QLD is pleased to announce the Finalists of the 2025 Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards (GAMAA). The Winners will be announced at a special award ceremony to be held at Museum of Brisbane in September 2025.

[Gallery and Museum Achievement Awards - Museums and Galleries QLD](#)

15. 'I Buy This Piece of Ground Here'

Recently published "I buy this piece of ground here": An Italian market-gardener community in Adelaide, 1920s - 1970s" has been published by ANU Press. This group biography examines the lives and work of a cohort of Italian migrant families from the Veneto region who arrived in Australia in the 1920s and formed a new community and identity as market gardeners in outer suburban Adelaide. The author Madeleine Regan is a former long-serving secretary of OHA SA/NT and 2025 recipient of the SA/NT Excellence in Oral History Award. Madeleine's book, which includes links to audio clips, is available online at: <http://doi.org/10.22459/IBPGH.2025>. It is possible to download it for free using a few different formats. [Attached](#) is a flyer with a discount code for those who wish to purchase the book in hard copy.

16. 'The Omen: Iran-Contra and Trump's Assault on American Democracy'

Though not oral history, this is also a history-related lecture that may be of interest to some in your extended circles. Please see the [attached flyer](#) in regard to a free public lecture (hybrid format) being presented by La Trobe University on 7 August: 'The Omen: Iran-Contra and Trump's Assault on American Democracy'.

17. Aboriginal stories of the Overland Telegraph Line

"A new short film, The Truth About the Telegraph, directed by Gurindji/Malngin, Pertame Arrernte and Worimi filmmaker Kieran Mpetyane Satour, confronts the colonial narrative of the Telegraph Line and centres the voices of the Aboriginal nations whose lands it cut through. Through oral histories passed down across generations, the film sheds light on the impacts of the OTL on two neighbouring Aboriginal peoples — the Kaytetye and Warumungu — whose lives were forever changed by its construction." Find out more [here](#).

18. How to Create a Family Archive

"We might want to pass certain items down to subsequent generations, but may not know how to keep them in usable condition. And with so much of our lives happening digitally, how can we ensure the tender voicemails, photos and emails kept safe on our phones won't be lost in the online void? We'll hear librarians' and archivists' best tips for digitizing, storing and preserving letters, photographs and ephemera. And we'll talk about how to conduct oral histories to pass down the stories — and voices — of those who've come before."

Have a listen [here](#) to this podcast for advice on how to create a family archive. Some of what you'll hear, you will already know but there is always something new to learn. Enjoy!

19. Special Trust Talks 'Victory in the Pacific' 80th Anniversary Commemoration

A heartfelt community event marking the 80th anniversary of Victory in the Pacific (VP) Day – 15 August 1945 – the day World War II came to an end.

Come along on 16 August 2025, from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. Find out more [here](#).

20. The Irish Experience in Queensland

With over half a million residents of Irish ancestry, Queensland has a vibrant Irish community. This free event at National Archives, Cannon Hill, Queensland is perfect for

those interested in tracing their heritage or learning about Irish contributions to Australia. Find out more about this event [here](#).

21. Renewal of Membership

Thank you very much to all who have renewed their membership. 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 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.

22. Oral History Project with Fire Survivors

Kathryn E. Goldfarb and Lucas Rozell have written an interesting article for "The Conversation" about using oral history to help "bushfire" survivors find meaning and healing from their experiences. You can read the article here - [Colorado's Marshall Fire survivors find healing and meaning through oral history project](#).

"Nothing fixes a thing so firmly in the memory as the wish to forget it."
— Matt Haig, How to Stop Time [Good Reads Quotes]