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Hello Everyone. Hope you're all doing well and working on something you're enjoying.

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. Research Reveals**

*Research Reveals* is an annual event at the State Library, showcasing the outcomes of the previous year's [Queensland Memory Awards](#) fellows. These fellows spend a year exploring State Library's collections, unearthing new historical insights about the people, places, and events that have shaped our State. Gain a unique insight into Queensland's history and the collections of the John Oxley Library in this series of fascinating talks.

[Research Reveals | State Library of Queensland](#)

## **2. Royal Historical Society of Queensland Events**

RHSQ Manager Hannah Winsome Watson says:

**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 Lunchtime Lecture: SEACOM – The 1960s SUPER HIGHWAY That Modernised Communication in Queensland**

**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://rhsgjune2025lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

**A Dart Centenary – Professor Raymond Dart and the Origins of Humanity**

**Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 8:30am start at 308 Queen Street**

Join us for a day of academic talks focused on the life of Professor Raymond Dart, discoverer of the species of pre-homo *Australopithecus africanus*. In 1925, he published his findings in *Nature* on the Taung Child, uncovered in South Africa. His article was groundbreaking and a huge leap forward in our collective understanding of the origins of humanity.

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

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

**Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture: Shady Real Estate in Brisbane**

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2025, 12:30pm (DATE SUBJECT TO CHANGE)**

Join us on Wednesday the 9<sup>th</sup> of July 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, please follow the link:

<https://rhsgjuly2025lecture.eventbrite.com.au>

### **3. The Unexpected in Oral History**

*The Unexpected in Oral History: Case Studies of Surprising Interviews* is a unique and informative compilation of perspectives from an international group of oral historians who revisited interviews they thought went wrong, awry, or off the rails. The book was inspired by Janaina Amado's 1995 essay, "The Great Liar: Tradition, Veracity, and Imagination in Oral History," and it demonstrates how re-examining seemingly failed or faulty interview experiences can offer new insights into the past that may not have been obvious at first." Find out more [here](#).

### **4. Australian Lebanese Historical Society Walk**

As previously advised, this interesting history walk is back again **tomorrow, 1 June**. So if you missed out last year, here's your chance to join Anne Monsour on this walk. Please book as soon as you can as numbers are limited. If you miss out this time, there will be another opportunity to do the walk later in the year. Find out more [here](#).

### **5. Training Opportunity**

The popular four-day online **Graduate Intensive** offered by Oral History Victoria has been postponed from May and will now run in August/September, full details are below or you can

go directly to the event's page at - <https://oralhistoryvictoria.org.au/events/graduate-oral-history-intensive-august-2025/> or the booking page at: <https://events.humanitix.com/ohv-training-graduate-oral-history-intensive> Note: for OHQ Members the Oral History Australia fee applies.

## **6. OHQ Volunteer Communications 'Buddy'/Assistant**

We are looking for a member who would like to join our Communications Team to learn to update the website & Blog, Facebook page and write our monthly e-Bulletin. Find out more [here](#).

## **7. Museums & Galleries Queensland Annual Report 2024**

"Discover highlights from M&G QLD's 20th year in operation - from our Touring Exhibition & Development Program team's extraordinary work travelling eight exhibitions across 27 venues Australia-wide, and our Training & Professional Development staff delivering 30 programs statewide, to M&G QLD's 2024 Conference, *Belonging*, and continued advocacy across the sector." Read report [here](#).

## **8. New Zealand Newsletter**

Read the latest (May) National Oral History Association of New Zealand Newsletter [here](#).

## **9. Trials and tribulations**

10.00 to 11.00am Tuesday 17 June 2025 at National Archives of Australia, Cannon Hill.  
"Join author and historian Elizabeth Nunn as she explores the trials and tribulations of Queensland's early Chinese migrants. By the mid-nineteenth century, thousands of Chinese migrants had made their way to the Australian colonies. Their experiences were frequently influenced by restrictive policies and cultural barriers, all of which are captured in a variety of government records." Find out more and register (for free) [here](#).

## **10. Queensland Reconciliation Awards 2025**

Scroll down to "Education" to see Finalist The State Library of Queensland for their exhibition "The unbroken spirit of the Kalkadoons". [Queensland Reconciliation Awards | About Queensland and its government | Queensland Government](#)

## **11. Tasmania Family & Local History Resources**

Exploring Trove allows you to stumble across some fascinating stories and resources. Beaconsfield Mine & Heritage Centre holds a range of collection items. *"We also have a collection of oral histories, many recorded in the 1970s-1990s. While they were undertaken by amateurs and the sound quality is often not good, many of the subjects have since passed away so they are a priceless record for local and family historians."* BMHC provides a safe place for a lot of historical material, a lot that could have been lost forever otherwise. Find out more here: [Tasmania family and local history resources | Trove](#)

## **12. Brisbane Open House – save the date**

Brisbane Open House returns in 2025 with its biggest program in years. Over one weekend 19-20 July, more than 90 buildings, places and spaces across the city will be open to explore — from iconic landmarks to contemporary design and rarely seen private residences. This year also introduces a dynamic lineup of twilight talks, behind-the-scenes tours, walking experiences, and live performances designed to deepen your connection to Brisbane's architecture and urban story.

Plan your weekend of discovery at <https://brisbaneopenhouse.com.au/>

## **13. Practitioners' Register**

At our General Meeting this morning (31 May 2025) we discussed whether we could have a register on our website for members who would like to be included in such a list. From time to time, we receive requests for oral histories to be done. These requests are usually shown in the e-Bulletin and members who are interested then contact us and we pass on their information to the inquirer. Oral History Victoria have a Practitioners' Register

<https://oralhistoryvictoria.org.au/membership/practitioners-register/> If any of you would like to have your name on a register on our OHQ website, please email [info@ohq.org.au](mailto:info@ohq.org.au).

***“The interview is not a question-and-answer session, but the offer of a narrative possibility” — Alessandro Portelli from GoodReads Quotes***