



# NEWS

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## Messages from HQ Executive

### From the President

Hello everyone

On 22 October History Queensland held its second general meeting for 2016 at the Fassifern Historical Society, Templin. It was a great meeting with two exceptional presentations from two people associated with the Fassifern society. The first was by local historian, Angela Collyer and later the host society's secretary Karen Douglas spoke about the textile collection. They were both great speakers who were very informative and passionate.

This started me thinking about the knowledge local (and also family) historians have about their local areas. This type of resource is greatly undervalued and this knowledge needs to be more accessible. Have members any ideas on how History Queensland could facilitate the sharing of this knowledge? Please give it some thought and let me know your ideas.

In closing I thank all of those at the Fassifern Historical Society for an excellent day.

Marg Doherty

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### Advance Notice

The next six-monthly meeting, the 2017 AGM will be held on 21 May 2017, following Footsteps In Time, Family & Local History Conference & Fair, hosted by Gold Coast Family History Society.

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*Merry Christmas  
Happy New Year*

## From the editor

As the incoming newsletter editor, I would like to hear what you would like to read in *HQ News*. I welcome your suggestions at [newsletter@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:newsletter@historyqueensland.org.au)

History Queensland now has three ways to communicate with member societies – the website at <http://www.historyqueensland.org.au/>; facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/History-Queensland-Inc-1566191243689646/> as well as the newsletter. We hope to use each one to its best advantage.

Currently the newsletter is being distributed three times a year with its main aim being to pass on important messages about the operation of History Queensland, for example about membership renewal and insurance deadlines. It also highlights the activities of your societies and lets you know about matters of interest to local and family historians.

Please contribute information about your society's activities, and let me know what you need from the newsletter.

Janice Cooper



## News from Member Societies

[Please contact each society for further details]

### Dalby Family History Society Inc

Mr Ian Waters, OAM was the Guest Speaker at the 35<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of The Dalby Family History Society Inc. He gave the attendees an insightful and entertaining talk on how he restored the graves of his family that had fallen into disrepair over the years through neglect because the family members did not have the finances to maintain the graves.

Ian began his presentation outlining the actual process, and various steps that he took to uncover the graves without headstones in a large cemetery. One of the cemeteries then had a severe wind storm which uprooted trees amongst the graves and damaged many of the surrounding graves as well.

Ian's presentation, supplemented with slides, showed the condition that he had at first found the graves. He then gave an in depth explanation of the various stages and process of restoration. Ian detailed the level of communication he had with the local council, the local laws that had to be adhered

to with each cemetery. He demonstrated the process and the reasoning of being able to retain part or all of the original material when he was able. He shared the advice that he had received from a Monumental Mason on how the headstones could be restored nearly to the original condition. Ian's talk created much discussion amongst the members and visitors and all were appreciative of the time spent in his presentation.



## General News

### St Matthews Anglican Church, Windsor Bicentenary to be celebrated in October 2017

Governor Lachlan Macquarie laid the foundation stone on 11 October 1817. St Matthews and its associated graveyard are historically significant to the state of NSW and to the Hawkesbury area. The church has been the centre of spiritual life in the district since it was consecrated by the Rev. Samuel Marsden in 1822, with many families marking marriages, baptisms and deaths over several generations.

During the lead up to the bicentenary, family societies and descendants of those who have current or former connections with the church are invited to celebrate their association with St Matthews by holding reunions, commemorative services or family get-togethers at the Church. Interested individuals, family groups or associations are invited to join the mailing list to be kept informed of events leading up to the bicentenary.

If you would like to be kept informed email: [stmatthewsbicentenary@windsoranglican.asn.au](mailto:stmatthewsbicentenary@windsoranglican.asn.au)

Helen Palmer, Restoration Committee,  
St. Matthew's Anglican Church, Windsor, 2756

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### Community Heritage Digitisation Offer

If you are aware of a Queensland author and copyright holder with one or more print publications in the John Oxley Library, you may want to let them know about SLQ's recently launched Community Heritage Digitisation Offer. The focus of this initiative is on Queensland's published community histories and studies, and the offer is essentially about digitisation. To provide more exposure for a wide range of unique Queensland-focused non-

fiction publications, SLQ is offering free digitisation using the Library's automated scanning technology. The advantage for authors is substantially increased readership potentially resulting from access to an online audience.

For details: [Community Heritage Digitisation Offer](#)

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### **Federation of Australian History Societies**

The Federation of Australian Historical Societies Inc is a national peak body representing interests of historical societies throughout Australia. Its website [www.history.org.au](http://www.history.org.au) provides details of its role, aims and objectives. Other publications are an online *E-Bulletin* and *Newsletter*.

The August 2016 issue of the *Newsletter* (No 155) includes an important update on 'Copyright on unpublished material'.

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### **National Archives of Australia**

#### **15 million collection items are on the move**

Between 30 October 2016 and 01 July 2017 the National Archives will be moving to a new, preservation and storage facility in Canberra.

During this time access to the National Archives' collection based in Canberra and some audio-visual material from Sydney will be disrupted. There will be periods when it is not possible for the Archives to provide access to records within the timeframes of its Service Charter.

Access to Archive records online or those held in state and territory offices will not be affected.

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Centre for Social and Cultural Research

### **The Harry Gentle Resource Centre**

Griffith University recently established the Harry Gentle Resource Centre in memory of a former student who left a generous bequest to support the ongoing study of Australian history to the 1850s.

The Harry Gentle Resource Centre (HGRC) is developing a portal of research dedicated to the study of the peoples and lands of Australia to the 1850s with an initial focus on the area that became Queensland in 1859 representing an era of intercultural encounters. The portal aims to offer innovative approaches in digital humanities with interactive resources, research publications, commentaries and research aids to facilitate access to published and unpublished information for the period up to 1859.

We seek to document the lives and experiences of those persons, groups and organisation that have not been the subject of historical investigation and aim to collate an inventory of the diverse people, groups and claims on country that made up the early colonial period, including Indigenous diplomats, resisters, interpreters and guides, convicts and free-born, shipwrecks and settlers, religious and military – the whole range of pioneers of a new era.

If you hold Australian family or organization records or images that may assist our research, we hope that you will contact us. You may have researched an ancestor from the period prior to 1859 in Queensland, or may have materials to offer for a biography, perhaps including documents, letters, diaries, images, or heritage items that can be scanned or photographed to make them either publicly available on the portal, or to make them available only to our researchers.

Email: [harrygentle@griffith.edu.au](mailto:harrygentle@griffith.edu.au)

Contact: Dr Lee Butterworth 07 3735 4703



### **Coming Events**

**Contact societies directly for further information and booking.**

**Saturday 19 November 2016** – Hands-On Seminar, *My ancestor was in South-West England*, Helen Smith.

Genealogical Society of Queensland. Email: [info@gsq.org.au](mailto:info@gsq.org.au)

## Recent Publications

To follow up, contact the publisher.

**Dalby Family History Society Inc** launched a Cemetery book at the Annual meeting – *They once walked here*. It is a compilation of stories from 59 contributors who pay tribute to their ancestors laid to rest in the Dalby Monumental Cemetery.

The book (178 pages, index, with a brief history of the cemetery) is available from the Society for \$35.00 plus postage \$13.00.

Contact: [dalbyfamilyhistory@hotmail.com](mailto:dalbyfamilyhistory@hotmail.com) or The Secretary, PO Box 962, Dalby, Qld, 4405



**2017 Queensland State Conference**  
- family and local history conference and fair

**19 - 21 May 2017**

**Early Bird registration is now open.**

You can register online at:

[www.footstepsintime2017.com.au](http://www.footstepsintime2017.com.au)

Hopefully by now, family and local historians across Queensland will know that Queensland's second State conference is to be held on the Gold Coast next May. The months of planning are slowly coming to fruition. With over 20 speakers presenting a wide range of interesting papers, and an exhibitor's area of over 30 different stands it should prove a great weekend.

Already over half of the stands have been allocated, so if your group wishes to display and sell at the conference, please email for further details: [footstepsintime2017@gmail.com](mailto:footstepsintime2017@gmail.com) You can share a stand, and there are reduced rates for stands for History Queensland members: \$30 for the 3 days Friday lunchtime to Sunday lunchtime. Details on the website.

Helen Smith is presenting two Master Classes on the Friday afternoon: Introduction to DNA, and Advanced DNA. These are not part of the conference and can be purchased separately.

By signing up to our e-newsletter from the Home page of the conference website, you will be kept informed of new details as they emerge.

**Early Bird registration \$120 closes on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.** All Early Bird registrants will go into a draw to win a 12 months World subscription generously donated by *findmypast*.

Ann Metcher  
Conference Convener  
Gold Coast Family History Society Inc.

