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Messages from HQ Executive

From the President

We regret Graeme Pople's resignation from the Management Committee and welcome the election of Valerie Thornton at the recent AGM.

NOTICES

HQ 6-monthly general meeting

The next 6-monthly meeting will be held on Sunday 12 November 2017. It will be hosted by Friends of Bankfoot House Inc.

It will be a great opportunity to visit Bankfoot House established in 1868; the oldest surviving building in the Glasshouse Mountains district. It is located at 1998 Old Gympie Rd, Glass House Mountains.

Further details to come.

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HQ News and Mailchimp

We plan to distribute the next newsletter via Mailchimp. We will be seeking your feedback to determine if these changes make it difficult for your society to receive the newsletter. As always I welcome your comments.

The societies currently receiving *HQ News* via post will continue to do so.

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HQ By-laws

History Queensland's By-laws are currently being revised by the Management Committee. They will be included in a future issue of *HQ News*.

News from Member Societies

[Please contact each society for further details]



The 2017 Queensland State Conference held over 3 days on the Gold Coast May 19 – 21 was deemed to be successful, and indicated that Queensland family and local historians will support such ventures. The Master classes on DNA proved very popular: researchers recognising the need to understand how to use this new tool in their research. Heather Garnsey's session on Online Family Trees was another popular presentation: the pitfalls, advantages and responsibilities for us all when using these often 'fantasy' trees.

History Queensland as the supporting organisation and Gold Coast FHS as the host wish to thank the sponsors for their valuable contribution, the exhibitors for their commitment, the speakers for their generous sharing of knowledge, and the delegates and volunteers who came and enjoyed a great weekend.

The conference website is still live and the photo gallery is now posted, so if you weren't able to attend this one you may wish to put 2019 in your diary when the next State Conference will be held in Caloundra, and meanwhile look at some of the photos:

<http://www.footstepsintime2017.com.au/photo-gallery.html>

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SEMINAR – GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST

Genealogy Sunshine Coast was delighted to host Fintan Mullan and Gillian Hunt from the Ulster Historical Foundation at an all-day seminar at Nambour, on the Sunshine Coast on 27th May.

About 185 guests attended; some travelling from Victoria, New South Wales and much of Southern Queensland. A fabulous team of volunteers spent weeks in preparation, printing folders, preparing

homemade food for catering, setting up the venue and dealing with bookings and publicity.

The many emails and letters of thanks and the appreciation our members and visitors expressed on the day and in the past few weeks has more than compensated for the weary feet, early mornings and late nights our volunteers have contended with.

Hosting this event with overseas speakers has certainly given us a new level of confidence to undertake the adventure again. We would certainly encourage other groups to run a similar event and to bring this level of expertise to Australia, especially to regional areas. Financially the event was very successful for our fundraising and would be well worth considering with additional venues across Queensland.

Everyone who attended who I have spoken to has told of new resources, records and techniques for Irish research that they were not aware of and have approached their Irish research with renewed enthusiasm.

Fintan Mullan is Executive Director of the Ulster Historical Foundation and his knowledge and experience is outstanding. Gillian Hunt heads a team of researchers and has wide experience with archives and records and assisting with personal research. The humour and historical records included in their presentations made the time pass quickly amid a lot of laughter and encouragement for everyone to visit Ireland soon.

The Ulster Historical Foundation runs many tours and courses for visiting researchers, so do check the brochures we have scanned and added to our website –

<https://sites.google.com/view/genealogysunshinecoastinc-home/gsc-events/ulster-historical-foundation>

This link also includes a lot of the research leaflets which were relevant to the talks on the day. The Irish Interest Group at GSC will follow with more information gathered from this seminar so keep an eye on our website. We look forward to sharing some Irish cousins however distant!



General News

WORLD WAR II ENQUIRY CARDS

In 2016 Red Cross Australia donated their historical collection to the University of Melbourne Archives (UMA) as a 'Gift to the Nation'. Part of this collection included the Missing, Wounded and Prisoner of War Enquiry Cards dating from World War Two to 1973. Since the transfer, UMA plans to make all of the cards relating to World War Two available online. There are now over 58,000 cards available through UMA's online catalogue <http://gallery.its.unimelb.edu.au/umblumaic/imu.php?request=search>. To find a card, just type the surname into the search box. For further enquiries, please contact UMA at archives@archives.unimelb.edu.au or 9035 4337.

For more information about the series, see the wonderful article on our blog, 'A Humane and Intimate Administration': The Red Cross' World War Two Wounded, Missing and Prisoner of War Cards <http://blogs.unimelb.edu.au/archives/a-humane-and-intimate-administration-the-red-cross-world-war-two-wounded-missing-and-prisoner-of-war-cards/> by Senior Archivist Fiona Ross.

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GOVERNMENT GAZETTES NOW ON TROVE

The **Commonwealth of Australia Government Gazette**, from 1901 until 1957, is now freely available online and fully text searchable. Each gazette documents the day-to-day business of defence, postal, telegraphic, immigration and trade.

The National Library of Australia, Trove and the State Library of NSW have joined forces to digitise more than one million pages of the historic **New South Wales Government Gazette**.

The Gazettes feature all the news that was fit to be told of our early colonial days, dating from 1832 and continuing up to 2001 when they began to be published electronically. The stories range from lists of convicts arriving in NSW to the tea allowance for public servants - and millions of great yarns in between.



Coming Events

Contact societies directly for further information and booking.

Sunday 16 July – Open Day: 2017 Centenary of Battle of Passchendaele and the charge at Beersheba.

Enoggera & Districts Historical Society Inc.
Contact: edhs.secretary@gmail.com
PO Box 200, Alderley, Qld 4051

Sunday 13 August – Ipswich Heritage Day, 10am-4 pm. Celebrate all that has made Ipswich great. The Ipswich Historical Society, Cooneana Heritage Centre.

Contact: <http://www.ipswichhistoricalsociety.com>

26-27 August – Texas - 100 years on! Visit the Texas Heritage Centre & Tobacco Museum and take part in a range of activities over the weekend.

Contact: cool_ma1@bigpond.com

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NATIONAL FAMILY HISTORY MONTH

To see what is happening across Australia in August visit <http://familyhistorymonth.org.au/>

In Brisbane:

Tuesday-Wednesday 8-9 August, 9am-4.50pm.

Unlock the Past, together with Chris Paton (Scotland), and Dirk Weissleder (Germany) will be visiting Brisbane, as part of the Researching Abroad roadshow. Tuesday is dedicated to British Isles research topics (Chris Paton), Wednesday to European research, with a German focus (Dirk Weissleder).

No matter if you are just getting started, or have been researching your family history for years, you will find the information that they can provide will be invaluable to your research.

Kedron-Wavell Services Club, 21 Kittyhawk Drive, Chermside.

Contact:

<http://www.unlockthepast.com.au/events/researching-abroad-british-isles-european-ancestors-brisbane>

A number of events have been organised by member societies across Queensland to mark the month.

Saturday 05 August – GSQ Fair and Open Day, 9.30am-3.30pm. Receive discounts on your membership if you join on the day, listen to speakers with expertise on a wide variety of topics and check out the many stalls and attractions. Genealogical Society of Queensland, 25 Stackpole St, Wishart.
Contact: <https://www.gsq.org.au>

Saturday 12 August – Open Day. Links in a Chain, 10am-3pm. We have the resources and the expertise to assist you in researching your family's missing links.
Queensland Family History Society, 58 Bellevue Avenue, Gaythorne.
Contact: <http://www.qfhs.org.au>; 0427 738 063

Saturday 12 August – CQFHA Open Day, 9.30am-4pm. It's not all on the Internet!
Central Queensland Family History Association, 16 Highway St, Park Avenue, Rockhampton
Contact: <http://www.cqfamilyhistory.org.au>
0448 105 755

(Contact societies directly for further information and booking.)

Saturday 21 August – Open Day, 10am-3pm. COME and see what family history is all about. See how we can help you search for your ancestors – wherever they came from: locally, other Australian States, Ireland, Scotland, England and everywhere else!
Gold Coast Family History Society, Room 3, Bicentennial Building, Nerang Council Chambers, Nerang Southport Road, Nerang.
Contact: <http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au>

Saturday 26 August – 10am-4pm. Discovery Weekend. Discover your family history – talks, how to sessions, and more – lots to discover, thousands of books, maps, newspapers and digital resources – bring a friend or a family member to share the journey!
Genealogy Sunshine Coast, Petrie Park Road, Nambour.
Contact:
<https://sites.google.com/view/genealogysunshinecoastinc-home>