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Speakers:

9.30 am **Greg Cope,** National Archives—
20th century immigration "Populate or Perish" snapshot of the history of immigration into Australia from the 1920s.

10.30 am **Myles Sinnamon**, Qld. State Library—
Basic searching of Convict Records including the convict database he has developed from the Home Office records and a survey of material currently available.

11.30 am **Niles Elvery**, Qld. State Archives—
Records relating to people of multicultural backgrounds at the Queensland State Archives

1.30 pm **Shauna Hicks**, director of Shauna Hicks Enterprises and a collaborative partner with Gould History Group—she will speak about their new enterprise—Unlock The Past.

2.30 pm **Paul Parton**, Area Family History Co-ordinator, Latter Day Saints
Family Search

QUEENSLAND HISTORY FAIR
CHANGE OF VENUE
FOR LOCAL & FAMILY HISTORY FAIR

History Queensland Inc will this year be holding the Local and Family History Fair at the **Donald Simpson Over 50 Leisure Centre** in the Brisbane suburb of Cleveland. Stall bookings are being received, and History Queensland Inc believes this fair will be bigger and better than ever.

The new venue will mean stalls, seminars, and food, will be under one roof. At the last fair, rain the evening before caused inconvenience for stallholders and visitors moving between buildings. We were grateful that the rain stayed away during the fair. Also, parking won't be a problem at this venue with plenty of off street parking.

As well as over 50 stalls featuring local and family history, and help desks, there will be the five seminars, commencing at 9.30 am, and running throughout the day. Each seminar will last for 50 minutes. These seminars will cover diverse topics which should mean something of interest for everyone.

The seminars will be free of charge. There will be one entrance fee of $10.00 or visit our website www.historyqueensland.org.au to download a discount entry voucher which will admit one person for $8.00. The discount voucher will need to be presented at the door.

Leyburn & District Historical Society

Leyburn and District Historical Society was formed in 1987, around the time of the local school's 125th anniversary celebrations. The compilers of the excellent record of the history of the school and township, produced at that time, are still enthusiastic members of the society.

The group meets four times a year in the school, or, for the AGM, in the CWA hall. The Society sees its main role as collecting and maintaining written and oral information about the history of the area of Leyburn, Karara and Thane. We have a quite comprehensive collection of local history books, newspaper articles and photos, as well as records of field trips to places of historic interest around the area.

Projects in the last couple of years have included the erection of a plaque to mark the grave, in the Durikai Forest, of an old goldminer who died there in about 1902 and was buried under a tree which has since fallen down. Recently we unveiled a board at the Leyburn Cemetery, listing the known names of those buried there and in some property graves, from the first burial to the most recent in 2009. Many graves are unmarked because fire destroyed wooden grave "stones" many years ago. (I am attaching a photo taken on this day.) Our current project is to erect a similar board in the local park. This will display a map of significant sites in the township numbered to provide a tour of the town. Leaflets containing more detailed information about some of the buildings are already available at the shop and the post office.

Though now something of a haven for "tree-changers", Leyburn was originally a staging post for travellers to Goondiwindi, from the late 1840s to the 1860s. Since then, the town has witnessed the excitement of a goldrush, and played an important role in the years of the wool boom. Billed as a "Town of Living History", Leyburn is proud of its Royal Hotel which boasts the oldest continuous licence in its original premises in Queensland. Opposite the hotel stands "Granall", built in 1858 as a coffee house, and still occupied as a private residence. "Brick Villa", built as a magistrate's residence, is now a thriving B&B. History in the town is definitely alive and well.

DO YOU HAVE A MUSEUM ITEM YOU NO LONGER WANT!

The following idea has come from Doug Dowling of Caboolture Historical Society and Historical Wireless Society of South East Queensland.

NETWORK PROGRAM .....

I have recently started a network program for Historical Village Buildings and Museums where they can advise on items that they intend to de-list and are prepared to offer to another Village or Museum to increase or enhance their displays. Two museums and one Historical Village have already benefited from items donated recently and there are several other exchanges in the pipeline to be finalized.

To advise if your Organization or Museum wish to be part of this program please advise the secretary@historyqueensland.org.au or Doug at dwdowling@hotmail.com It is hoped that future newsletters will be able to carry a section listing items WANTED OR AVAILABLE from this network program but this will depend upon your support of the program.....Doug.

All for Queensland:

The Governors and The People

This book has been well researched, and well presented. Compiled by Peter and Sheila Forrest, Historians, Writers and Publishers.

It is a book for all Queenslanders – a special contribution by the Office of the Governor to the celebration of Queensland's sesqui-centenary in 2009.

The book of 312 large pages is filled by the stories of people who have shaped our history, with insights into episodes and places everywhere in Queensland.

There are over 600 fascinating historic images, many never before published, as well as other illustrations.

The book is available in hard cover or special silk covered and boxed deluxe edition – a chronicle of Queensland that will endure for generations.

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Voyage of the Flying Cloud to Maryborough 1870:

The Maryborough Family Heritage Institute Inc. will be compiling a book on the 1870 voyage of the Flying Cloud and would like to contact as many descendants of the passengers from this voyage as possible. Hopefully this book will be published to coincide with the 140th year since its arrival in Maryborough. Contact details for any further information are as follows:

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What's Happening

13th Australasian Congress Genealogy & Heraldry

The 13th Australasian Congress Genealogy & Heraldry will be held in Adelaide on 28 – 31 March 2012, at the Adelaide Convention Centre. You are invited to register your interest by visiting the AFFHO website. The committee would like to hear from people interested in presenting papers, running workshops and / or seminars.

Friends of Toowong Cemetery Association Inc

The Friends of Toowong Cemetery Association is seeking biographical information on as many of the approximately 127,000 people buried at Toowong Cemetery. An entry form is available from PO Box 808 Toowong 4066.

ITEM OF INTEREST

Queensland State Archives

Archives Discoveries
Some of you will remember that in past newsletters, some gems were found at QSA. Here is another.
Series 7293 General Correspondence Item ID 271397. From the journal of Genealogy Sunshine Coast Inc, *Kin Tracer*, Year 16 issue 4 June 2009, page 7, their member Jocelyn found an Agricultural Department file of testimonial letters, that contain information relating to immigration, vital records, residence, occupations and brief histories of life in Queensland. Re-printed with permission from Genealogy Sunshine Coast.

BURIAL SITES
IN AND AROUND THE COUNTRY TOWN OF TEXAS.

This CD has been compiled by Lillian Pratt on behalf of the Texas Family History Group.

It contains burials from the earliest records to December 2008 including burials on private properties. Lillian has gone to a great deal of trouble photographing the monuments and where they are difficult to read, she has transcribed them in detail.

Marionne and I visited the Texas Family History Group at the beginning of the year and are happy that History Queensland were able to assist by converting the publisher file to an easily searchable PDF.

The CD is available from the society. For further information email: texasfhgi@hotmail.com

Cost: —$35
Contact: Mrs Celene Muller, Treasurer,
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In HQ Inc newsletter Vol 1 No 48, October 2007, we addressed the issue of privacy and identity theft.

October 2009 saw the report titled *Australian Government First Stage Response to the Australian Law Reform Commission Report 108* presented by the Cabinet Secretary and Special Minister of State, Senator the Hon Joe Ludwig.

Excerpts pertinent to us as local and family historians, are included here:

I am pleased to announce the Australian Government's first stage of reforms to enhance the protection of personal privacy, responding to the Australian Law Reform Commission's inquiry into the effectiveness of the *Privacy Act 1988*.

The Australian Government is responding to these challenges by embarking on the most significant reforms of privacy law since the Privacy Act's inception.

These reforms respond to 197 of the Australian Law Reform Commission's 295 recommendations for improving privacy protection, which were made in its report: *For Your Information: Australian Privacy Law and Practice*. When the report was released in August 2008, the Australian Government committed to responding in two stages.

8. Privacy of Deceased Individuals

Recommendation 8–1 The *Privacy Act* should be amended to include provisions dealing with the personal information of individuals who have been dead for 30 years or less where the information is held by an organisation.

Response: NOT ACCEPT
The Privacy Act will continue to apply to living persons only (with the exception of Part VIA on declared emergencies). Existing sectoral laws and professional duties will continue to apply to personal information about deceased persons. This includes obligations of confidentiality, testamentary and estates law, records retention regulations and other relevant Commonwealth, state and territory laws.

The *Freedom of Information Act 1982* and the *Archives Act 1983* will continue to apply to information about deceased persons that is held by Australian Government agencies.

Editor's Comments:

At this stage common sense has pevailed.

Marie

Queensland State Archives Seminars
Talks & Tours Programme

Fri 19th Mar. 10 am—12 pm	Harmony Day Seminar
Tues 23 Mar 10 am—11 am	Advanced Archives Search
Tues 20 Apr 10 am—12 pm	Getting Started
Tues 27 Apr 10 am	Morning Tea with Public Access

What's on

National Archives of Australia
Brisbane Seminars

March 17 & 20, 10 to 11am
Lives less Ordinary—Records of Women

April 17 & 21, 10 to 11am
The Home Front— World War II

May 15 & 19, 10am to 1pm
Our Favourite Records— A display of treasures from the National Archives

June 16 & 19, 10 to 11am
Anglo-Celtic Migration— Tracing British, Scottish &Welsh migrants

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Inverell District Family History Group

No doubt you would have all heard that this group lost their library in a fire, on 25th January just past. Thanks to the great support they have been given they have now re-opened at 129-135 Otho Street, Inverell.

Thank heavens they were insured. However there will no doubt be many records that can never be replaced.

We would remind members to review their disaster plan. Wearing our other hat of Toowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society Inc. we now realise that all our legal paperwork, photographs of equipment etc. are carefully kept on site. We will now be ensuring that a copy is also kept off-site.