



HISTORY QUEENSLAND INC.

# NEWS

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## Messages from HQ Executive

Welcome back and Happy New Year!



### History Queensland - Annual General Meeting

**Saturday 9 May 2020**

At **Qld State Archives**, 435 Compton Rd, Runcorn QLD 4113

**All HQ members are invited.**

**More details soon.**

**HQ Membership Renewal** reminders will be emailed in early February.

**Group Insurance Renewal Questionnaires** will be sent soon for renewal  
in March.

90+ HQ member groups currently have insurance through HQ.  
If you need more information, please contact Insurance Liason Officer, Helen  
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### **Introducing the HQ Newsletter Editors 2020**

At the November meeting, Jacqui and Linda offered to co-ordinate the HQ Newsletter.

Both have completed the University of Tasmania UTAS Diploma of Family History,  
and continue to assist local students with research, presentations and writing.

Jacqui presents family history workshops in the Gatton and Laidley areas while being  
active

with the TDDFHS digital presence (and working fulltime!). Linda brings skills from her  
continuing history studies and pre-retirement marketing and retail industry training  
background.

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The aim is to keep members of the HQ societies up-to-date with group news, useful  
links and handy hints, with newsletters planned for January, March, June, August and  
November.

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Does your local group have any news, new publications, events or ideas to share?

Please [send your news](#) for inclusion in the next newsletter by 29 February.

***Jacqui Brock and Linda Ely***

### **Who should be reading the HQ Newsletters?**

The HQ Newsletter is sent to all HQ member societies, with the intent that it  
will be freely shared and forwarded to all members of the local groups.

The electronic document cuts out postage and printing costs, and saves  
paper!

The on-screen pages can be enlarged for ease of reading if necessary. It also allows us to add direct links to other documents and resources... simply click on images and those blue 'underlined links' to go straight to other resources.

### **Updating Your Contact Details**

Did your society receive this newsletter via the best current email address?

Please [let us know](#) if we need to update your group's email address.

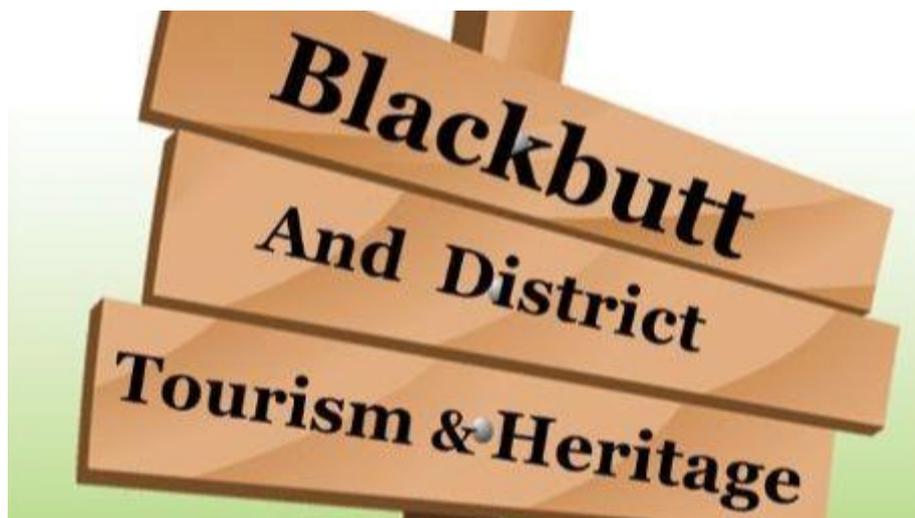
### **Did You Know...**

History Queensland has a [Facebook page](#)

and also a [website](#) with links to lots of resources.

You can easily find [contact details for other History Queensland members](#).

Need a guest speaker? Check the list of [20 potential guest speakers](#) on the website.



The **General Meeting of History Queensland Inc** was hosted by Blackbutt and District Tourism and Heritage in the Blackbutt Memorial Hall on 24 November 2019.

The Blackbutt & Yarraman **QCWA** provided delicious refreshments and lunch and gave a presentation on the history and continuing relevance of the QCWA.

**Guest speaker: Liz Caffery**, a local historian and author, spoke of her research and numerous books about the local area and concluded with her moving ANZAC commemoration slideshow which featured local identities.

**Reports from the HQ Executive and attending groups** were presented.

Very brief notes from the Minutes follow:

**HQ President:**

- Thanked all groups for their continued support.
- Announced the next **State Conference 2022** will be held at Redcliffe hosted by History Redcliffe - stay tuned for more information. **[See Date Claimers below.]**
- HQ website is being revamped - any input or suggested changes?
- HQ Brochure is updated on the website - please circulate to potential new groups.
- Continued liaison with National Archives and Qld State Archives, especially with digitisation projects.
- Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations **AFFHO** is organising the three-yearly **Family History Congress in 2021**. Details were officially announced a few days after this meeting, so Marg couldn't tell us on the day! [Hint: Norfolk Island]  
See [AFFHO newsletter #69](#) on HQ website. **[Also see Date Claimers below.]**

**Group Reports:** Most reported either stable or reduced membership numbers this year. Many groups are improving their websites to attract more interest. Most groups have core bands of volunteers who collate resources, digitise and index materials, and act as research assistants for their visitors. All groups welcome visits from other HQ members.

**Blackbutt and District Tourism and Heritage** hosted the meeting and took us through the [Roy Emerson Museum](#). They hold History Mornings every 2nd Friday of the month.

**Caloundra Family History Research Inc:** Have recovered from the very successful *Waves in Time* State Conference held in May 2019. Have trips to Miegunyah and Newstead House planned for early 2020.

**Logan City Historical Museum Society Inc:** Have moved from the Butter Factory and are waiting to hear the latest from the Council about new premises.

**Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society:** Working on new publication *History of Coachbuilders, Blacksmiths, Saddlers and Bookmakers*, and continue to gather stories for the next *In Our Backyard* book (stories about people buried in the Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery). Will celebrate 20 years in their 'permanent home' in January.

**Gold Coast Family History Society:** Celebrated their 40th Anniversary in August

2019. Lots of history was shared including a Show and Tell segment.

**Queensland Manx Society:** 150th Anniversary of the Society, and are planning a membership drive in 2020.

**Friends of Bankfoot House:** The role of 'Friends' has changed dramatically as Council have assumed full management of the Heritage Precinct. The Friends organisation is likely to be restructured in 2020. They have recently released a new book called *Bankfoot House - 150 years on Old Gympie Road*.

**Peachester History Committee:** After 20 years of planning, they have built a Heritage Centre behind the Peachester Hall to coincide with the Hall's 130th Anniversary.

**Fort Lytton Historical Association:** Fort Lytton is developing into a Military History Precinct with the Queensland Military History Society opening a Museum in the old Quarantine Station.

**The Gap Historical Society:** Working on a Timeline Project recording chronologically the events which have impacted on The Gap.

**Queensland Family History Society:** Celebrated their 40th Anniversary in 2019. Indexing by volunteers continues and several new publications are planned.

**Queensland Women's Historical Association:** During 2020, they will seek more tour guides for Miegunyah. QWHA hosted a History Symposium 'Women Stepping Forth', and their successful lecture program was oversubscribed. A dedicated effort is being made to put many of the significant pieces from their Collection on e-Hive. [\[See more about eHive below.\]](#) A reminder that Miegunyah can be used as a venue for private functions and group visits.

**Ipswich Genealogical Society:** Have been busy cataloguing and archiving their extensive Collections. A presentation by the Society 'Searching for your Ancestors' was well received at the Celtic-themed 'The Gathering' in June and they are making plans for a repeat performance in 2020.

**Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group:** Gave a brief history of the Tingalpa Chapel and hopes to have a website re-established soon.

**Genealogy Society of Queensland:** Their education program for 2020 is in its final stages of planning. Discussions continue regarding the proposed amalgamation with QFHS.

**Toowong and District Historical Society Inc:** Recently spoke on 'Toowong, a century ago in 1919' at the Centenary of the Toowong RSL. During 2019, they released a book of reminiscences called *Toowong: A Time to Reflect* and held their annual history walk through local streets.

**Genealogy Sunshine Coast:** Received a grant which enabled them to purchase scanning equipment. They aim to digitise their local studies material in 2020. They welcome [bookings](#) for groups of up to 50 to their GSC Resource Centre for training days.

**Nanango History Room:** Has put together the [Nanango Heritage Sound Trail](#) where people can download an App to reference a town map and listen to stories and shared memories as they walk through the town. The group functions mainly in response to enquiries.

## **The eHive treasure chest! Have a look!**

### **Australian Community History Collections**

Established on 03 May 2018, [eHive Community History Collections](https://ehive.com/communities/1141/australian-community-history-collections) brings together a range of collections held by historical societies, community heritage groups and keeping places across Australia. These collections are a vital link in telling the full story of our heritage and contain locally significant and nationally relevant materials. From aviation and nautical equipment to rare photographs, documents and textiles, evidence of the past is made available and is a foundation upon which future people can build.

Visit the site: <https://ehive.com/communities/1141/australian-community-history-collections>

## **Date Claimers**

### **AGM History Queensland**

**Saturday 9 May 2020**

at **QLD State Archives** 435 Compton Road Runcorn

More details soon.

**Watch this space for the May Day Blue Shield  
2020 activities arranged by QLD State Archives.**



Protecting our heritage is a fundamental responsibility for galleries, libraries, archives, museums and heritage places. May Day was established by the Society of American Archivists. It's a time when all cultural heritage professionals can do something that will make a difference when and if an emergency occurs.

In 2019 Blue Shield Australia launched a new logo for May Day in Australia.

You can read notifications regarding Australian bushfires on the [Blue Shield website](#).

## AFFHO Congress 2021

The AFFHO Council at its recent meeting are delighted to announce that *Norfolk Island Museums and Research Centre* has been invited to host the

**AFFHO Congress 2021 from 30 July – 6 August 2021**  
with the actual  
**Congress dates being 3 – 5 August 2021.**



A comprehensive speakers programme will be developed for the Congress and another programme for visits to historic sites other interesting features of Norfolk Island. There will also be time built in for research at the Norfolk Island Museum Research Centre.

Congress will include:

- A welcome function
- Lecture Programme
- Morning and Afternoon Teas
- Lunches
- A Banquet Dinner

Historic Sites include:

- Cemetery
- Melanesian Mission
- KAVHA (Kingston and Arthurs Vale Heritage Area) which incorporates the Penal Gaol, and other noteworthy build and sites
- ... just to name a few



Travel and Accommodation packages will be developed from

- Sydney
- Brisbane
- Melbourne
- Auckland

There will be an online Registration process and costs will be advised in due course.

**Mark the dates on your 2021 calendar!**

## 4th Queensland State Conference

### Sands of Time

Family and Local History Conference

**21 - 23 October 2022**

To be hosted by History Redcliffe



Stay tuned for more details!

#### Murphy's Law of Genealogy

When leaving town for genealogical research, you will always find information on the ancestor for whom you brought no notes.



*Twisted Twigs on Gnarled Branches*

You know you're addicted to genealogy when you research someone because they had an interesting name.



*Twisted Twigs  
on Gnarled  
Branches*

This is your newsletter...

What would you like to see in future editions?

New segments? Handy hints? New publications?  
Please [email](#) your suggestions and contributions to Jacqui and Linda.

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