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Messages from HQ Executive

Dear History Queensland members

I hope you are all doing well after the Covid lockdown. It has been a trying time for some societies, while some people are saying they are enjoying the stay at home rules. History Queensland has organised a new date for our AGM. Details are available below. I hope you will consider attending as we are hoping all going well, it will be at the Queensland State Archives. If you are interested in joining the committee, we would love to have you onboard.

Stay well

Marg Doherty



History Queensland - Annual General Meeting

Saturday 14 November 2020 (To be confirmed)

After having to postpone the Annual General Meeting planned for 9 May 2020, due to COVID-19 restrictions, we are now hoping it can be held on Saturday 14 November at [Queensland State Archives](#) in Runcorn.

If we are able to hold the meeting at that time, it will be followed by the 6-monthly General Meeting of Members.

The rules on social distancing are changing as circumstances change, so the management committee is keeping the plans under review. We hope to let all members know more details in September or early October.

To request Committee Nomination Forms, or to offer Meeting Agenda suggestions... please email Valerie secretary@historyqueensland.org.au

Insurance through History Queensland

Insurance renewal invoices have been sent out and are due for payment; if your society has not received their insurance renewal invoice please contact Helen Turner our Insurance Liaison Officer at insurance@historyqueensland.org.au

August is **National Family History Month** (NFHM)

National Family History Month (NFHM) is celebrated every August in Australia and New Zealand and is an initiative of the [Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations](#) (AFFHO).

Many of the 2020 events will be online... but there is still plenty happening!

If your group has a meeting or event planned in August, why not promote it as happening in Family History Month, and add it to the list of events on the website <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/events/>.

There are already over 20 events listed, so you will surely find something to interest you... maybe some Zoom sessions, webinars or online exhibitions... or win a competition! (Remember that many of the events require prior registration due to limited numbers.)

There are special online opening and closing events:

Opening event for NFHM Saturday, 1 August 2020 at 5.30 pm AEST:

Dr Rory Sweetman *Defending Trinity College*.

Closing event for NFHM Monday 31 August 2020 at 5.30 pm AEST:

Kerry Farmer *The Search for Samuel*

See what is happening via the NFHM Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/FamilyHistoryMonthAU/>

AFFHO have just released a July Newsflash #72 with more information

https://affho.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/202007_AFFHO_Newsflash-special.pdf

Did you know? AFFHO have purchased a subscription to Zoom ... and you can use it too!

This will enable member societies to run their meetings and listen to their speakers via Audio Visual Link AVL

and delivered via software to members' home computers.

Please contact treasurer@affho.org if you wish to take advantage of this offer for your society.

Breaking Down Brick Walls with DNA

DNA provides a useful tool to help chip away at brick walls. Combined with traditional genealogy research it can be a powerful tool.

This talk takes you through a journey of breaking down a long-standing brick wall to using more DNA to understand the family hiding behind the wall.

Practical methodology and techniques will be tied into the story of discovery to help you learn the skills to help chip away at your brick walls.

When: Tuesday, 11 August 2020 - 7:00 pm

Where: Online Event

Cost: \$11.00 members (QFHS and GSQ) and \$15.00 non-members

Register online at: <https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/breaking-down-brick-walls-with-dna>



You can find out more and register [here](#) and read about the presenter, Mia Bennett [here](#).

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/breaking-down-brick-walls-with-dna/>

and <https://www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/news/amelia-mia-bennett/>

Some simple projects for your Society in NFHM August...

#1. Have you investigated our own History Queensland website? www.historyqueensland.org.au

- Check out the Members listing... are your details up to date?
- Can other societies or individuals easily find your information?
- What will searchers see when they click on your Society's links?
- Would a web address be better than an email address?

- Are your events listings up-to-date?
- Have a look around at the links and webpages of other groups... maybe they have some ideas you like.
- If you would like to update your Society's contact details, please contact Valerie secretary@historyqueensland.org.au

#2. Check out some related Facebook pages:

Your Society and its individual members should 'like and follow' the [History Queensland Facebook page](#).

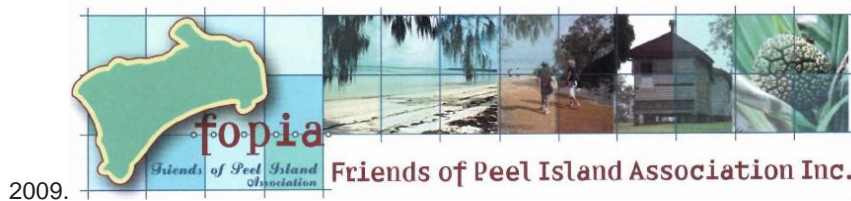
Ann, our Facebook Coordinator, will then be able to help you promote your Society's events.

#3. Congratulations to the Societies who have promoted their unique facilities and resources during the lockdown... there have been some wonderful Facebook live sessions and video demonstrations of collections held by various groups.

FRIENDS OF PEEL ISLAND ASSOCIATION INC.

It was with sadness we noted the winding up of The Friends of Peel Island Association Inc. on 30 June 2020.

This group was incorporated in August 2000 and joined History Queensland in September



2009.

President, Marg Doherty passed on the best wishes of History Queensland to the members of FOPIA,

and thanked them for the generous donation given to HQ on their closure.

Great news from Queensland State Archives

The **Queensland State Archives Reading Room reopened on Monday 13 July!**

To ensure the health and safety of everyone there are a number of COVID-19 measures.

All visitors will need to book a time to visit using the [QSA online booking system](#).

For more information, visit: bit.ly/3dRV4qS

There is a lot of information and FAQ about the reopening on the booking page:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/reading-room-bookings-tickets-109083028274>

Here is some information re the **new ArchivesSearch**: bit.ly/3gaeigK

The new catalogue offers new functions and a more modern interface.

You will be able to:

- create an account to save your searches and see your history of record requests
- add keyword tags to help make records easier to find
- filter searches and search results
- pay for digital copies online
- see the access status of records, including Restricted Access Period expiry dates

- easily request access to restricted records.

[Sign up for a new account](#) so you can get access to all the new features.

The [QSA YouTube videos](#) give an overview of the new system and how to do some of the most common searches.

News from State Library QLD

State Library is gradually reopening. Before you visit, please read [what spaces are open](#).

There are also wonderful online resources via the website: <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/>

A current online exhibition is **'Twenty'** - two decades of Qld photography

When the sign in the museum tells you not to touch anything



Have you seen any unusual signage?

SLQ needs your help to collect ephemeral material

– unwanted flyers, posters, signs, mail-outs – which have been created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

www.slq.qld.gov.au

[COVID-19 collecting drive | State Library Of Queensland](#)

Promote your Society's upcoming events and news

Now that COVID-19 restrictions are gradually easing, let everyone know what your group has available.

You can publicise your Society's events in your own newsletters, websites and Facebook pages... and History Queensland can also promote your events and meetings:

- Update your Society's website access details in the History Qld Members listing on the [HQ website](#) so other groups and individuals can find you
- HQ Newsletter - please send details to newsletter@historyqueensland.org.au by Friday 28 August for inclusion in the next newsletter
- History Queensland [Facebook page](#)... when your society's Facebook page 'likes' the History Queensland Facebook page, Ann the HQ FB coordinator will be able to publicise your society to a wider audience.

Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society is working on their next publication, *In Our Backyard Volume 5*, which will contain histories of those buried in the Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery.

In Our Backyard depends largely on submissions from not only TDDFHS members, but any family researcher. The closing date for submissions for this has been extended to 31 October 2020. Anyone researching someone interred there, is welcome to write their story and have it included in the publication. For further details contact us on tddfhs@westnet.com.au

Who should be reading these HQ Newsletters?

Remember this newsletter can be freely shared and forwarded to all of your members.

Research tips, useful websites and interesting Facebook pages

A regular segment brought to you by the Newsletter Editors.

Updates coming soon to DNA matches

We're making changes that will improve the accuracy and quality of your DNA matches. !

Ancestry is changing its DNA algorithms in early August and will remove access to any matches below 8cM. You can keep your access to existing small matches by adding them to a group, or simply by 'star' highlighting. Look for the note under DNA in the Ancestry menu.

Do you have spare time at home? You can help State Library Queensland to correct the transcriptions of recorded oral interviews... check out Amplify (hosted by NSW State Library) and look for the Queensland section under Collections. <https://amplify.gov.au/> Hours of fun ahead!

Date Claimers... for when we can meet again!

Six-monthly Meeting of HQ Members

and

AGM History Queensland

To be confirmed - Saturday 14 November 2020

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

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.

NORFOLK ISLAND
museum



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REDCLIFFE**

4th Qld State Conference

Sands of Time

Family and Local History Conference

To be hosted by History Redcliffe

21 - 23 October 2022

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