



# NEWS

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## Messages from HQ Executive

Dear History Queensland member,

Hopefully, you and your organisations are managing the pandemic. Some organisations have been using the time to find new ways of connecting with members and I have been attending a number of Zoom meetings as a way to do business. If your society has found successful ways to connect, please let us know so we can share your successes.

History Queensland was hoping to have our AGM at the Queensland State Archives but it now appears that the Covid situation is still unclear with regard to face to face meetings, so we have opted to have the AGM by Zoom on Saturday, 14 November. Valerie Thornton, the secretary will be sending the relevant papers. If anyone wants to join the Management Committee, new faces are always welcome.

Marg Doherty

**President**



**ADVANCE NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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## GENERAL MEETING

**Saturday 14 November 2020 at 10:00am - via Zoom**

This year our AGM and the Six-Monthly General Meeting will be via Zoom teleconferencing.

The formal Notice of the AGM, Nominations for the Committee and details of the meeting ID and password will be sent to all members on 23 October.

If your group has not yet used Zoom, it is very easy. Please contact Valerie Thornton at [secretary@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:secretary@historyqueensland.org.au) if you would like some simple instructions on using Zoom or need help getting set-up.

To help us prepare, we would like each member group to send a short written report to the Secretary for inclusion in paperwork to be distributed before the meeting. We will formally ask for these reports about 10 October 2020.



## Exploring Irish Ancestry

**Saturday October 24th 2020**

**9:30am - 4:30pm AEST**

**Q & A live with John Grenham & Chris Paton 5:30pm**

**Virtual Event via Zoom**

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<http://www.gsq.org.au/event/annual-seminar-irish-ancestry>

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## Bookings and Payment

**Early Bird Price if booked by 30th September:**

GSQ/QFHS Members \$50 / Non-Members \$65

**Price from 1st October:**

GSQ/QFHS Members \$60 / Non-Members \$75

**Book online at:** [www.gsq.org.au/event/annual-seminar-irish-ancestry/](http://www.gsq.org.au/event/annual-seminar-irish-ancestry/)

**Payment may be made by:**

- Credit card (online, by phoning GSQ 07 3349 6072 or at GSQ)
- Cash (at GSQ)
- Bank transfer (note details at time of ordering) OR
- Cheque by post: GSQ, PO Box 1467, Carindale, QLD 4152



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## Queensland State Archives

The Queensland State Archives Reading Room has reopened.

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](https://bit.ly/3dRV4qS)

### [The precedent of the pandemic](#)

With so much in the media around the current COVID-19 pandemic, it is interesting to look back to see how the 1919 Spanish Flu Epidemic was handled by the Queensland Government. Records held at Queensland State Archives detail actions taken through the earlier precedent setting event which parallel the actions implemented by the current government. This blogpost, [The precedent of the pandemic](#), looks at some of those actions.

All too familiar terms such as isolation, contacts, disinfecting, wearing masks and restrictive measures, were used over 100 years ago to describe protocols 'for the purpose of preventing or checking the spread of infectious disease'. Maybe our unprecedented times are not so unprecedented after all.

QSA has launched an upgraded online catalogue - [ArchivesSearch](#). Check out the tutorials QSA have for ArchivesSearch over on YouTube [bit.ly/32v4syf](https://bit.ly/32v4syf)

### [Online Events](#) at The National Archives (UK).

The National Archives has an exciting programme of online talks are free for everyone and delivered by our experts, specialists and guests. Sign up for as many as you like. Unfortunately you do need to be up before dawn to catch their evening events in real time. If you miss them on the day you can replay most of the online talks on [Archives Media Player](#) or [YouTube channel](#), where the curated playlists will help you find talks of similar interest.

**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/>

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## Qld Family History Society QFHS

[QFHS](#) hosts amazing educational sessions online with something new most weeks. Simply register and build your knowledge. Just \$11 - \$15 per session. Most sessions are open to non-members.

Oct 9 [Loving Aussie Libraries](#)

Oct 16 [Writing your family history on a blog](#) - Part 1

Oct 20 [Do as I say not as I did: reflections of an imperfect Genealogist](#)

Oct 30 [Writing your family history on a blog](#) - Part 2

Did you know there are **Standards for Volunteering?**

You can [register online](#) for a webinar '*Introduction to the National Standards for Volunteer*

*Involvement*' hosted by Volunteering Queensland to find out how your group could be assisted. Monday

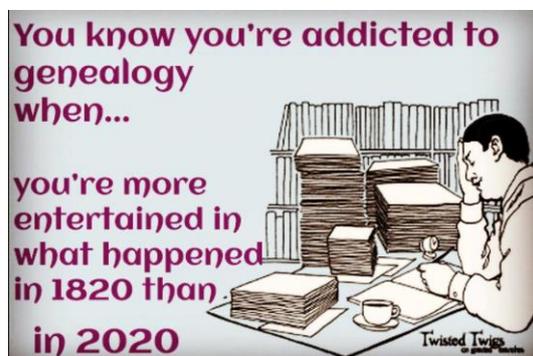
26 October 1 - 3pm

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## Promote your Society's upcoming events and news

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

- HQ Newsletter - please send event details to [newsletter@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:newsletter@historyqueensland.org.au) by 30 November 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.



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**Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society** are still accepting submissions for their next publication, *In Our Backyard Volume 5*, which will contain histories of those interred in the Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery.

The closing date for submissions for this has been extended to 31 October 2020. For further details contact [tddfhs@westnet.com.au](mailto:tddfhs@westnet.com.au)

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## 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.

Ancestry DNA have recently updated their ethnicity estimates... to understand the science behind this see the information [here](#).

[RootsTech Connect](#) will be held fully online in February 2021 and you can register for free.

Did you know that there are over 1800 facebook groups and pages covering various aspects of Australian and New Zealand History and Genealogy? You can download the list which has been compiled by Alona Tester [here](#).

[Text Queensland](#) is a unique and dynamic collection of full-text, searchable, digitised sources on Queensland colonial and state history.

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## Date Claimers

### Six-monthly Meeting of HQ Members

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### AGM History Queensland

**By Zoom - Saturday 14 November 2020 at 10am**

More details soon.

## 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



## 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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