

HQ NEWS

The latest from History Queensland Inc.

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INSURANCE RENEWAL TIME

Insurance Renewal is due 31 March 2021.

Early in December, your society should have received the insurance proposal **which must be completed and returned to our broker, Christine Reith - AJ Gallagher.**

It is very important that the completed proposal is sent to Christine as soon as possible because the information provided will form the basis of your renewal premium.

If you have not received the proposal by 14 December please [email](#) or phone Helen Turner, HQ Insurance Officer - 0412 708 401.

Some background information regarding insurance offered through HQ:

Every year at our AGM, the members choose the underwriter and broker for the following year. Ansvar has been our underwriter for a few years now for a number of reasons:

1. reasonable premiums
2. fast claims service
3. an office in Brisbane.

Our broker is Christine Reith from AJ Gallagher who is also based in Brisbane. Every year, Christine conducts a comparison survey and at present Ansvar has the best product with competitive premiums for our purposes.

We have seen a number of events (fire, floods) in Australia in recent years with insurance companies paying out millions of dollars, resulting in increased premiums across the board.

History Queensland Inc has also been affected by this increase in premiums - with new member groups falling under the new rating structure seeing increases of up to 20%.

The groups who have been part of the policy for a long time have thankfully so far not had their premiums corrected and brought in line with current rates. As with most things, we can expect some increases over the coming years.

History Queensland held the 2020 Annual General Meeting via Zoom on Saturday 14 November 2020.

Official Minutes and full Member Group reports were forwarded to Members.
Here are some highlights...

From the HQ President:

- History Queensland membership currently 120 with 3 new members since the last AGM
- Unfortunately, the Peel Island Association closed.
- A reminder that the HQ Facebook page and newsletter are available to advertise your upcoming events
- Discussion is underway regarding updating our History Queensland website
- 2020 saw the successful change of our insurance year to commencing on 1 April which now coincides with the membership year for History Queensland
- History Queensland made a submission to the Tune Review of the NAA - no outcome yet.

- Some Second World War records at the NAA are being currently being digitised.
- NAA is commencing a NAA Members' Program - Patron is the Governor-General's wife.
- Hocking vs Director General NAA case; Implications include determining what is a Commonwealth record.
- QSA has a new catalogue search.
- The State Library of Queensland is digitising the Moreton Bay Colonial Secretary's correspondence. This was already on microfilm.

HQ Executive and Management Committee for 2020/2021

The Executive and continuing Committee Members were re-elected unopposed:

- President - Marg Doherty (QFHS, GSQ, AFFHO, TDDFHS)
- Secretary - Valerie Thornton (Caloundra FHS, QFHS, Genealogy Sunshine Coast, Qld Manx Society)
- Treasurer - Fay Carbis (Gold Coast FHS, AFFHO)
- Insurance Liaison Officer - Helen Turner (Logan City Historical Museum Society Inc)
- Facebook Administrator - Ann Metcher (Gold Coast FHS)
- Co Newsletter Editor - Jacqui Brock (Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS)
- Co Newsletter Editor - Linda Ely (Toowoomba & Darling Downs FHS)
- Committee Member - Niles Elvery (Qld State Archives)

Please welcome our new Committee Member:

- Committee Member - Sandy Liddle (Wynnum-Manly FHS, Oral History Qld)

Sandy has interests in both family and local history. She has completed the Advanced Diploma in Local, Family and Applied History at UNE, completed a BA in Library Science and then a Masters in Records & Archives Management. Sandy is currently researching and recording all angles and timeframes of St Helena Island's history. Welcome!

Retiring Committee members:

After many years of valuable service to History Queensland, Marie Green and Marianne Diggles stood down from the Committee, and John Perryn retired from the Webmaster position.

Marie Green – very actively involved with TDDFHS and QALFHS then HQ for many years.

She was involved with the Fairs since at least 2004, having been on the HQ committee for most of that time, holding the position of Newsletter Editor and Committee positions.

Marionne Diggles – also very actively involved with TDDFHS and QALFHS then HQ for many years. She was Secretary for several years and has served on the committee for many years.

John Perryn – has been involved with the Qld Association of Local & Family History Societies Inc (QALFHS) since at least 2001 where he was on the Fair Committee and general committee. He became HQ Webmaster around 2008, using his expertise to provide members with extensive lists of links and access to numerous educational tools. We're pleased to note that his vast suite of information will be retained when the History Queensland website is revamped in early 2021.

The dates are approximate as all three were involved long before the current Committee members joined! Thank you to all three.

The 2020/2021 Committee will be in place until the next AGM to be held in May 2021.

History Queensland farewells our long-term Patron...

Bill Kitson

History Queensland is sad to announce that our wonderful Patron, Bill Kitson, has decided to resign from the Patron's role for personal reasons. Bill was a fantastic patron, and we are sad to lose him. He always answered our requests for assistance. He regularly attended our AGMs and more often than not, would speak of his historical research around surveyors and their families.

We wish Bill and his family a wonderful future and hope he keeps in touch.

History Queensland welcomes a new Patron...

Shauna Hicks

We are delighted that archivist and family historian, Shauna Hicks, accepted our invitation to take on the role.

Shauna is well known in Queensland and interstate historical and family history circles with academic credentials to support her reputation. She has worked at the State Library of Queensland, the Queensland State Archives, National Archives Australia in Canberra, and at the Public Record Office Victoria in Melbourne.

Shauna operates her own business *Shauna Hicks History Enterprises* and is a well-known speaker at conferences including Unlock the Past cruises and locally. Shauna blogs at *Diary of an Australian Genealogist*.

We welcome Shauna to her new role as Patron.



A screenshot from the Zoom **Annual General Meeting of History Queensland Inc**

Guest speakers followed the official part of the meeting:

- **Niles Elvery**, from QSA demonstrated the new search functions available via QSA online. (See more search links and details below the Society reports.)
- **Matthew Wengert** in his presentation *When Spanish Flu Came to Queensland* spoke of differences between the 'Spanish Flu' and 'Covid' epidemics and commended the dedication of the nurses and other volunteers.

Rae Frawley - History Redcliffe - Qld State Conference 2022 update:

Proposed dates: Friday 21 October 2022 to Sunday 23 October 2022. Proposed name: Sands in Time

Host society, History Redcliffe, has applied for a grant for website development, and a steering committee is currently developing the logo and negotiating venues. Save the dates!

The following Group Reports were submitted in writing and sent with the Minutes:

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. Absolutely everyone is looking forward to an easing of Covid restrictions!

***Blackbutt and District Tourism and Heritage Inc:** have completed research on all of the enlisted persons whose names appear on their local Cenotaph. They have also completed seven storyboards which will soon be installed in the First Settler's Memorial Park.

***Caboolture Family History Research Group Inc:** the Committee was re-elected at their AGM in September, and despite Covid19 restrictions their membership has continued to grow.

***Caloundra Family History Research Inc:** Have become a FamilySearch Affiliate Library. Renovations and a major upgrade of their computer servers and laptops have been completed.

***Capricorn Coast Historical Society Inc:** Will be releasing their Mini Stories 2 Book in time for Christmas, and have two more substantial books in progress. Their Capricorn Coast Photos Calendar is now available in shops.

***Crows Nest Historical Society Inc:** have found success in cross-marketing on Social Media, in collaboration with the local caravan park which has tripled their customer numbers. They are republishing the Crow's Nest History which was originally written in 1958.

***Dalby Family History Society Inc:** Have received a large number of email and phone enquiries during Covid19 restrictions.

***Descendants of the Australian South Sea Islanders Association Inc:** Have been busy working with government agencies regarding their access to Lot 71, Maroochydore River, Bli Bli, and the planned boardwalk. Lot 71 has cultural significance to the Australian South Sea Islander Community.

***Fort Lytton Historical Association Inc:** has a comprehensive collection of guns ranging from early colonial days to the modern era and are looking at becoming an Artillery Centre of Excellence.

***Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group Inc:** Held a successful Decoration Day with over 100 people in attendance.

***Friends of Toowong Cemetery Inc:** are in the process of locating and identifying all military personnel who have been buried or memorialised on headstones for a proposed Honour Board at the cemetery. Since 2017, they have found over 4500 personnel including some from the Zulu conflict, American Civil War and a chap who landed at Anzac Cove on his birthday - to name a few.

***Glasshouse History Group Inc:** formerly the Friends of Bankfoot House. The new association will broaden the group's perspective in researching local history, and will continue to promote Bankfoot House and the resident families. They have changed their Facebook page to reflect the new name.

***Gold Coast Family History Society Inc:** Have reduced costs associated with their Rootes Journal by cutting back from 4 editions per year to 3, and publishing them on their website. They have been successful in obtaining a grant from their council and are awaiting further news.

***Genealogy Society of Queensland Inc:** Their recent "Exploring Irish History" seminar was successful, with 122 people in attendance (via Zoom), and included a live Q&A session with two overseas presenters.

***Ipswich Genealogical Society Inc:** recently visited Ipswich U3A where President Irma Deas spoke on the history of the Society and the resources available. This was well received.

***Moggill Historical Society Inc:** are working on a World War 2 Diggers Project funded by grants received from the DVA Saluting Their Service Program and the Lord Mayor's Community Fund. In the coming year, they hope to complete memorial restoration works in the Moggill Cemetery.

***North Pine Historical Society Inc:** are currently working with the local YMCA on the history of the buildings within Old Petrie Town (North Pine Country Park).

- *Oral History Queensland Inc:** The Bi-annual Oral History Australia Conference was held in October 2019. Peer support meetings are at the heart of their organisation.
- *Oxley-Chelmer History Group Inc:** Continued working in several research projects. Six interpretive signs were unveiled at Graceville Park on Remembrance Day 2020. Their new book, *The Oxley Ham and Bacon Factory* was launched in November. The group will celebrate their 25 year anniversary in 2021.
- *Peachester History Committee Inc:** Their Heritage Centre was officially opened in October 2019, and then from March it was closed. They secured a Covid Response Grant from the Sunshine Coast Council to help cover costs.
- *Queensland Family History Society Inc:** Maintained member numbers through two initiatives: introduction of online datasets and using online meetings and educational events. Searchable data sets are available via <https://www.qfhs.org.au/>
- **QFHS and the Genealogical Society of Queensland GSQ** continue discussions to assess possible amalgamation and expect that members will vote on this early in 2021. They are also seeking premises to share and are interested to hear from like-minded organisations that may also wish to share premises.
- *Queensland Manx Society Inc:** Received a grant from Gambling and Gaming Fund - used to purchase tents, banners, signs etc.
- *Redland Genealogical Society Inc:** Situated within the Cleveland Library with a Memorandum of Understanding to provide 9 hours/week of research for the public in return for use of the room. Change of official name reflects that they are no longer a branch of Genealogical Society of Queensland.
- *Spinners, Weavers & Fibre Artisans of Ipswich Inc:** Became an incorporated group in August 2020, having previously been part of Ipswich Historical Society for forty years. Meetings held Monday & Thursday in Brighton House 1041 Redbank Plains Rd, New Chum. Aiming to hold open days, workshops and a three-day camp.
- *The Gap Historical Society Inc:** Major project continues to be mapping The Gap Timeline Project with some 440 entries recorded. Checking the historical accuracy of the information will continue into 2021.
- *Toogoolawah & District History Group Inc:** Developed and installed two large photographic historic rail murals on the storage shed - supported by Somerset Council. Projects for 2021 include a Railway Garden, Linville Festival in November and additions to their history display.
- *Toowong and District Historical Society Inc:** Went into recess but kept in touch via Facebook posts. AGM in August decided to defer annual subscription fees. Toowong Library is their home base, but parking is proving difficult and options are being explored.
- *Toowoomba and Darling Downs Family History Society Inc:** New publication *History of Coachbuilders, Blacksmiths, Saddlers and Bookmakers* is selling slowly; Marianne is editing *In Our Backyard* Vol V ready for publication. Kept up meetings via Zoom and some in-house combinations.
- *Wide Bay Hospitals Museum Society Inc:** Continued to add to the health care history of the community, including records related to the local hospital. Received a Fraser Coast Regional Council Community Projects Grant to add three information signs. Photos and artwork advice were given for entry windows of Maryborough Hospital Emergency Department.
- *Woodford Historical Society Inc:** Received a grant from Moreton Bay Regional Council to revamp their shared space with Community Art group. Publicity is gained via brochures, listing on Queensland.com, tourism sites and Tripadvisor. Plans include documenting houses and buildings and recording locals' memories.
- *Wynnum Manly Historical Society Inc:** Looking to publish an updated version of 'Street

Names in the Wynnum Manly Lota Area' in 2021, and continuing to research the history of local churches.

Date Claimers

HQ Membership Renewal reminders will be emailed in early February.

Join us at Congress 2021 on Norfolk Island 1-5 August 2021... book soon!

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AFFHO 01 - 05 Aug 2021 - Norfolk Island
16th Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations Congress

DEPART BRISBANE from \$1149 pp
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History in Paradise
Hosted by Norfolk Island Museum

Holiday Package Price includes:

- Return 'seat + bag' economy airfare to Norfolk Island, incl. all airline taxes
- Meals/Greet at Norfolk Airport
- Return airport transfers on Norfolk
- 7 nights twin share accommodation
- 7 days car hire
- Half Day Island Tour
- Complimentary 'Mini Golf' & A Walk in the Wild & free bonus gift redeemable at The Bounty Centre
- Discount Norfolk shopping card

16th Australasian Federation of Family History Organisation Congress - hosted by Norfolk Island Museum

Family history society members and genealogy enthusiasts across Australasia are warmly invited to the Australasian Federation of Family History Organisations 2021 Congress. What better location could there be to immerse yourself in family history, genealogy and hereditary than on beautiful – and historic – Norfolk Island? Your hosts, the Norfolk Island Museum are organising a variety of lectures, presentations, trade show, tours and activities that will take you across the breadth and width of the island and its history.

Variety of lectures & workshops – Genealogical Experts • Tours – World Heritage Listed Kingston • Trade Show

Updates are available on the AFFHO Congress 2021 website : www.affhocongress2021.com

Conditions apply | Prices are in AUD and current today, subject to availability & change without notice | Travel insurance strongly recommended

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Congress Program
Full Program sessions and details will be available soon.

Fri 30 July	Sydney arrivals Auckland arrivals
Sat 31 July	Brisbane arrivals Half Day Island Tours available (Sydney/Auckland) Trade Show – Rupp-It
Sun 01 Aug	Trade Show – Rawson Hall
Mon 02 Aug	Half Day Island Tours available (Brisbane)
Tues 03 Aug	Congress Day 1 Welcome from hosts and AFFHO opening speaker – Ray Martin
Wed 04 Aug	Congress Day 2
Thurs 05 Aug	Congress Day 3 Closing of Congress Congress Dinner A (Sydney/Auckland travellers)
Fri 06 Aug	Sydney departures Auckland departures Congress Dinner B (Brisbane travellers)
Sat 07 Aug	Brisbane departures

All Congress dinners will only split into two groups if COVID safe regulations require. Otherwise there will be one Congress dinner on Thurs 05 Aug 2021.

Registration
Registration is separate to holiday packages and paid online at www.affhocongress2021.com - take advantage of Early Bird registration by booking before 28 February 2021.

NB: In the event that you cannot travel due to COVID-19 travel bans, your registration fee minus \$20 costs will be fully refunded.

Early Bird Full Congress Registration:
Book by 28 Feb 2021 for registration cost of \$400pp
(Full registration \$600pp from 01 March 2021)

- Entry to Trade Show
- Congress attendance for 3 days
- Lunch and morning tea for 3 Congress days
- Congress Dinner with entertainment and transfers
- Welcome Bag
- Electronic copy of Congress papers

Early Bird Social Registration:
Book by 28 Feb 2021 for registration cost of \$100pp
(Full registration \$120pp from 01 March 2021)

- Entry to Trade show
- Congress Dinner with entertainment and transfers

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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, a new logo, and a new website!



**Note that most HQ Societies will close over the Christmas period...
please check their websites before visiting.**



Wishing all of the History Queensland family a safe and Happy Christmas.

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