

Messages from HQ Executive

Hello again,

As we move quickly towards the end of 2021, we are still in Covid land, although Queensland is not too bad. I know that some researchers have not been able to visit the lockdown states, but perhaps now is the time to travel within Queensland.

I recently visited my dad's hometown of Pittsworth and went to the newspaper office, which had copies of papers not on Trove or at the State Library of Queensland. While I was unsuccessful in finding what I wanted, the newspaper staff were great, and I now know that what I wanted does not exist. A negative outcome, but I now know there is nothing to find. Maybe before Christmas is the time for some heritage travel in Queensland and cross off some of the 'to do' list and support Queensland tourism.

Hope to see you in person at the HQ six-monthly meeting in Peachester on Saturday 20 November. There's nothing quite as wonderful as meeting up with a group of enthusiastic family and local history people to share our stories. See the program and RSVP details further on in the newsletter.

Good luck and happy researching,
Marg Doherty (President)

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A request from **Jason Reeve** (Content Acquisition Manager – Australia & New Zealand Ancestry)

I'm looking to purchase copies of the following AU electoral rolls to add to our existing collection online and I thought it might be good to ask this community before heading to the larger archives.

NSW: 1939

QLD: 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1900, 1901, 1911, 1939, 1941, 1959

TAS: 1939, 1941

VIC: 1939, 1941, 1946

WA: 1939

Digital, paper or film works, but preference will be those that are digital or can be posted for scanning. So, if you have all or any of these years readily available, please let me know and we can talk further.

Contact Jason direct via jreeve@ancestry.com M: +61 401 905 520 D: +61 2 8251 9555

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Burke and Wills – Dig Tree at Coopers Creek – Conservation Project

Conserving our history takes many forms – for some of us it's digitising records, scanning photos or recording oral histories... but imagine the work required to conserve an historic tree!

This detailed article outlines the history of the Dig Tree at Fort Wills and explains the extensive conservation which has been undertaken by the Royal Historical Society of Queensland.

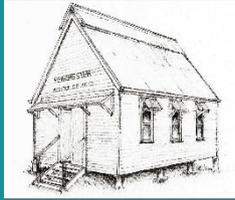
[FAHS Newsletter: No 51](http://history.org.au/Documents/Newsletters/FAHSNewsletter51--Jul2021.pdf), *Federation of Australian Historical Societies*, July 2021
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Date Claimers

History Queensland's next six-monthly meeting

will be held in

Peachester Hall and Heritage Centre



on Saturday 20 November 2021

Hosted by Peachester History Committee



Program

- 9:30 Registration and Morning Tea (Peachester Hall, 960 Peachester Road)
- 10:00 Welcome by PHC
Presentation by Niles Elvery, QSA: History of Peachester School (from Archive sources)
- 11:00 History Queensland Inc General Meeting
Reports from member groups
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 Introductory talk about the history of the district and development of Peachester Heritage Centre, followed by a tour of the Centre with volunteers on hand to answer questions. (The Heritage Centre is located directly behind the hall.)
- 2:30 Optional tour of Peachester Cemetery.

Close.

Lunch will be provided according to current COVIDSafe Guidelines. Cost \$15.00 - pay at registration.

RSVP by 14th November to Valerie Thornton secretary@historyqueensland.org.au OR [register via this link](#)

Member Organisation Reports:

Please send your report to secretary@historyqueensland.org.au by 14 November.

Limit your report to 250 words and include only relevant news and highlights since the AGM in May, plus details of new publications, upcoming events and your plans for the next six months.

Reports will be presented 'live' at the meeting and will also be included in the minutes and HQ Newsletter.

(If Covid-19 restrictions at the time do not allow for an in-person meeting, members will be advised of the alternate arrangements.)



21–23 October 2022

The team at History Redcliffe are well under way with their planning.

Meeting up and sharing knowledge with other groups is a wonderful aspect of our history groups.

Pop the date in your calendar and plan to be there!

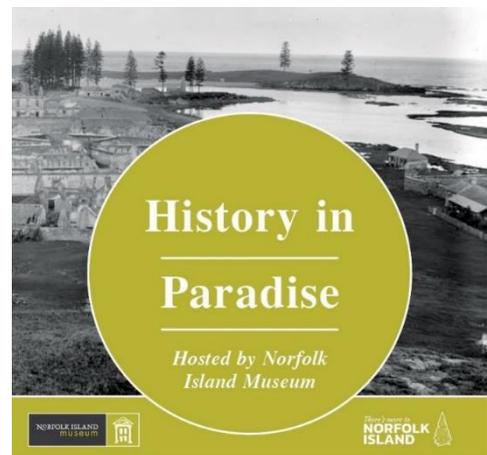
Follow their Facebook page to keep up to date.

AFFHO CONGRESS NORFOLK ISLAND

postponed until
2- 4 August 2022

departing Brisbane 30 July 2022

Information re new travel packages will be available soon.



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Are you a 'Senior' with connections to the Gatton District? Come to a Family History Day in October 2021!

Celebrating Seniors Month! On **13 and 27 October 2021**, Gatton & District Historical Society will hold two free open days specifically for senior citizens (and carers). Come and find out about researching local family history, discover what local resources are available and reminisce with the volunteers. Hear about the famous Gatton Murders!

Morning tea and a good old-fashioned lunch included. Bookings (FREE) are essential via

<https://lockyervalleytickets.com.au/event/14064>.

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WW2 Sites in Queensland – NAA Seminar

National Archives public seminar at NAA Queensland Office in Cannon Hill. 10am Tuesday 19 October 2021

Free, but you will need to book. Details: <https://www.naa.gov.au/.../world-war-ii-sites-queensland>

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What exciting things are History Queensland groups doing?

The History Queensland member groups are all active and hold functions and presentations which are open to the public. You can follow their activities via their websites or Facebook pages to get the most up to date information

Simply look at the History Queensland website under [Directory](#) to see all our members.

Click on the © symbol to go straight to the group's Facebook page.

You can advertise your public events on the [HQ Facebook page](#)

by contacting Ann c/o secretary@historyqueensland.org.au

(The next HQ Newsletter will publish in late November/early December – please [send](#) items of interest for inclusion.)

Messages from our Societies

Welcome to **Canungra & District Historical Association Inc.** as new members of HQ. See their community engagement on their [Facebook page](#).

Two groups are keeping old crafts alive...

The **Smocking Guild of Queensland Inc** was formed as a non-profit group in 1992 to promote the art of smocking. See their activities [here](#).

Spinners, Weavers, Fibre Artisans of Ipswich Inc share their information on their [Facebook page](#).

Gatton and District Historical Society now have an enthusiastic Family History group. They are busy scanning and cataloguing the numerous family related items donated to G&DHS over the years. Check out their [Facebook group](#) to see how they are building connections in their community.

Queensland Manx Society is hosting a traditional Hop Tu Naa Family Picnic on Sunday 31 October 10am-3pm near the pier on Bongaree Beach, Bribie Island. Contact [George Cowin](#) for details.

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Vale Shirley Mary McCorkindale



11 August 1930 – 23 June 2021

Shirley McCorkindale joined the Brisbane History Group in 1988 and was a member of the management committee for most of the ensuing 33 years. Her contribution was immense but often behind the scenes.

A familiar figure at the State Library of Queensland for some forty years, she co-ordinated library services to Queensland government departments and was the library's first genealogy librarian. In 1988, the Library Board of Queensland published her book, *Unlocking the past: Guide to family history and genealogical resources in the State Library of Queensland*.

Shirley's great service to the BHG was her skill as a proof-reader. She was vice-president for a number of years but, in her typically self-effacing manner, refused to accept both nomination as president and nomination as an honorary life member. In recent years, Shirley's health declined, and she died on 23 June 2021. She will be sorely missed.

(With thanks to Brisbane History Group)



History Queensland provides a Zoom account for use by member societies, completely free of charge, with no fixed time limits.

For more information and booking requests contact Sandy Liddle via the HQ Zoom email, hqzoom21@gmail.com, or secretary@historyqueensland.org.au.

Apologies to the Brookfield and Bulimba groups – we mixed up or missed their reports in the last newsletter!

BROOKFIELD DISTRICT MUSEUM & HISTORICAL SOC.

Pleased to resume normal meetings this year. Spent the past months cleaning and revamping displays and sorting photos and information for a future display.

BULIMBA

Numerous Zoom presentations were recorded including talks on the local ferries; memories of early Bulimba; significant local identities; Voyage of the Endeavour; transport; World War II & Tobruk veterans; Balmoral High School Cadets and more.

Numerous projects underway involving the WWI monument, Sailing Club history and street name research.

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LIFE MEMBERSHIP Caloundra Family History Society

VALERIE THORNTON

According to our Constitution Life Membership is bestowed on a member who has attained ten or more years of continuous membership of the Association and has been of continuous good repute and performed over and above the normal duties of a good Member. No-one has done more for this organisation than Valerie Thornton.

Valerie joined the Caloundra FH group in 2006. That same year she was elected as Secretary, a position she occupied until 2009. For the next two years she was Vice President before taking on the role of President in 2011 for an incredible nine (9) year with only one year off in 2013-2014. So, in total Valerie has been on the Executive Committee for 14 years.

Apart from being our longest serving President ever, Valerie has also spent her entire period of membership building our group to be one of the best family history societies in Queensland. Our reputation in the genealogy world is well known by many other groups for our contributions towards promoting family history and to also helping individuals and other groups.

As Project Officer and Grants Officer since 2013, she has completed many grant applications which have achieved over \$43,000 in grants.

Valerie was the driving force behind Caloundra hosting the third State Conference 'Waves in Time' in 2019 on the Sunshine Coast. Her leadership skills led to the success of the largest project ever undertaken by the CFHS. The earnings from the conference were well worth the effort.

Valerie has represented our group at History Queensland's half yearly meetings and their AGM. She has been secretary of HQ for a number of years, a position she recently stood for again and was accepted.

(Information kindly submitted by CFHS)



Calling all Writers

Preserve your precious research by writing a short story...

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

The winner of the GSQ 2021 Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition was announced at the recent GSQ AGM. Congratulations to Betty Lee who won with her story titled 'Doon Villa and the Curlew', a lovely history of a property close to her heart. The story appears in the September 2021 issue of Generation.

The 2021 Competition provided a cash prize which was partly funded by the GSQ Writing Group to encourage members to write up the results of their research. Betty very kindly donated the win to GSQ's Writing Group and her name will be inscribed on the plaque displayed at GSQ.

The theme for the 2022 Joan Reese Memorial Short Story Competition will be announced soon. It is open to both GSQ members and non-members. Find out more - <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/writing-competition/>



TOowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society

TDDFHS is calling for stories for two new publications:

- Vol 6 of 'Our Backyard – Drayton & Toowoomba Cemetery'
- Vol 1 of 'Beyond Our Backyard' – stories of those buried in any cemeteries in the Toowoomba Regional Council area.

Contact Marianne tddfhs@westnet.com.au for more details.

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC

The Queensland Family History Society presents an Award each year for the best history of a Queensland family published in book form within the last five years.

Books submitted as entries must be the story of a family, not an individual. The entries must have significant Queensland content and some reference to the origins of the family prior to arrival in Australia. An index and the citation of references are of prime importance; maps, data and genealogical tables and illustrations are also important.

Currently accepting entries until 30 November 2021 for the Award to be presented at the AGM in June 2022. Members and non-members may submit entries.

First prize in 2022 will be \$250 and 12 months free single membership of QFHS. The winning entry or entries will be reviewed in our journal The Queensland Family Historian.

Entry form can be found here.

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/media/842260/entry-form.pdf>

Guidelines can be found here

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/media/842261/guidelines.pdf>

Conditions here

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/.../1574961/conditions-of-entry.pdf>

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You ordered a certificate ... and it's not your family! Now what?



Share it!

REDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY Inc.

Have set up a "You're Not Mine" Certificates database on the society's website. Members are supplying copies of Certificates, ordered in error, for others to explore and use.

GOLD COAST FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

Has a large fully indexed collection of unwanted certificates.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND

Also has a collection of 'unwanted' certificates.

Interesting information from Corinna Landmann from Mornington Peninsular Family History Society (V)

"Have you ever noticed that older Victorian birth and death certificates have the details of five (5) people on each page, and marriages have three couples?"

That certificate you just ordered is not only valuable to your family, but will also be valuable for the descendants of the other people on that page. Over the years, people have donated certificates to our library, and these have been indexed by David Gibson.

There are currently more than 3,500 names in the index under "Stray Certificates Index" - a register page of Victorian Births in 1879; Births 1000; Deaths over 2000; Marriages over 650.

While the vast majority are Victorian, the other states are also represented, along with England, Scotland, Wales and India."

(With thanks to MPFHS Peninsula Past Times - August, 2021 7)

Now is a great time to check your 'spare' certificates and donate them to a related family history group.

Are you seeking certificates from a particular region? ... Check with the local FH group and ask if they already have it.

These are just some of the groups with indexed Spare Certificates... we'd love to [hear](#) if your group holds this kind of information. Is it freely available on your website or do volunteers search by request?

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Cataloguing your collections

HQ recently received a topical query from Kilcoy District Historical Society:

I was wondering if there are any specific databases used by the History Groups of Qld. Currently we only use Excel together with a Photo database file. We have over 6000 photos in our collection, mostly we are custodians of these, some are public use and others private.

Our quite extensive collection includes:

- Photographs
- Objects
- Interviews
- Newspaper articles
- Cemetery Records
- Family Trees
- Our publications and newsletters

I have attempted to build a database via Microsoft Access however find it very complex considering the variety of content we have in our collection.

I thought you may have had experience with databases being used. Looking forward to hearing from you with any suggestions or directions of possible solutions.

Donald Walker (President) (Included with permission)

The suggestions so far...



[eHive Community History Collections](#) brings together a range of collections held by

historical societies, community heritage groups and keeping places across Australia.

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

Sandy Liddle reports that **Wynnum Manly Historical Society** have started experimenting with eHive. So far it seems to be doing what they want. You can make the items public or keep them private and can set the copyright status to whatever you want as well. If you check out eHive you can see quite a few historical organisations around the world using it.

At present, Sandy is just using the free version which allows uploading of about 200 records. They have applied for a grant to buy a 5-year silver subscription. Pricing options are available on the eHive website. eHive host your site and if you ever cease your subscription, you can download everything into an Excel spreadsheet.

eHive have clouds in USA and in NZ and apparently Australian users use the NZ based cloud. So far, Sandy has found the creating of the records easy and uploading of images easy as well. It caters equally well for museums, archives and historical society libraries.

SharePoint Sandy also works with **St Helena Island Community**, where they use [Microsoft SharePoint](#) to create libraries of documents and photos etc. This is just an inhouse database for use by the volunteers and not designed to go out to the general public. It is fully searchable once you put metadata around the items and if any PDFs you upload are OCR'd, then they will also be fully searchable. (OCR - Optical character recognition)

Incorporated not-for-profit organisations with charity status in Australia can apply to Microsoft for free licences through [Connecting Up](#).



Collections MOSAic is a Collections Management system that is simple enough to use for anyone, affordable enough for everyone, sophisticated enough for the most discerning and flexible enough to suit collections of any size.

Fully searchable data, with built-in and user-definable reports and data export functions. Pre-loaded with industry standard validation lists, but fully customizable by yourself. More details can be downloaded from [here](#).

Now it's over to you... our Member Groups!

Which platform would you recommend for groups wanting to catalogue and index their diverse collections?

What do you use in your group?

Do you have any tips for groups who are just starting out?

What has been your 'user' experience with your chosen system? Pros? Cons?

Has your group held training sessions for members?

Would a Zoom information session be helpful?

Have you successfully applied for grants regarding cataloguing? Share your suggestions.

Please send your suggestions and tips to newsletter@historyqueensland.org.au

We'll collate your ideas and share them at the November meeting and on the HQ website for all groups to use. There are plans to hold Zoom information sessions if required.

Thanks in advance!

Identifying and Dating Photos

Identifying your photos, whether for your group or from your personal collection is always an interesting exercise! Many genealogists and commercial groups (eg Ancestry, FindMyPast and MyHeritage) provide blogs and tutorials with handy hints for their members.

Here is a free 60-minute webinar from NAA.

[National Library of Australia](http://www.naa.gov.au)

Finding and Dating Photographs Webinar 2020

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vIoIN-DQfo>



Find family photos and piece together dates and places from the many clues they contain. Clothing, cars, historic events and even telegraph poles can help date an image and provide crucial information.

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There are many ways to share the information and items held by local and family history groups, so the knowledge is readily available for interested individuals. Written accounts, Facebook pages, collections of photos and oral recordings of personal stories and ancestor discoveries are equally important for family use.

For example, you will often see personal mementos and photographs in backgrounds of Zoom meetings.



Many people have commented on Jacqui's wall of photos. Here's how it came about...

"I had been looking for a way to display some of my family photos for some time, when a friend suggested Mixtiles to me.

Mixtiles.com is a website much like a photobook website, where you can select a frame and upload photos to produce a "Mixtile". The finished product is an 8"x8" (20cmx20cm) photo mounted on lightweight foam with a strip of re-stickable adhesive on the back, so that you can stick the photo to the wall, and then move it anywhere you like without damaging or marking the wall. Each tile weighs 60 grams.

I selected several photos of my family and edited them to headshots only. I then put some of the photos through the free MyHeritage photo enhancer to tidy them up a bit, and then using MS Paint, I added each person's name with their birth and death years. You could use any photo editing program to do the last two steps – or maybe you won't need to edit your photos at all. I named all of mine as a way of future-proofing them for when I'm "gone".



I found the Mixtiles website very easy to use. They have some great package deals. I believe they are made in the USA, however they arrived about two weeks after I'd ordered them and were very well



packed. I recommend you check out the Mixtiles website, and some of the many youtube videos on their product." Jacqui B.

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