

Messages from HQ Executive

The AGM is done and dusted for another year. We had a wet event at the QSA. However, it all went well except that due to the heavy rain the previous day, many of our travellers from Toowoomba and the Sunshine Coast attended by Zoom. Even our Patron, Shauna Hicks, did her excellent autobiographical presentation by Zoom. It was great, and we got to know more about Shauna. A big thanks to the QSA for hosting us again.

The Management Committee remains almost the same, except that we said farewell to Sandy Liddle and welcomed Kay Ryan from Toowoomba. While we will miss Sandy, Kay is a welcome addition to the committee.



Registrations for the Queensland Family and Local History Conference Sands of Time at Redcliffe on 21 - 23 October have opened.

How about you and your fellow society members come along and meet other family and local historians? We would love to see you there, and hopefully, you can attend our next six-monthly meeting on Sunday 23 October.

Happy researching
Marg Doherty (President)

Queensland Local and Family History Conference – Redcliffe – 21-23 October 2022 ~ Support for Regional Delegates to attend in person ~

History Queensland is funding up to five support packages of \$1000 each for delegates from regional areas to attend the Sands of Time Conference in Redcliffe.

Regional member groups are invited to apply for assistance funding to enable their representative/s to travel to Redcliffe to attend the Conference in person. More information will be distributed soon via email, Facebook and on the HQ website. A few T&Cs will be listed in the information sheet (eg eligible locations and a preference for one package per group).

Look for the application information and apply as soon as you can! We want you to catch the Early Bird registration. And we want you to meet lots of people and take lots of ideas back to your group.

See more details about the **Sands in Time – 4th Queensland Local and Family History Conference** on the [website](#) and [Facebook page](#).

History Queensland – Insurance 2022 - 2023

Insurance invoices are now due for payment...
please pay promptly so you can receive your Certificate of Currency.
The HQ Insurance offering is very popular, with 96 of our Member Societies insured through HQ.

Thank you if you have already paid.

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REVIEW OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS ACT 2002

Feedback deadline 30 June 2022

The *Public Records Act 2002* (PR Act) outlines the recordkeeping responsibilities of about 500 public authorities. These authorities must keep full and accurate records, be guided by the policies, standards and guidelines set by the State Archivist and preserve records so that they can be accessed by this and future generations.

The *Public Records Act 2002* (PR Act) has not been reviewed since it commenced in 2002. It should reflect contemporary recordkeeping practices, technology and community expectations.

The Review being conducted by an independent panel of experts will help Queenslanders to trust the way public records are created, preserved and accessed.



It will also assist the second phase of the Digital Archives Program, which will invest \$17.3 million to provide Queenslanders with access to permanent digital records.

Queensland's public records are central to government recordkeeping and to open, accountable and transparent decision-making. As representatives of peak stakeholder organisations, you and your members are encouraged to have your say and participate in this review so that your expectations are considered particularly in the areas of public access and government accountability.

Queensland's public records capture the history of our State. However, the PR Act doesn't mention First Nations Queenslanders. The Review can contribute to protecting and revealing their stories as part of our broader history.

Have your say...

It is essential that Queenslanders have their say on how public records are kept and managed as these records contribute to our common understanding, provide shared knowledge, and preserve our history.

Consultation is now open until midnight, 30 June 2022. [Visit the PR Act Review page to have your say](#)

All Queenslanders have a stake in the proper management of our public records so that they are kept and remain accessible into the future.

The Review is to make a recommendations report to the Government in August 2022.

Everyone can have a voice in the Review by completing a survey, and/or making a written submission, until 30 June 2022. Please share this link with your members.

Visit www.qld.gov.au/public-records-review to have your say.

Submitted by Niles Elvery – Queensland State Archives and David Swift - Queensland State Manager - NAA

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National Family History Month



August is National Family History month. If your society, library or museum is hosting an event in honour of National Family History Month, please enter it on the [shared calendar](#).

The website is <https://familyhistorymonth.org.au/> and you can follow the social media channels on [Facebook](#), Twitter [@AustNFHM](#) and Instagram [@nationalfamilyhistorymonth](#) to hear the latest news.

PS. NFHM had tech issues and have rebuilt their online information... you might have to renew your login details.

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'ORPHAN PHOTOS' (eg Corley Collection) – UNDERSTANDING COPYRIGHT

An 'orphan work' is one that is protected by copyright, but for which the owner cannot be identified and/or located.

See the [Australian Copyright Council Information Sheet on orphan works](#) for more information.

Copyright information sheet from State Library Queensland: <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/understanding-copyright>

Background story submitted by Judy Magub, *President Kenmore & District Historical Society*.
kenmorehistory@gmail.com

'Each month I write a story on a local history to be published in a magazine 'The Local Bulletin', which is distributed in western suburbs of Brisbane. Photos are essential to the stories, and we are always careful to ensure that the photos we use are sourced and out of copyright.

Recently I came across the issue of 'Orphan Photographs' and thought other historical societies may be interested in this copyright issue.

The story I was writing was about Frank and Eunice Corley who drove around Brisbane streets in their Cadillac in the 1960s and 70s photographing suburban homes. They then went door to door selling the photos, often attached to a calendar, to the homeowners.

In 1995 Frank showed the photos he had stored in a shed (the ones that he had not sold) to a friend, Douglas Spowart, who recognised the value of this historic record of Queensland homes. Frank donated the collection of 60,000 photographs to the State Library of Queensland. It took two decades for the volunteers and staff at the SLQ to sort, clean, catalogue and digitise the collection before it was displayed at the Exhibition of Frank Corley Photographs at the SLQ in 2019.

I was keen to include some of those house photos in my story and I was surprised to discover they were in copyright with the SLQ. I wrote to the SLQ for permission to use some of the photos and they advised that the Corley photos are classed by the State Library as 'Orphan Works'.

They included a very informative 6-page document prepared by the Australia Copyright Council ACC explaining the process. ([Australian Copyright Council Information Sheet on orphan works](#))

In summary, an Orphan Work is one that is '... protected by copyright, but for which the owner cannot be identified and/or contacted'. It applies no matter the year the photo was taken.

After reading the ACC document, the publisher and I decided there was a significant risk, and we chose not to use any of the photos.

I hope this information is useful to other historical societies and writers of local history.' (Judy Magub)

The response from SLQ included the following:

'The Corley house photographs are in copyright but are classed by State Library as orphan works.

An 'orphan work' is one that is protected by copyright, but for which the owner cannot be identified and/or located. Please see the Australian Copyright Council Information Sheet on orphan works for more information.

State Library of Queensland has chosen to make these photos available online to our clients using section 200AB of the Copyright Act 1968 (Commonwealth). In deciding whether or not to use these photos, you will need to assess the risk for you/your organisation, and if you decide to use them consider adding a "good faith" notice.

We ask that you please attribute State Library of Queensland as the source when using these items. Our preferred method of attribution is located on our website <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/understanding-copyright>.

As the works are in copyright, only the medium resolution versions of the images are available to be downloaded via our catalogue. You are welcome to use them, and I have attached instructions on how to download images via our catalogue. If you require high resolution images, you can submit an online [image order form](#) via our website. That webpage has information about available formats and pricing.'

With thanks to Judy Magub for bringing this to the attention of History Queensland members.

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Date Claimers



4th Qld State Conference
21–23 October 2022
Redcliffe

Now open for Registrations <https://sandsoftime.org.au/2022/05/30/registrations-open-now/>

Keep up to date: Join the [Sands of Time Facebook page](#). Read the [newsletters](#). Check out the [website](#).



Book now to join family and local history friends in person.

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Bookings are also open for two NSW events.

Family History Down Under [FHDU 2022](#) is offered as an in-person event at Castle Hill or as live-streamed or recorded options. 8-11 November 2022

NOTE CHANGES to the NSW & ACT Conference: The [NSW & ACT Conference](#) is now offered **ONLY** as an online event via Zoom or YouTube. 16-18 September 2022. Bookings are required.

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Preserving Textiles with Louise McCullagh



Brisbane Living Heritage is proud to present [Preserving Textiles with Louise McCullagh](#)

Join us for an intimate workshop to learn about the conservation of historic textiles, offering participants a hands-on opportunity to learn from one of Queensland's leading conservators.

Louise will explain the many facets of a textile conservator's role with examples of conservation processes and technique, offering practical advice on the preservation of textiles.

The workshop will discuss the handling and storage of textiles, plus advice on support, repairs, and display. This is your opportunity to ask the Textile Conservator questions specific to your textile collection.

- The Embroiderers Guild - 149 Brunswick Street, Fortitude Valley
- Wednesday 29 June 2022 9:30 am - 11:30 am
- <https://events.humanitix.com/preserving-textiles-with-louise-mccullagh>
- \$40 (BLH members \$35) Includes a light morning tea.

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Welcome a new member group

LAIDLEY DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

Established in 1972, Laidley Pioneer Village was the first of such heritage villages in Queensland and has contributed to the education of thousands of visitors and school children.

The Village is situated south of Laidley on the site of the original resting paddock used by the teamsters for the Cobb & Co horses.

Come and **celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the opening** of the first Pioneer Village in Queensland with an all-day breakfast from 8am to 2pm on Saturday **24 September 2022**.

It's a family friendly event with live entertainment. Come and talk to the old timers at the old trade displays including a blacksmith, woodworking, small engines and vintage cars.



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Snippets from HQ Member Societies

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY QFHS



Finding your family: a beginner's course in research

Presenters: QFHS Tutors – delivered online

This six-week course will be very comprehensive for someone wanting to start researching their family history, but unsure of the process.



Content will include home sources, organisation, BDM certificates, archives, libraries, newspapers, overseas research, and much more.

\$60.00 members and \$90.00 non-members – limit of 10

The cost includes:

- The book, *Where do I start? - a brief guide to researching your family in Australia and New Zealand* by Shauna Hicks 2nd Edition (rrp \$25).
- For non-members, complimentary use of the QFHS Library and Resource Centre and members' area of the website for the term of the course.

Ticket sales close on Monday, 27 June 2022.

The dates (10:30am - 12:00 noon AEST) are:
Six Mondays from 4 July to 8 August 2022

Register: <https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/finding-your-family-a-beginners-course-in-research-winter/>

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TOOWOOMBA & DARLING DOWNS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

'Our Backyard and Beyond Volume 6' - \$25

Volume 6 of the TDDFHS' "Our Backyard" series features stories of people interred in the Drayton and Toowoomba Cemetery and includes some cemeteries 'beyond' our backyard. The 193-page book includes a complete list of contents from Vols 1-6.

Available in hard copy or USB at \$25 plus postage (if required) of \$15 per book or \$4 for the USB.

To order: email Marionne at tddfhs@westnet.com.au.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND GSQ



Family History Fundamentals

A 4-week online course from GSQ

Commences Tuesday 6 September @ 7 pm

About the course:

Start your family history research on a solid foundation. Presenters are experienced GSQ researchers. All sessions to be recorded and available until 2 weeks after the Q&A session.

What does it cost for all 4 sessions?

GSQ/QFHS members: \$70; Non-members: \$90

Book and pay online:

<https://www.gsq.org.au/event/family-history-fundamentals-4-sessions/>

Course program - via Zoom

- 6 Sep Where do I start? The basics of family history research.
- 13 Sep Finding records. Primary and secondary records, indexes, online search strategies, archives, newspapers, sharing research.
- 20 Sep What we might find and where. Civil registration, census, parish records. This session has an Australian focus.
- 27 Sep Q&A session. Presenters respond to questions submitted by registrants.

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Remember... you can highlight your activities and news in the [HQ Facebook](#) page.

Simply email your information to Ann, the Facebook Editor, via secretary@historyqueensland.org.au

BRISBANE VALLEY HERITAGE TRAILS INC

An invitation and background information from the owners of *Stonehouse* at Moore in the Brisbane Valley:



Hope to see you at Stonehouse on 23 or 24 July.

Are you aware of the historical significance and importance of Stonehouse?

It's a group of stone buildings built in 1874 as an Inn and horse changing point for the Stagecoach that travelled from Esk to Nanango, and a mail point on the Drovers trail between the South Burnett and Brisbane.

Stonehouse was Heritage listed in 2001 and is referenced in the old Folk Song "Ladies of Brisbane". The story of Stonehouse and the Williams family is a fine example of Queensland's pioneers.

We're led to believe that the Inn was the first stone-built structure of its kind built outside of Brisbane.

Unfortunately, these historical buildings have been neglected over the years by both the owners and local councils and allowed to fall into disrepair. At one stage a previous owner even tried blowing it up! There have been several attempts to save these buildings as a tribute to our Heritage – unsuccessful until now!

Along with the Brisbane Valley Heritage Trails group, **we're holding Open Days on 23 and 24 July.** The weekend is themed on History and Heritage. Our last open day attracted about 600 people.

These Open Days are aimed at allowing the public to appreciate these buildings and what they represent, and the amazing history the Queensland has to offer.

The Open Days create awareness of the importance of saving these historic buildings and of course, fund raising to help with the repairs required.

We were hoping you could come and visit to see first-hand and absorb the historical atmosphere. Maybe your group could even be part of our exhibits or at least help advertise these open days to your members.

The more interest we can generate for our open days and on [our Facebook site](#) will obviously give us more power in saving this part of Queensland's history.

Any support, help or advice you can offer would be of great benefit. Thank you, *John and Loretta Eastwood.*

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Digitising Projects

When our member groups presented their reports at the recent History Queensland AGM, almost every group included the phrase:

“Our digitising projects continue”.

There's no doubt that we expect more and more information to be available electronically, especially when digitising also preserves the original document from excess handling. There is such variety in the items being digitised, the methods used and the access available. General discussion around digitising projects showed that some groups wanted information on how the experienced digitising groups achieve their results.

Our HQ member groups are generous with their information, so the call for helpful insights led to ten groups responding to a series of questions about the practical side of digitising.

The questions posed included:

What is your specific project?

Why are you doing it?

How did you check that the information is not already held elsewhere?

How did you obtain funding for the project?

What equipment are you using?

Where does the digitising take place? (eg At rooms or home-based)

How many people are involved in the project?

What problems have you encountered?

How will members or the public access the data when completed?

Numerous group reports mentioned their appreciation of Milli K's assistance. **Genealogy Sunshine Coast** offers workshops, expertise and guidance. <https://sites.google.com/site/genealogysunshinecoast/nc/Home>

The ten detailed responses follow. They show a wide variety of approaches, including obtaining funding but unable to find someone with the knowledge and skills to carry out the digitising project.

Thank you

to everyone who shared their Digitising insights.

You can add to the digitising discussion in the August HQ Newsletter...

please send your suggestions or questions to newsletter@historyqueensland.org.au

Gatton and District Historical Society – aiming for updated consistency

What is your specific project?

Currently working on archiving our extensive Photographic and Image Library by transferring every silver halide print, film negative, glass plate negative and slide into archive quality folders and reference systems. We are about 75% of the way through our collections and donations. We will then scan and digitally archive our collection for future restoration and historical accessibility.

Why are you doing it?

Our archiving systems have been in place since the 1970's however with the turnover of volunteers and management, our collections have not been consistent in quality or practices. By moving all our photos out of old folders and boxes into archive quality materials, we are future proofing our images from any further deterioration. By digitizing through scanning, we will be able to have fast access to anything we may need for historical research or projects.

How did you check that the information is not already held elsewhere?

The only other duplication of our photographic collection is through our alphabetical family history folders which have been collected and stored over the years. Through meta-data and tagging we can now assign family or person details.

How did you obtain funding for the project?

We currently do not have funding; this task is undertaken every Monday by two of our volunteers.

What equipment are you using?

Our archiving folders and sleeves come from the company *Allbox* which produces sleeves for nearly all image types and sizes. For our digitization we currently have a professional grade Epson Scanner though we haven't yet set a concrete way moving forward. We will most likely look at investing in Adobe Lightroom and professional grade storage (and cloud) back up equipment.

Where does the digitising take place? (eg At rooms or home-based)

All digitization and archiving takes place at the Historical Society in our 'Headmasters House'. Our bookshelves of archives and computers are all in easy reach of each other.

How many people are involved in the project?

Just two: Stephenie Chivers (Diploma in Family History) and Andrew Stubbersfield (Diploma in Photography)

What problems have you encountered?

The main problem encountered is time. We have been working on this project one day a week for a few months. We will most likely need to be working twice a week with two fully set up computers and scanners to have our collection fully digitized by the end of the year.

How will members or the public access the data when completed

We hope to have a system of access through our website that is being built. We recently held family history research events and open days where the public were invited to contribute any historical information they had about photos on display. A digitised accessible catalogue will give GDHS more local interaction and engagement.

Glasshouse History Group – individual items only

The Glasshouse History Group has not been involved in a specific digitisation project. Individuals do undertake the digitisation of documents and photos, using their private equipment, for specific purposes as necessary.

The Glasshouse History Group Inc. do not own a collection.

Winton District Historical Society & Museum – hampered by remote location, no local expertise

We have unfortunately not carried out the digitisation project we had planned. We wished to digitise our photographic collection with the assistance of a CHART grant from AMaGA but were unable to locate someone locally with the skills and the time available to carry it out.

(Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (**CHART**) program – Australian Museum and Galleries Association **AMaGA**)
<https://www.amaga.org.au/chart>

Had we 'imported' someone to do it, travel and accommodation would have consumed a large part of the \$3000 maximum grant from the CHART program.

Consequently, we modified our CHART application to assist with the display space refresh we planned to do.

Bruce Collins - President

Toowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society TDDFHS – in-house experience

Our main aim is to make records more easily accessible from the computers. It also saves wear and tear on our film readers/printers and original documents.

Deciding which films or fiche to digitise was easy, we merely checked online to see whether they had been digitised by other organisations. All digitisation takes place at the research centre with presently three volunteers involved, though at one stage we had four. This has all been done with very little training. All equipment has been funded internally (from previous fundraising, bequests, memberships and book sales) without the need for grant applications.

What problems have you encountered?

Sometimes the scans had to be done again when they hadn't focused the machine correctly or if the contrast wasn't correct.

How will members or the public access the data when completed?

This is an on-going project and records can only be accessed at the centre by researchers or members. The records are stored on a NAS drive which is connected to the four computers linked to Australian research.

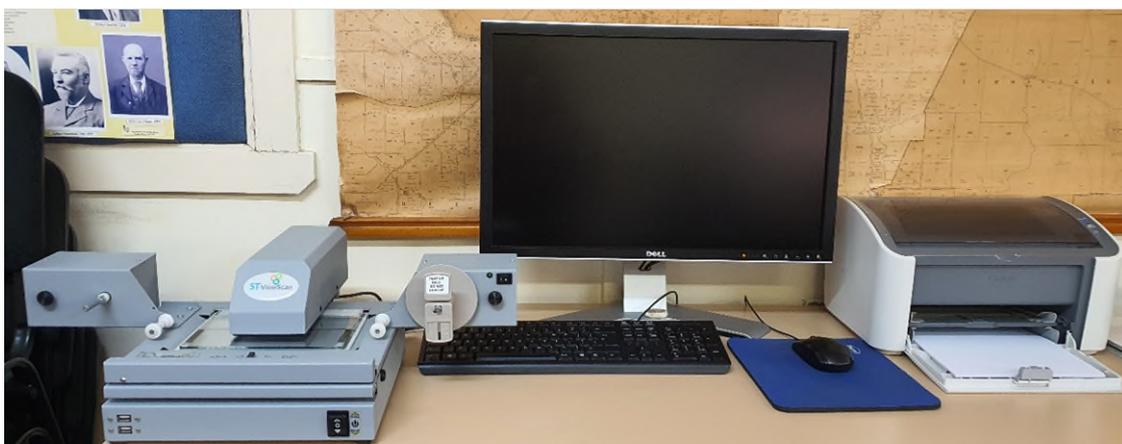
We have nine members presently indexing the Toowoomba Chronicle, school admission records and government gazettes. School admission records and government gazettes are done from pdf files.

We have been assisting Crows Nest Historical Society digitise their records and some of the larger files have been digitised here with the help of someone on Job Plan.

We can be contacted by email tddfhs@westnet.com.au and we're happy to show anyone from like societies how we have done things.

What equipment are you using?

We have two Canon photocopier/scanners, two STViewscan film/fiche reader/scanners, Scan Snap SV600 and a Canon image DR – M140. (Photos by Jacqui Brock TDDFHS)



Isis District Historical Society – An outsourcing project

Isis District Historical Society Inc. is currently digitizing and cataloging our collections and memorabilia into digital format so that researchers have access to copies of the originals in order to preserve the original physical items.

What is your specific project?

Our biggest project currently, is the digitising of the newspapers, Isis Recorder – Childers and Cordalba Advocate, gratefully donated to the Society by Wayne Heidrich, past editor of the Town and Country Paper.

The preservation of these papers dated from 1925 to 1985 was considered of the highest priority after much handling by researchers – careful though they were-to prevent further deterioration. The information that the papers provide about our locality, its people, businesses and interests is priceless, and we were determined in achieving this goal.

What equipment are you using?

The Society discussed what was involved in doing this ourselves, using decent camera equipment, lighting, scanners, space, and relevant software. For our society, space and time was a negative aspect that we couldn't overcome. After pricing an all-in-one digital scanner that would copy broadsheets, we discussed sharing the cost or rental with one or more Historical Societies. However, finding others would be time consuming, depend upon the availability/access to machines, and would also a big learning curve to use it successfully.

The State Library of Queensland were very helpful and could certainly use their scanner to copy for us, but this could only be done when their time allowed.

Have you outsourced the project? And if so - to whom?

Lastly, we approached a professional company where the expertise and equipment were already in place. We obtained a quote from *Grace Digital Management* in Brisbane who worked with their transport department in Bundaberg to give us their best advice on how to go about the process with their company.

How did you obtain funding for the project?

As a not-for-profit organisation, we applied for a Gambling Community Benefit Fund, and we included some other much needed projects along with our newspaper scanning. We were very grateful to receive just under \$35,000 in February 2022 with about \$9,000 being the portion allocated specifically for the scanning and digitising, packaging, transport to and from Brisbane of the papers.

An update from June 2022: the process is going well, and our job will be completed by the end of June 2022, well ahead of the time to acquit our Grant Funding. We will receive our newspapers back for long term preservation along with a searchable digital copy of all the newspapers. Having searchable digitised papers is 'Preserving the Past for the Future'.

Toogoolawah History Group – working with local Council

Here is an email from the GM Arts and Culture at our council - also the chief librarian. They are engaging closely with our History Group to develop a quality digitised program of local and regional history.

Kind regards
Beryce

'We've received funding to work on capturing and digitising any historical material to do with the Brisbane Valley Railway Line. This can include photographs and any works of paper – newspaper articles, maps, etc.

We are also looking to capture oral histories – (at least four) from persons who have experience of/ worked on the Brisbane Valley Railway Line or even how the railway impacted their life/ business, etc.

We haven't completed the family histories as yet – apologies. Between flooding and COVID we've just kept our regular events and activities turning over.

We should be able to turn our attentions to this now.'

Caroline Smith
Arts & Culture Manager - Somerset Regional Council

Crows Nest Historical Society Inc – benefitting from an experienced advisor

What is your specific project?

To identify EVERY item in our museum with a photo to match with the number issued on the acquisitions register (if a number was issued). To link with the original paperwork to tell the story of the item - who donated, what is the significance to our area, or family, occupation. To link to WHERE the item is currently on display or in storage.

Why are you doing it?

Our Museum commenced operation in 1979 with meticulous record keeping on card files. Successive years used new methods of data recording (eg Mosaic and Kalamazoo indexes). Over the last ten years our executive members did not see the value or need to keep meticulous records, possibly because the size of the collection, or because the older volunteers did not have the computer skills or expertise to maintain those records was not available (older volunteers who did not have computer skills).

How did you check that the information is not already held elsewhere?

That's the challenge – there have been successive methods of data storage, and no written documentation or index or cohesive user-friendly guide.

Marie Green, our longest serving volunteer, has maintained her own meticulous records and who has overseen the scanning of various publications and collections that she can access personally for research purposes. She is now assisting in training new volunteers willing to take on this challenge.

How did you obtain funding for the project?

We have applied for small grants to assist with providing a suitable work environment: \$1625 for installation of air-conditioning; \$2500 for computer and support equipment.

What equipment are you using?

We started with old computers. As some information was stored on hard drives that could only be accessed in this way or on disk drives, our organisation has now sought professional IT support, and we are gradually updating our computers (hardware & software) to enable remote access. - as we now have a highly skilled staff of 5 who work independently at home or on premises - our next expenditure will be 2 computers, that can be taken home - with protected access (3 staff already have this capability). Scanners being used are old photocopiers with scanning function - one small portable scanner has been purchased.

Where does the digitising take place? (eg At rooms or home-based)

Our organisation has transformed an old kitchen, with existing fridge, and food preparation facilities, that has toilet facility attached, and lockable storage facility adjacent, that holds about six 4-drawer filing cabinets - this is where old photos and documents are currently filed. All have now been scanned, but as the community donates more it's readily accessible. As we are working together now and have the fundamental process in place, we are able to take some items home to photograph, scan and document at leisure - all are logged in a register (what's taken and returned).

How many people are involved in the project?

Five currently - however this can fluctuate, depending on volunteer availability.

What training did the team need?

We are still at the finding and discovery stage - all volunteers working in this area, are highly skilled, and have a background in administration, record keeping and manual writing. We have been fortunate, that Marie Green is guiding us and explaining what previous scanning and administration has been undertaken. We then will train all volunteers, in how to look up, and access all Museum records, to assist with public enquiry - with the support of indexes and manuals.

What problems have you encountered?

- Manpower is challenge number one, realising the task, and not to be overwhelmed by the size and complexity
- Seeking assistance (eg training) before jumping in - how to work cohesively with other like-minded organisations, so eventually all information can be shared.
- Re-inventing the wheel (purchasing successive software packages, that with the departure or illness of volunteers, has meant the organisation lost track of what information had been stored using that software.)
- The failure to write simple manuals for future generations of volunteers
- Accountability - there have been donations of rare or valuable items that would be highly sought after today...
- Some items have simply VANISHED - things don't just DISAPPEAR - have they just been put in a SAFE PLACE????

How will members or the public access the data when completed?

By either making a request to view at the Museum (with the assistance of ANY of our 45 volunteers)
OR Access via an email link to the information (read only - good for 14 days perhaps).

What modes of storage and access are used?

Currently under development: - professional IT assistance has been engaged. All data will be backed up off site.

Information storage will have 3 levels of access:

- Administration - given to 5 volunteers, who are currently updating our records
- View Only - staff access to records, with the intention of providing information
- Public access - general public will be able to view information telling the story of an item on display, by scanning QR code. This will also include oral histories.

How has indexing been achieved? In progress

Have you outsourced the project? And if so - to whom? No - no need currently

THIS INFORMATION WAS PROVIDED BY LEANNE MURPHY, PRESIDENT CROWS NEST MUSEUM & HISTORICAL VILLIAGE , I am available for contact on mobile 0407 699 943 / home 0746 984142

Woodford Historical Society Inc – one person at home

What is your specific project?

To get all our photos scanned and photo descriptions put on a data base.

Why are you doing it?

To preserve them and share them on social media and web page. Makes it easy to look up when people are after photos.

How did you check that the information is not already held elsewhere?

We didn't as most photos were donated from private collections.

How did you obtain funding for the project? We didn't apply for funding.

What equipment are you using? Computer and scanner.

Where does the digitising take place? (eg At rooms or home-based)

Mostly at home.

How many people are involved in the project? Just 1

What training did the team need? Self-taught

What problems have you encountered?

Not enough time to get it all done.

How will members or the public access the data when completed?

Social media, web page and computer in the museum.

What modes of storage and access are used? Dropbox

How has indexing been achieved? MS Excel Spreadsheet

Have you outsourced the project? No

Gold Coast Family History Society – new equipment

GCFHS is undertaking digitisation projects to make some of our resources more readily available to our members. Our initial project is the digitisation of our collection of over 300 family histories many produced and donated by members. The resources they contain are not obvious when looking at their titles and they are under-utilised.

So we:

- asked and received valuable advice and assistance from Genealogy Sunshine Coast about suitable equipment to purchase for our needs
- obtained a Gambling Community Benefit Fund grant at the second attempt
- purchased 2 scanners - an *Avision Bookedge* which enables scanning of books and large pages and a *Scansnap 600* for contactless scanning – currently many pages of fragile Funeral Director's records
- purchased Adobe Professional together with 2 new dedicated computers
- purchased a Synology NAS to store the data

How we do it:

- A small team of volunteers scan the books and then a couple of people check and convert the files to searchable pdf. and store them.
- The scanners are not too difficult to use, and training one-on-one has been fairly straightforward.
- We use an exercise book to communicate with each other re: problems or tips.
- Splitting the work into i) *scanning* ii) *converting* and iii) *storing* overcame early problems with process.
- We digitise in our library rooms, and the data is already searchable via our computer network.
- We scan at 300dpi and as we don't intend to destroy the original books, should a researcher require a higher resolution for any content we scan that separately as a service.

This fairly straightforward project has been a steep learning curve for us all. We intend to expand our digitisation projects as we refine our understanding of the equipment we have.

Central Queensland Family History Association – quality control and indexing

CQFHA Project Team has been digitising and indexing records for many years, including smaller and much larger projects. Some of the larger ones include the Central Queensland Rates books, and the Central Queensland Anglican Records.

The process starts with photographing the original records to produce a digital 'original' copy. This can certainly take some time, depending on the location, and size of the records. The photographs are batched and given to members to index onto a spreadsheet. This work can be completed at home or during the Project Day on Wednesday.

Once the batch is completed, the separate spreadsheets are collated into Master Spreadsheets. These are checked, checked again, and checked again. They are often cross-checked against official records like the Qld BDMs.

Once the Project Coordinator is happy with the final Spreadsheet, then the basic data (Surname, Given, Location - as in which sub index) is extracted into the Master Name Index Database, when it is then made available to search on our website <https://www.cqfamilyhistory.org.au>.

There are currently 1,060,705 entries in this index.

This means that anyone can search for their names, and for a small fee can get the further information from the sub index, or from the original document.

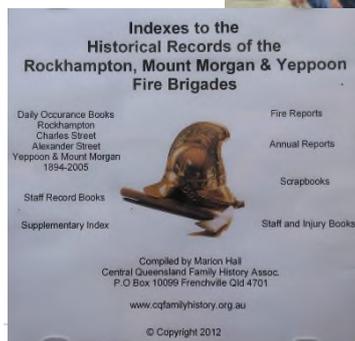
Some of our major projects have been:

- Livingstone Shire Council Rates Books
- Historical Records of the Fire Brigades (Rockhampton, Mount Morgan and Yeppoon)

We are currently working on:

- Anglican Dioceses Records
- Further years for Livingstone Shire Council Rates Books
- CQ Schools

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Highlights from GROUP REPORTS TO AGM 2022

All groups reported relief that restrictions are easing, and members and visitors can meet up again. Many groups continue to use Zoom meetings to include members who are reluctant to meet in person.

It's exciting to hear about the many public projects undertaken to preserve local history, as well as the behind-the-scenes work performed by the hundreds of volunteers who make up the groups of History Queensland.

Sadly, the Charters Towers and Dalrymple Archives Group and The Gap Historical Society are planning to close due to drops in membership.

The complete reports were distributed with the AGM Minutes... here are some highlights.

BLACKBUTT & DISTRICT TOURISM & HERITAGE

- Now acting as Visitor Information Centre
- Continuing research on the history of Blackbutt's churches
- Renovations underway on Pay Office building
- Conducting Tag Along and Guided Tours - next one Yarraman.

BRIBIE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

- New website with over 50 stories of Bribie's History <http://www.bribiehistoricalsociety.org.au>
- Holding regular classes within the U3A on Bribie's history
- Publications available from the Museum and local Post Office
- Brochures available covering self-guided Heritage walks, Bribie Island in WW2, and guide maps.

THE BRISBANE TRAMWAY MUSEUM SOCIETY

- Museum is open each Sunday afternoon
- Ferny Grove Men's Shed maintain the trams and grounds
- Have started a Women's Shed – waiting list to join
- Establishing a 1950's streetscape

CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH INC.

- Held pop-up stalls at local shopping centres to fundraise and promote society
- Conducting History Tours of main street, Bulcock St
- Upcoming events include a seminar "Snapshots of Caloundra's History"
- Beginners Course to be held in Seniors Month
- Morning Tea for new members, BBQ lunch to thank volunteers.

CENTRAL QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

- Recently held a successful Beginners Day and Open Day
- Conducting short computer sessions for members
- Holding regular User Group sessions for Family Tree Maker, Family Historian and DNA.
- Numerous Projects: school registers, BDM etc scrapbooks, Anglican Diocese registers, Livingstone Council records, Calibre program.

DESCENDANTS OF AUSTRALIAN SOUTH SEA ISLANDER ASSOC. SUNSHINE COAST

- In the process of developing new website
- Recently received a donation of a large collection of books on the Pacific region
- Pontoon project on hold awaiting government approvals.

FORT LYTTON HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION Inc

- Undertaking discussion to take over tours of the Brisbane Quarantine Station
- Working with the NPWS rangers on displays
- Creating a new "Fortress Brisbane" Display
- Open on Sundays with guided tours

THE GAP HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

- Due to a huge drop in membership, and the lack of new, younger members coming forth, the society will close later this year.
- Timeline project to be installed on their website.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OF QUEENSLAND Inc.

- Continue to search for new premises
- New website under development
- Successful education program continues.

GENEALOGY SUNSHINE COAST

- Yandina Historic House was successful in obtaining a grant
- Recently received a donation of a five-volume set of local newspaper and local history indexes
- Workshops continue

GLASSHOUSE HISTORY GROUP INC.

- Met with the new owners of local newspaper to discuss submissions of heritage items for publication
- Assisted United Fruitgrowers Co-operative with material for their centenary celebrations this year.

GOLD COAST FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

- Project to merge e-newsletter and journal to reduce workload for editor and editorial team due January 2023.
- Scanning their collection of family histories - 166 so far.

IPSWICH GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

- Have held displays at the Ipswich Show and The Gathering.
- Eight groups at Cooneana Heritage Centre have a combined display

KILCOY DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

- Over 300 people visited their History Hall in past four months
- Currently send bi-monthly newsletters to 377 members
- Have recently repainted after receiving a grant
- Investigating Kilcoy Cemetery upkeep and history tours
- Will be involved in the "All Small Schools reunion" 2023 at Woodford.

LOGAN CITY HISTORICAL MUSEUM SOCIETY INC.

- Have moved into new premises - a purpose-built building in the Kingston Butter Factory precinct.
- The Museum is now open.

LOGAN RIVER & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

- Have moved into new premises in the Slacks Creek Progress Hall in Springwood
- Celebrating 21st Anniversary of the society this year.
- Published a new book "A Family History Journey" - contains the history of the society and several articles written by members over the years.
- Contributing a monthly column to a local paper.

MOGGILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Moggill Cemetery Restoration completed this year
- Two new books produced: *With a Stern Resolve* - the Second World War Service of Moggill Men and Women and the 2nd edition of *Island in the Flood* - the Story of the Bellbowrie, Moggill and Anstead Floods in 2011

NORTH PINE HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC

- Museum has been closed for refurbishment with an expected re-opening of mid-2022
- The APM/Ancor Collection will be handed over to the Moreton Bay Regional Council when terms of the Deed of Gift finalised
- Membership is declining and would like to know how they can help other local societies.

NUNDAH AND DISTRICTS HISTORICAL SOCIETY INC.

- Received two grants of \$15000 (GCBF) and \$1500 (C'wth Volunteers) for digitising equipment and presentations
- Australia-wide reach through Facebook interactions
- Undertaking some local First Nations research
- Publish columns in two local newsletters

ORAL HISTORY QUEENSLAND

- Through Zoom have been able to reach out to remote members
- Conducted two successful face to face "basics" of oral history workshops in November 2021 and April 2022
- The website remains an excellent resource for members and potential members to learn more about oral history.

OXLEY-CHELMER HISTORY GROUP INC

- Celebrated 25th Anniversary in 2021
- Late February flood affected a large part of their local area
- Major three-year project – to share the history of the Sherwood Shire Council which held its last meeting in October 1925
- Have the use of a room at Sherwood Scout Den.

PEACHESTER HISTORY COMMITTEE REPORT

- Applied for, and received, a SC Council Heritage Levy grant to help with the cost of interpretive materials
- Launching new exhibition in June - "A Woman's Work"
- Collaborating with the Peachester QCWA Branch

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC.

- Entered into a Data Provider Agreement with Ancestry.
- Datasets available through Ancestry searches include Queensland School Pupils Index – Parts 1-6, Queensland Customs House Shipping 1852-1899: Passengers and Crew, and Queensland Railway Employees 1889 -1940.
- Finding your Family: online course starting Monday 4 July.
- Recently added a further 223,977 records to their Queensland School Pupils Index - Part 7. The new data relates to 171 schools - available only on the Society's computers.

QUEENSLAND STATE ARCHIVES

- Focus on digitising school admission records from all over Queensland
- About to release a couple of new indexes, mostly relating to immigration.

THE QUEENSLAND WOMEN'S HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION

- The building of the new website is continuing and will be launched in the second half of the year.
- New computers and printers in the Archives and office were purchased and installed in December 2021. This upgrade was possible because of a BCC grant.
- Assembling activities for Archive Discovery Days to enable more members to become familiar with the extensive QWHA archives
- Focus on transcription of letters in a particular file.
- Extensive maintenance works were carried out on Miegunyah
- Current display is "Toys of yesteryear".

REDCLIFFE & DISTRICT FAMILY HISTORY GROUP

- The Group's Newsletter "First Settlement City Gazette" for July and November 2021 and March 2022 were published and widely distributed."
- Financial grant from Moreton Bay Regional Council, a new powerful computer and software system has been developed
- The project involved one of their volunteers scanning each page of the large numbers of documents held in their library so that they can now be searched using OCR technology.
- Upgraded its web page (www.redcliffefamilyhistory.com.au) which is now compatible with mobile phones.

REDLAND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

- Presentation by a Guest Speaker at most meetings.
- Introduced two new Special Interest Groups this year – a DNA Group and a Zoom Group. - designed to help members with their research issues.
- Introduction of a Members' Only section on our website.

TOOWOOMBA AND DARLING DOWNS FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

- The master indexes that continue to grow the most are the Toowoomba Chronicle that has over one million records to 1994 and the school indexes.
- Volume 6 of "Our Backyard and Beyond" has been published
- Members and descendants of persons interred in Toowoomba or cemeteries in the Darling Downs area are encouraged to send in stories of their ancestors for inclusion in the next volume which is already underway.
- Printing and binding of their publications is done in-house – with publications also available on USBs. Previous editions can be printed on demand
- Regular discussion groups and sessions on Family Tree Maker
- Now offer reciprocal rights to members of other societies who visit their rooms.
- Have changed to IQManager - a free program they recommend to any society looking for a book-keeping program. Can be downloaded – FREE!

WOODFORD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

- Have received three grants
- 1900s flood boat has been listed on the Australian Register of Historic Vessels.
- \$3000 from the Australian Government's Culture, Heritage and Arts Regional Tourism (CHART) program to develop a permanent Jinibara People display
- Local Community Support Grant from the Moreton Bay Regional Council for \$1700 to buy 5 television sets – will be used highlight specific displays.

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Suggestions for the August Newsletter

Please send in your digitising project news:

- What are your successes?
- What equipment do you use?
- Why did you choose it?
- What would you recommend about your equipment – pro's and con's?
- How did you fund your project or equipment purchase?
- Where do you recommend other groups should seek funding or grants?
- If you didn't get funding, how does your group raise their funds?
- What software or platform do you recommend/ use for storage of your data?

Please also send in your questions about digitising collections.

- What problems do you need to solve?

Let's keep the digitising conversation going so groups can help each other. Thank you for your input.

Please also send suggestions of other topics to cover in future editions.

Wishing all Members attending the AFFHO Congress on Norfolk Island in early August a wonderful trip!

It's now booked out and we'll meet up on Saturday 30 July at Brisbane Airport.