



HISTORY QUEENSLAND INC.

# NEWS

The latest from History Queensland Inc

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## Messages from HQ Executive

Welcome to the first History Queensland newsletter for 2023 – and Happy New Year!

We hope you take the time to read it and please distribute it to your members so they can benefit from your society membership of History Queensland.

Our Insurance Officer, Helen Turner, is busy with insurance, so please get your forms and payments in as soon as possible. Your insurance forms should go directly to Christine Reith, our insurance broker.

Your HQ membership is also due. Remember you can pay online through internet banking, scan your membership form, and send it to the Secretary's email. In making an electronic payment, please remember to put your society's name in so the payment can be credited to your society.

The Management Committee has been busy organising the AGM at Caloundra.

We are also working to have a conference next year, perhaps in association with AFFHO, our Australasian counterpart, so stay tuned for news.

Happy researching... Marg Doherty (President)

**History Queensland Inc**  
**has a**  
**NEW POSTAL ADDRESS**  
**Effective immediately**  
**all mail should be sent to**  
**P.O. Box 734**  
**Golden Beach QLD 4551**

# 2023 – 2024 Memberships are due for renewal by 31 March 2023.

If you have not received your reminder and 2023-2024 Renewal Form, please contact [secretary@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:secretary@historyqueensland.org.au).

Forms should be emailed to [secretary@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:secretary@historyqueensland.org.au). The information on the form is used to double-check that our database records are correct, so please return a completed form.

Payment by bank transfer is preferred, but please remember to add your society name so we can match it with your renewal.

Please don't use abbreviations of your society name as the bank reference. There are groups with the similar abbreviations, and it can be hard to work out which society made the payment, and this involves unnecessary work for the Treasurer.

And please don't use 'HQ membership' or 'HQ renewal' as your only reference!

# 2023 – 2024 Insurance payments are also due by 31 March 2023.

If you have not received your invoice or have any questions, please contact [insurance@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:insurance@historyqueensland.org.au).

If you have not yet returned your Insurance Renewal Declaration... it is now overdue! Please send ASAP to [christine.reith@ajg.com.au](mailto:christine.reith@ajg.com.au) enable continuous cover.

See the [December HQ Newsletter](#) for full explanations of this year's insurance.

## Trove Funding Petition – closes 22 February

No doubt you have heard of the uncertainty of future funding for Trove.

We encourage all History Queensland member groups (and their individual members) to click on this official Parliamentary Petition link to add their voice to the request for continued funding - <https://www.aph.gov.au/e-petitions/petition/EN4745>. Please forward the petition link to your members, and suggest they forward it to other people who may be interested in registering their protest.

Click the '*sign this petition box*' (blue box at the end of the page). After adding your details click '*Add my signature*'. It will take you less than thirty seconds to complete and you will receive an email from Parliament House to confirm your signature. Once you click the confirmation in that email, your signature is added to the petition.

Please note the **closing date for signatures is 22 Feb**, so there is urgency in letting the Government know your feelings.

# Date Claimer

History Queensland's

## Annual General Meeting AGM

and next 6-monthly general meeting  
will be held on

**Saturday 27 May 2023**

Commencing at 9:30 am

**in Caloundra**

Hosted by



**CALOUNDRA FAMILY HISTORY RESEARCH INC.**

Further details to follow soon.



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# The Historical Foundations of History Queensland

## FOUNDATIONS

The first edition of *QALFHS News* – the forerunner of today's *HQ News* – announced support for the formation of a Queensland association which would unite kindred societies statewide, but not interfere with their independence.

The following is taken from the lead article published in April 1996 – and posted by snail mail – to proposed member societies.

### **“STRONG SUPPORT FOR QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION**

More than forty representatives of Queensland history societies meeting at Ipswich Genealogical Society rooms on 24 February 1996 enthusiastically backed moves for a Queensland association....

The meeting adopted the name ***Queensland Association of Local and Family History Societies***, set membership fees for 1996/97 and discussed a draft constitution....

Formation of a Queensland association was also welcomed by Ms Helen Gregory, Community Historian in the Department of Environment and Heritage, who told the meeting that such an association would help to improve communication between history societies and her Department.

Meeting convenor and steering committee president, Heather Wort, said that early support from metropolitan and country societies was very encouraging. ‘History societies, wherever they are in Queensland, will have greater success in getting a better deal from government agencies and politicians if the societies’ major concerns are advocated by their state body in a strong, united and consistent way’, she said.

Mrs Wort said that while some local and family history societies have been well supported by their local council, others have received little or no support, forcing them to contend with unsuitable premises or pay exorbitant rents....

‘These unsatisfactory situations must be turned around, which is why the Queensland association will be advocating that history societies receive more recognition and support.’ Mrs Wort said that the Queensland association also would:

- Promote greater awareness of local and family history societies’ work in researching and recording important aspects of Queensland’s history and heritage;
- Act as a co-ordinating agency for major events such as conferences and history fairs;
- Print regular newsletters to keep member societies up-to-date on important events, new sources of information, relevant articles and book reviews;
- Promote fellowship, goodwill and co-operation between all Queensland societies.

‘We have adopted some high ideals and a practical management system but what we need most of all is for societies throughout Queensland to join us so that we have the unity and strength to advance our common interests,’ Mrs Wort said.”

**With thanks to Kay Ryan who has a complete collection of the printed QALFHS News.  
The HQ Secretary holds a set of digitised newsletters.  
See the photos on the next page.**



### February 1996 - Setting the foundations for QALFHS now HQ

Standing L to R – Cynthia Berthelsen (Gayndah History Society), Madge Deacon (Maryborough Family History Society), Terry Ryan (North Brisbane Genealogical Society), Phillis Zirbel (Goondiwindi Family History Society), Heather Wort (Gold Coast & Albert Genealogical Society).  
Seated: Margaret Jenner (Brisbane History Group), Rob Barnett (Ipswich Genealogical Society).

### Then and now...



October 2022: Kay Ryan (L) and Heather Wort actively participated in the recent 'Sands of Time' Qld conference.

Both were part of the original QALFHS committee in 1996, with Kay rejoining the current HQ committee in 2022.

Continuity within Qld Local and Family History circles provides invaluable insight and knowledge of the past.

We've progressed...

- from black and white photos to digitally enhanced colour images shared electronically
- from paper documents laboriously typed and photocopied, then folded into snail mail envelopes to word processed documents, emails and shared Google drives which we read on screens
- from frustrations with postal delays to being able to scan a signed document and immediately send it electronically
- from a trip to the bank for every deposit or withdrawal to electronic transactions on our phones
- from scattered or forgotten historical documents to large collections held by our societies, digitised and indexed for our ease of use!

The concepts which continue to bind us are our fascination with bygone eras and ancestors and sharing our passion with like-minded people.

We're so glad you are part of the History Queensland family. Please make a date to come and see everyone at the HQ AGM in Caloundra on Saturday 27 May.



Thank you to the HQ Groups who have expressed interest in using eHive for their collections. The HQ committee is following up to see how HQ could help. Please contact the HQ secretary if you would like to add your group's interest in using eHive.

Learn more about eHive from their website <https://info.ehive.com/>

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

Simply email your information to the Ann, the HQ Facebook editor via [secretary@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:secretary@historyqueensland.org.au)

FOR SALE - microfiche and CD's

See the list:

<http://www.goldcoastfhs.org.au/sale.html>

### 2022-2023 Management Committee

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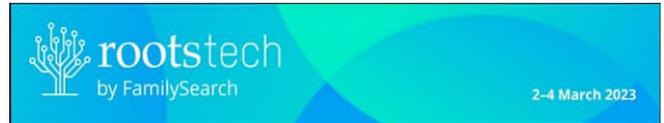
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### What's RootsTech?

The largest genealogy conference in the world!

Virtual attendance is completely FREE.

Enjoy on-demand content designed for all ages and skill levels.

Held 'live' 2-4 March 2023

with recordings available for 12 months

[Register here.](#)



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

Great for hybrid meetings.

Any questions and booking requests can be sent to the HQ Secretary [secretary@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:secretary@historyqueensland.org.au).

Individual members of HQ Societies...

If you would like the HQ Newsletter notifications emailed direct to your own private email address, simply request it [here](#).

**Next HQ Newsletter... news deadline: 22 April.**

Please submit news items that may be of interest to fellow historians to:

[newsletter@historyqueensland.org.au](mailto:newsletter@historyqueensland.org.au)

Please include the date, time, a brief description, and related images or logos plus contact details including web links, email addresses or phone numbers as applicable.