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Australian South Sea Islander cane cutters on a sugar plantation in Queensland, n.d. Neg. No. 35504 John Oxley Library, SLQ.

Photograph provided by David Huggonson. See story on p.44.

THE SCOT WHO SAVED THE INFANT QUEENSLAND SUGAR INDUSTRY

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The Scottish aristocracy and their workers had been involved in the growing and processing of West Indian cane sugar before New South Wales was settled as a British convict colony in 1788.¹

With little money but with three years experience working on the island of St Vincent in the West Indies, **Hugh McCready** was attracted to Queensland because of its climate; free migrant fares and the possibility of owning his own sugar plantation. The newly minted Government of the British Colony of Queensland passed the *Sugar and Coffee Regulation of 1864*. It was designed to lease crown land on attractive terms to individuals and companies to grow these products and encourage agricultural enterprises.

After returning briefly to Scotland from St Vincent, twenty-one year old Hugh McCready migrated to Queensland on the *Legion of Honour* sailing ship, which arrived in Moreton Bay on 5 July 1864.²

McCready gained employment with Scottish-born **Captain Louis Hope**, who was one of **Earl Hopetoun's** sons. He had migrated to Sydney and then Queensland after leaving the British Army. Hope had land cleared at Redland Bay and built Ormiston House, which still stands today and is open to the public at weekends. In 1864 Captain Hope employed fifty-four "indentured" Pacific Islanders with white overseers to grow sugar cane. He erected the first commercial sugar mill with boiling vats and a crushing plant. The mill machinery was manufactured in Glasgow by D. Cook and Company. The mill also contained a pair of centrifugal vats to separate crystalline sugar from molasses. The centrifugal vats were imported from a specialist manufacturer, Manlove and Company of Nottingham.

In 1867, the Queensland Parliament recognised Captain Hope for his pioneering work in sugar production with an Act of Parliament granting him the right to select

1,280 acres of agricultural land. He used the grant to take up land on the banks of the Coomera River; the land became known as Hope Island.³

Hugh McCready married **Janet Wason** in January 1867 and in 1870 Captain Hope recommended him to Messrs **Romilly** and **Hewitt** to manage their Pleystowe Plantation in the Mackay District. McCready, with his growing family, continued to manage sugar cane plantations. He was managing Te Kowai plantation while developing his own small plantation on the hilly and stony North Side of the Pioneer River opposite the growing township of Mackay.⁴

In 1875 the disease "rust" almost eliminated sugar cane from the Mackay district. McCready, with his workers, combed affected paddocks, roguing diseased stools and preserving plants from healthy stools standing in diseased paddocks. He also imported and trialled rust resistant varieties of sugar cane. McCready profited by joining a syndicate, which imported new varieties. He planted rust-resistant cane on his Richmond land, which he co-owned with his old St Vincent friend, **Andrew Cumming**. Their partnership was dissolved in April 1877.

In 1879, McCready purchased 550 acres on Bakers Creek from **Charles Keeley**. He called his new plantation *Palmyra* and set about doubling its size with further land purchases.

McCready's newly imported mill from Aitkin, McNeil and Company of Glasgow began processing cane in 1883.

By 1895 the five rollers mill could handle 14 tons of cane of per hour.

Greenock near Glasgow in Scotland was nicknamed "Sugartown" because 400 ships per year brought raw sugar cane from the West Indies and Central American sugar plantation into the port to be refined in Greenock's fourteen sugar refineries.

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Glasgow and the Clyde basin became the world's manufacturing hub for sugar cane milling and refining equipment.⁵

Hugh McCready was also a pioneer in irrigating and fertilising his sugar cane fields. He was invited by **John Drysdale** to the Burdekin district to advise on irrigation systems and plant for Drysdale's lands.

However, the structure of the Queensland Sugar industry was changing. Queensland Lands Laws under the 1884 Act and subsequent Acts were making it easier for men with much less capital to acquire land for agricultural purposes. This was coupled with the Griffith government's encouragement of small growers to establish co-operatives and establish, with government credit, centrally owned mills which they jointly owned. The Queensland government from 1868 increasingly tried to reduce the abuses in recruitment and treatment of Pacific Islanders.⁶

One of the first Acts of the new Commonwealth Parliament in 1901 was the *Pacific Island Labourers Act*, which aimed to phase out indentured labour schemes over three years. Finally, from 1906 to 1908, with a few exceptions, Pacific Islanders were deported, supposedly back to their home islands.⁷

Palmyra plantation was McCready's pride and joy; both he and his wife Janet are buried on the estate. By the time of his death in 1910 he had amassed 47 years of experience in growing sugar cane in Queensland and his efforts in combating the rust disease had saved the infant industry.

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Sugar labourers at River Estate outside Mackay, ca 1880.

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Islander houses on a plantation at Mackay, 1895. Source: Clive Moore Collection, SLQ.



Australian South Sea Islanders outside a building on Pleystowe planation near Mackay, Qld, ca 1874, SLQ neg. no. 13568

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A DEEPER DIVE INTO THE FAMILY ARCHIVE

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In the last five years, since the start of the pandemic, I've spent a lot of time writing about my close family. The simple process of collating information has helped to provide more insights, but there is always more to discover in the photos and family memorabilia.

Firstly, to entertain my mother, **Betty Pitter**, in a nursing home during the pandemic lockdown, I assembled a compilation of newspaper articles mentioning her in Rockhampton where she grew up. She remembered the ballet performances she hated, the birthday parties, workplace parties, friends' engagements, balls, her debut and many more occasions. Her dresses and flowers were lavishly described. I had not realised the social whirl of her girlhood, nor the amount of newspaper coverage an ordinary person would be given. Her collection of articles in a loose-leaf folder became something she could talk about with her visitors.

Over the last nine months, in an attempt to hand on recollections to my children, I've been shaping my memoirs of my paternal grandparents, **Eric Harding Heath** (b.1890) and **Eileen Maria Kelly** (b.1898) with whom I spent a lot of time. My grandfather died when I was 26, but Grandma lived until I was 42. The plan was to simply write down what I remembered of them, as if I were talking to my siblings, but the more I wrote and edited, the more I remembered.

I started to cross reference with other readily available sources. Data from my detailed Ancestry tree was added in, and I decided to finish up with a deep dive into Trove. Big mistake! Now it would be a long project. There were hundreds of articles mentioning them in the local newspapers from Murwillumbah, Brisbane, Kingaroy, Cairns, and Maryborough where Grandpa worked in the Bank of Australasia. Sorting through it all has taken a long time, but I didn't want to lose any precious insights into their lives, as they moved from town to town, making a new life each time. This data also gave me a

more accurate timeline, the finer details of which I had forgotten, or never known.

The kinds of things I discovered were that Grandma was a dynamo in the Red Cross and Country Women's Association, she was a great organiser and fundraiser, an excellent treasurer and a prize winner at bridge. Grandpa turned out to be a very competitive tennis player although not often the top player in his club. He was the local bank manager but could turn his hand to helping out at the poultry section of the Cairns Show, and putting up shelves in the CWA holiday home. Unlike many other family history resources, newspapers feature women's lives in great detail.

This expanding story, which I'm writing only for the family, now needed illustrations. Searching the internet led to a wonderful database of old Queensland banks in photographs taken by Jack Bain, and held by QUT Digital Collections. Recently, a friend touring Australia by caravan photographed for me the bank in Zeehan, Tasmania.

Part of my inherited family history was a patchy collection of tiny photos from my paternal grandmother, and 87 photographic negatives. (Try explaining *them* to your children!) Over the years I have kept looking at the little photos, but this project required that the negatives be developed.

Yes, I did get a couple of amazing insights from this investment. In two photos Grandma appears in a parade in an unpaved main street, must be Queen Street, Brisbane. She is wearing an Edwardian white uniform unfamiliar to me, and the street bunting has dark crosses. A few minutes on the internet reveals it is a parade to promote the Red Cross in its earliest years of operation in Australia, during the First World War.

Photos from the negatives also revealed a different side of Grandpa. There were many photos of him with his three little boys climbing all over him, having piggy backs, being wheeled in the wheelbarrow, helping their father in the back yard. He was a reserved old gentleman in my lifetime, with a

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twinkle in his eye, but here in his youth he was a hands-on Dad.



"For the Red Cross – Queen Street transformed into fairyland on July 27"

Red Cross Day, 27 July 1918. Page 21 of the *Queenslander Pictorial*, supplement to *The Queenslander*, 3 August, 1918. John Oxley Library, SLQ, Image 702692-19180803-0021 <https://www.slq.qld.gov.au/media/32061>



Eileen Kelly (R) with friend



Eileen Maria Kelly



Eric Harding Heath with the children

A DEEPER DIVE INTO THE FAMILY ARCHIVE (Cont.)



Looks like afternoon tea in the back yard, after a tiring session gardening and keeping the children occupied. The teapot is wearing a beautiful embroidered linen tea cosy. I am still using this same wooden tea tray in 2025.



The Garage, Sulky House, Workshop, Music Room at Northgate

Methodology for mining my archives

1. Regularly keep going over the family photo collections and re-read the inscriptions for new insights.
2. Using a magnifying glass to enlarge the photos to identify the tiniest details and even faces. Usually, I photograph the picture and enlarge it on the iPad, honing in on the details. Over the years, my increased knowledge has helped make sense of details I didn't notice or understand before. For example, one time I noticed that my mother had transcribed something from the back of a photo taken in 1920 at the family home at Northgate. The words made no sense to me until I discovered that my great grandfather and two of his sons were members of the Brisbane Excelsior Brass Band. They played those powerful instruments, the tuba and euphonium, which would never have been allowed in the house. Another photo was described as (uncle) **John Pitter's** place. It was in the uncleared bush, which I later identified as the failed Soldiers' Settlement at Coominya, a well documented piece of Queensland history.
3. Trying to identify the handwriting of each person who has written on the back of the photos, so I can recognise it elsewhere, and make sense of the context. A picture of a decorated cake has Great Grandma's hand

writing on the back, recognised from her hand-written marmalade recipes. She says she has made and iced the wedding cake.

4. Trying to match clothing of the women from photo to photo. It could indicate that photos were taken at the same event, or that it is the same person on a different occasion. I am able to identify my grandmother in a photo because she is wearing the same distinctive woollen top as in another snapshot.

5. Getting any old negatives printed in hard copy as well as digitised. They can be compared side by side. New details do emerge, e.g. is that Grandpa smoking a pipe!? Or a delightful image of unmarried Grandma with tilted chin and tea cup at a picnic.



6. Making a timeline of the photos, as best I can. Making a timeline of my subject, whether it is Grandma, or her childhood home, "Ellida" in Oriel Road, or the Devonport Methodist Church yearly activities.

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7. Collecting all the photos of each significant house and garden, and identifying the location of the house. Sometimes identifying one element of the photo eg, garden plantings, fences, house features, clothing, anything in the background, may help to identify eg a birthday party in another photo.

Collecting and organising the unsorted data is yielding a tighter sense of the continuity of the story. While giving context, it also reveals holes in the story. After writing about eighty pages (however did it get that big?), I suddenly realised I didn't know how Grandma met Grandpa. They married in 1922. Pretty big hole in the story. No one living knows the answer!

In their timeline, as far as I know it, they don't meet. Grandpa was born in Melbourne in 1890 and grew up in Devonport, Tasmania, working in banks in Murwillumbah, Zeehan, and Sydney before enlisting for WWI in Devonport in 1917, after which he was posted

overseas for more than a year. Grandma was born in 1898 and lived in Brisbane. She met other soldiers, but I know she knew Grandpa in at least 1918 because she wrote to the Army asking for his overseas address. The letter is in his military record at the National Archives of Australia. Still a mystery.

When starting to write a story, it's a logical step to gather information as widely as possible, but I found it was also important to re-examine what I already had. Over the years of research, my increased knowledge has shed new light on old photos and letters. I think this is a good research methodology for family history in general.

Re-examination can also show what data doesn't fit and may be wrong; what is missing and may indicate a need for more research; and with serendipity it may reveal a happy sequence of events that gives a new insight.

(photographs provided by the author) ■

INTRODUCING OUR SIGs AND THEIR CONVENORS



Queensland Pre-Separation Group Convenors: Ann Swain and Jenny Davidson

This group began in 1982, and has 356 certificated pre-separation members. Meetings occur every three months via Zoom, with an occasional excursion. The focus is on the role and lifestyle of pioneers who settled here before Queensland became a separate State on 10 December 1859, and to preserve their

biographical and genealogical data. Further information is available through the link on this group's page on the QFHS website at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/groups/pre-separation-group/>.

Although Ann has had many QFHS roles, her leadership of this group may be unexpected, as her earliest ancestor in Queensland arrived in the 1860s so she is ineligible for a pre-separation certificate herself. However, motivated by the very interesting history and stories of the pioneering families of the period, she has reviewed applications for certificates for over 15 years. She looks forward to recruiting a grandchild, eligible for a certificate via her daughter-in-law!

Jenny has been a certificated member of the group for 11 years and co-convenor with Ann Swain for eight years. Ann is the examiner and gives presentations. Jenny has arranged excursions and, with Ann and Tony Swain, has attended presentations and meetings at State Library of Queensland, Queensland State Archives and others arranged by the Harry Gentle Centre. In recent years, it has been Jenny's role to set up meetings on Zoom and email meeting notices.

Dornell Wylie ■



QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2024-2025

On behalf of the Management Committee, it is a pleasure to report on the 46th year of operation of Queensland Family History Society Inc.

This year could perhaps be characterised as a period of some consolidation after a couple of very hectic years involving the establishment of the Family History Research Centre in Seventh Brigade Park, Chermside. The strategic planning of 2023 that had identified priorities for 2023-2026 was fully respected.

Notably on 6 February 2025 we were pleased to welcome our Patron Professor Graeme Nimmo RFD to our premises for the first time since his acceptance of patronage some four and a half years ago. On his visit he presented certificates to three newly appointed Fellows of QFHS and had the opportunity to meet with all but one of our living Fellows, and other society members.

A few months earlier on 24 October we were delighted to host a visit from Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner, and Councillor for the Marchant Ward Danita Parry. This was a great opportunity to acquaint them with our facilities and activities, particularly considering our lease of Community Facilities from Brisbane City Council that was in the process of being registered.

VOLUNTEERS AND AWARDS.

The success of every activity of the Society is dependent upon the efforts of members who volunteer. Some 80 members are currently regular volunteers, and many undertake a variety of tasks in different aspects of our operations. We can truly say that there is a way for each member to give of their time for the benefit of the Society. Certainly, it is pleasing that at some time during their membership a high proportion of members do volunteer. We fully understand how circumstances change over time for each of us. The initiative of establishing the role of Volunteer Co-ordinator was definitely beneficial.

Unfortunately, the position remained vacant for most of the year but has recently been taken up by an enthusiastic volunteer.

A highlight of the year is the Volunteers Morning Tea; an event hosted by the Management Committee to thank our all our volunteers. For the last three years we have been greatly assisted in hosting this event through the generosity of Kedron Wavell Services Club Inc., which has subsidised these events to the full extent of the venue hire. The event held on 9 December 2024 was particularly notable for the outstanding contributions to the Society and Family History in Queensland that were celebrated.

Each year the Society recognises the contribution of its volunteers by the Award for Services to Family History. The worthy recipients of this award in 2024 were Wendy Angliss, Alex Daw and Dale Fogarty. Wendy and Alex were present and received their awards, whilst Dale's was presented to her at the Irish Research Group meeting of 12 April. Following those awards, was the awarding of Honorary Life Membership of the Society to Maureen Arthur. Capping off the celebrations was the announcement of the awarding of Fellowships of the Society to Bev Bonning, Jackie Buttress and Mary Geiger. As already mentioned, they received certificates from Professor Nimmo in February. As is our practice, the citations detailing the work of these volunteers have been published in the *Queensland Family Historian*.

We were saddened by the death of Dorothy Jeffrey, Fellow of QFHS and President from 2004 to 2007, on 29 September 2024. She was loved by all members who knew her. Her passing means that the Society now has ten living Fellows.

The thirty-second awarding of the QFHS Family History Book Award was made at the 2024 Annual General Meeting. Sylvia Bannah received the Award for her book *What's in a Name, and Where Did We*

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Come From? The Louis Family from 1778. Our thanks go to Gayle Thomsett who after many years in the role has stepped down as Convenor of this award. Clem Ditton, a previous recipient of this award, has taken over as Convenor. The presentation of the award this year will occur in conjunction with a Local and Family History Writing Bookfest to be held on 6 August.

LIBRARY AND RESOURCES

Provision of most meetings online and increased access to resources of the Society from home is serving our members well. However, very few members are now choosing to visit the library for research or to attend meetings held in hybrid mode. This is of concern to the Management Committee primarily because much of the success of the Society can be attributed to the fellowship gained by coming together. So much of our volunteering effort and financial resources are directed to making the full range of resources available to members and the community many days of the week in addition to our online presence.

Since moving to Chermshire, the Research Centre is open to all members and the public 191 days a year. We are very grateful to currently have some 34 Library Assistants devoted to helping visitors maximise their use of physical and digital resources. We particularly thank Dette Glenday for her contribution in the demanding role of Library Assistants Roster Coordinator.

There has been no let-up in the enormous amount of work done by individuals and teams of people working at the centre on Mondays and Fridays and behind the scenes to deliver the full range of resources and facilities provided in the Library and online. Space constraints and a backlog of donations have meant that we have had to suspend acceptance of offers of research materials from members. However, increasing efforts are being made to digitise materials to provide accessibility.

The library cataloguing team have continued to grow the Kiosk facility. The

concept of this facility is that all available PDFs and scanned publications (such as journals) are loaded as files. There are now many thousands of PDFs within its database. Indexing engines run in the background to facilitate fast sophisticated searching. This initiative is available in the library and as an assisted service for members not able to attend the Centre. Carolyn Grimward reports that to date there have been 28 requests for information and 212 files have been sent in answer to those requests.

Time has caught up with the V-Library software that has provided our Library Catalogue for many years. The selected replacement of Koha is a popular open-source product that is growing and developing. It is a good fit for our requirements. This change project has involved an enormous amount of work for the library cataloguing team. It is now almost complete, and new cataloguing activity is only being done in Koha.

QFHS computer equipment is aging, and we have started to apply for grants for replacement equipment. However, it is quite competitive, and we have been unsuccessful to date. In the meantime, John Perryn is performing miracles in keeping the existing network in good repair. We also have used our own funds for specific purchases where there was an urgent and/or obvious benefit in new equipment. New equipment such as PCs will necessarily force upon us an upgrade of Operating Systems, and in turn the software which was developed in-house to run on those systems such as the menu system needs attention to make it more resilient in the new environment.

The existing website continues to service the needs of the Society. Our data sets have steadily grown over the past year but there are compelling reasons why a new approach is needed. Debra Ricks is continuing to build a new website based on the Wordpress Content Management System. Its initial functions will be Membership Management (joining, renewal and contact

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details maintenance), Shop and eCommerce. There will be functions to manage members interests and SIG preferences. Calendar and Event management will also be functions that are expected to be available in the early days of the new website. With this being undertaken as a volunteer project, a date on which this will be available is uncertain.

We are grateful to Peter Gehrke in expertly preparing a number of Grant Applications. The Lord Mayor's Safer Suburbs Grant Program for 2024 provided funding to support projects that strengthen security for Council Community leased facilities. We were successful with our application for funding to improve security lighting on the Research Centre and were granted \$2,326 for this work. We gratefully acknowledge the Council's contribution to enable this improvement.

The number of books available for loan in the Lending Library continues to grow through donations. In the last year 24 members have been borrowers, some using the Lending Library on more than one occasion. In all, 43 books have been borrowed and returned.

The online resources continually grow through the efforts of the Digitising Team. Their work has accomplished a significant increase in the number of entries in the *QFHS Books: Name Accumulation Index* that now totals 556,800 entries from a total of 841 books indexed. In addition, the Indexing Group has grown the *Queensland School Pupils Index 7* to an outstanding 3,125,131 entries from 1,569 schools.

MEMBERSHIP

As at the end of May 2025 the Society had some 892 individual members, including 49 life members. We had 2 Associate members. There were 16 Journal only subscriptions. In addition to 98 new members joining this year, 17 former members re-joined. In May 2024 we had 917 individual members and 2 Associate members. Thus, we have seen a 2.7% decline of individual members. Looked at slightly differently, some 140 members or

approximately one in six of our ordinary members did not renew their membership. Notably, it has become rare for new dual memberships, with just one this year and one last year. Very likely this is related to most new members joining on line and having the majority of their contact with the Society online.

Thanks are due to Leanne Donovan, now into her fifteenth year as Membership Secretary, for her continuing contribution to the efficient management of member applications and renewals.

New Members' Welcome and Orientation sessions are held each month (February to November). These play a vital role in helping new members become aware of the Society's wide range of physical resources and their use; and of the Society's special interest groups, education events and other activities which can help them with their research. Through their interactions with others at the sessions they also quickly appreciate the value of talking through problems with other members and of being part of, and contributing to, the Society; they feel genuinely welcome. From June 2024 to May 2025 the nine sessions, seven in person at the research centre, and two online, were attended by a total of 41 new or re-joining members. We are thus welcoming a healthy proportion of new members in this way. For that we are grateful to Anne Long, Ann Swain, Tony Swain and Marie Stewart.

EDUCATION

In the past 12 months we have held two *Finding your family: the fundamentals of research* courses conducted online over six sessions. These attracted a total of 16 people, and five of the participants joined the Society. Our thanks are due to the tutors who present these outstanding courses year after year.

Six *Learn@* presentation sessions attracted a total of 50 members, and six Talking About online discussions a similar total, with one topic attracting 30 and the other five an average of 5 members.

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The monthly Presentations continue to have a strong following with an average attendance of 26.

The inaugural *Local and Family History Writing Bookfest* was held in August 2024 with three authors talking about their books and writing processes. This event attracted an attendance of some 29 people. The popularity of the event indicated that it will be a worthy annual event in our calendar.

JOURNAL, SNIPPETS, COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH

The quarterly production and distribution of the *Queensland Family Historian* depends on a long serving team of workers. Our editor Lyndal Cosgrove has taken on more tasks as others who were involved in the packaging and posting have stepped down.

The Society's monthly newsletter Snippets distributed by MailChimp serves to remind members of our upcoming events and provides family history news. Thanks go to our editors, Deborah Clark-Dickson and Sheena de Jager Miles.

Even though immediate past President Allana O'Kane has relocated to Cloncurry, she has continued to coordinate the Communications Team for the benefit of the Society.

There were several events during the year where we had an opportunity to promote the Society. On each occasion Ann and Tony Swain generously volunteered to attend. They did so throughout the *Australasian Conference 2025 Connections Past – Present – Future*. Our thanks to them and those who assisted.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) are the life blood of the Society, being the major vehicle through which members now come together. Nominally we have 12 SIGs but many of the Members Lounge activities, particularly the Book Club, Talking About and Socials, are akin to SIGs.

SIGs report good attendances at their meetings via Zoom and all have numerous

participants who, through distance, would not be able to attend meetings held at Chermside. Those SIGs that do hold hybrid meetings have found that few take up the option of attending at the Research Centre, however there are those that only attend in person so need to be considered.

The detailed reports of group activities are all very positive and commendable. The success of the SIGs is undoubtedly a result of the dedication of the Convenors and their supporting teams who devote countless hours to prepare presentations, and to respond to the needs of individual members. A focus of all the Convenors is educational.

It is worth highlighting a few of the achievements reported on by a variety of the SIGs. The Irish Research Group has 178 contacts on their mailing list, adding 15 new members this year. Six regular meetings were held: five online and one hybrid. The average attendance was 36 with a peak of 49. Additionally, three all-day sessions dedicated to Irish family history research were held at the Research Centre. Total attendance was 44 people, and these sessions have been a source of new QFHS members. Directed at promoting the Irish resources held at the Resource Centre an event was held in May that attracted 21 people in person and eight online.

The Family Tree Maker User Group reports that they held seven online only meetings on Fridays and three hybrid meetings on Saturdays. Average attendance was 23 online and six at Chermside. A very successful one day Seminar was held in October 2024 in conjunction with VicGUM that was attended by some 105, with about half being non-members of QFHS or QFHS members who were not members of the User Group. Seven took the opportunity to join the Society on the day, and a profit of close to \$3,000 resulted.

The Family History Writing Group with six online meetings had average attendance of 14. The Queensland Pre-separation Group with three online meetings had attendances

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of 8 to 12. Online meetings are also the preference of the Scottish Interest Group, holding four meetings of 15 to 20. The very popular DNA Interest Group consistently accommodates online and in-person attendance, holding 11 meetings with an average of 29 on-line and 8.5 in room.

CONCLUSION

On behalf of the Management Committee, I am pleased to thank all the volunteers who through their dedication to the Society have contributed to its ongoing success.

Our gratitude, and my personal thanks, are due to the hard-working Management Committee. Notably, the entire team has stayed the distance through 2024-25 and most are willing to continue for another lap. Firstly, the Society is greatly indebted to Lyndal Cosgrove who accepted appointment to the vital role as Secretary on top of the other key roles that she has undertaken for the Society; starting even before she joined the Management

Committee in 2016. We are grateful for the assistance in the secretarial role provided by Barbara Richardson as Minutes Secretary and Susie der Kinderen as Assistant Secretary – Correspondence. Graeme Drew has brought great wisdom and experience to the position of Treasurer. In that role he has been ably assisted by Wendy Angliss who has now carried out bookkeeping duties, and more, since our change to Xero six years ago. Grateful thanks are due to committee members Carmel Bell, Greg Crawford, Clem Ditton, Dette Glenday, John Haberecht, Lyn Hooper, and Charlotte Sale, three of whom along with Lyndal Cosgrove provided continuity from Management Committee of 2023-24.

Kevin Haley
President, QFHS Inc.
18 June 2025

Please note - there is no From your Committee page in this journal as the Annual Report includes the last three months. Ed. ■

QUEENSLAND FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY INC. TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1 APRIL 2024 TO 31 MARCH 2025

I am pleased to present the QFHS financial reports for the year ending March 2025. It has been a year of evolving relocation expenses and this will continue in that vein during the next financial years as we complete the portico and front door projects, to mention a few. Completion of all of these improvements benefit our members and visitors to our research centre. Whist at first glance the result may appear disappointing, explanations of the various aspects making up the total result which impacted the year are discussed below.

ASSETS & LIABILITIES

Assets as at 31/3/25 totalled \$995,842 compared with the 2024 result of \$1,030,086. Liabilities remained stable. We reduced the intangible asset figure of \$10,000 back to \$5,000 as we were advised by our

TAG team that a reduced figure was a more accurate estimate, which asset figure is basically the WordPress web site project currently being developed.

Our Society remains in a comfortable cash position at the end of the 2025 financial year. Bank deposits total \$299,719, down from 2024 year of \$305,594. Timing when payments are made dictates movements in this total.

Non current assets reduced to \$681,395, down from \$706,643 due to movements in these assets throughout the year, as well as the impact of depreciation \$31,287 and the \$5,000 reduction mentioned earlier.

PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNT

The final result was a loss of \$35,235 compared with the 2024 result of a loss of

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\$16,559. In summary this was the result of the following major influences:

Income of \$97,468 compared with 2024 amount of \$88,538. Major items are membership \$60,318.(62%), Royalties \$14,140 (14%), Seminars workshops and groups \$10,939 (11%), and interest \$8,879(9%). We have adopted an investment strategy of having 2% to 3% of our cash assets in non-income bearing accounts. The result this year is encouraging as the revised strategy was operational for only 7 months of the period under review.

Expenses of \$132,703 compared with 2024 amount of \$105,097. Major items of variation included:

Relocation expenses \$25,529, (which includes installation of six air conditioning units in accordance with Council requirements \$19,561, extensive kitchen renovations \$5,272), Legal expenses (constitution) \$4,400, write down of asset \$5,000, V-Library transition \$2,509, Depreciation \$31,287.

The full audited result documentation is available on our web site.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Many members had involvement in maintaining our financial operation to 31/3/25.

I would like to personally acknowledge and thank the major contributors: Wendy Angliss our assistant treasurer whose expertise with Xero and the online management of our accounts coupled with her overall financial acumen is awesome. Thank you for input and ready assistance when sought which was invaluable throughout the year to Leanne Donovan membership, Pat Gardner bookshop, and Sarah Barry society subscriptions. It would be remiss of me not to acknowledge Geoff Morgan and the FTM team for their event last year which contributed in no small way to the Seminars workshops and group contribution.

Thank you to those members who donated equipment during the year. Your generosity is appreciated and benefits our society.

Our society is well placed financially to face the future. Our success may well be governed by our continued member involvement and an increase in same as we look at new horizons, a plan to replace our aging IT equipment and the financing of same over a period of years, and the general facilities available to members and the public in their genealogical endeavours.

Graeme Drew

Treasurer, QFHS Inc.

18 June 2025

(See next page for financial statements.) ■

PRESENTATION OF QFHS FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2025, AND LOCAL AND FAMILY HISTORY WRITING BOOKFEST

6 August 2025

11.00 am – 1.00 pm

Aspley Hornets Football Club, 50 Graham Road, Carseldine

The five authors of the books that entered our Family History Book Award 2025 will participate in a group discussion about their entries and the experience of advancing their research to the point of publication. This year's award will be announced. Cost \$10.00 pp.

- *The Sugar King* by Catherine Smith
- *Substance and Shadows* by Jennifer Vivian-Smith
- *May The Cane Prosper - A Queensland story* by Pene Greet & Avis-Ann Ballard
- *A Poor Hand Well Played - A Family Story Across Several Generations* by Anne Hetherington.

There will be opportunities for sales and signing as well.

Lunch will be available after the event (at own expense) in the Aspley Hornets dining room. ■

TREASURER'S REPORT (Cont.)**QFHS INC. – PROFIT & LOSS – PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON**

	<u>Apr 24 to Mar 25</u>	<u>Apr 23 to Mar 24</u>
	\$	\$
Income		
Bookshop/Publication Sales	1,633	1,470
Donations	2,099	1,947
Interest received	8,879	3,358
Membership Subscriptions	60,318	57,409
Other Income	960	623
Royalties	14,140	14,233
Seminars, Workshops, and Courses	10,939	10,242
Total Income	98,968	89,282
Less Cost of Sales		
Cost of Bookshop Sales	(1,501)	(744)
Gross Profit	97,468	88,538
Expenditures		
Accounting	563	514
Advertising and promotion	35	3,026
Amortisation expense	519	-
Audit fees	3,467	3,100
Bank fees and charges	62	9
Cleaning and rubbish removal	1,962	1,872
Communication platforms	2,367	1,291
Computer software	586	1,063
Computer expenses	888	1,231
Depreciation - plant	31,287	37,657
Electricity	2,096	2,046
Insurance	7,199	7,322
Interest expense	76	-
Impairment Loss	5,000	-
Journal printing and postage	7,766	8,581
Legal expenses	4,400	-
Library operation	2,509	128
Loss on disposal	1,035	-
Management expenses	43	100
Member events and sponsorships	4,912	2,737
Office supplies	146	453
Paypal fees	1,366	1,324
Postage	1,931	821
Printing and reproduction	1,524	722
Relocation costs	25,529	4,933
Rent on premises	2,021	4,143
Repairs & Maintenance	1,976	20
Security	963	673
Seminar Costs	8,126	6,597
Subscriptions Data & Other Societies	8,014	7,018
Sundry Expenses	2,425	5,839
Telephone & Internet	1,909	1,877
Total Expenses	132,702	105,097
NET LOSS FOR THE YEAR	(35,234)	(16,559)

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QFHS INC. – BALANCE SHEET – PREVIOUS YEAR COMPARISON

	<u>31 Mar 2025</u>	<u>31 Mar 2024</u>
	\$	\$
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash equivalents	299,719	305,594
Inventories	1,311	2,301
Other assets	8,626	11,116
Trade and other receivables	4,791	4,432
Total Current Assets	314,447	323,443
Non-Current Assets		
Property, plant & equipment	674,712	696,643
Intangible asset	5,124	10,000
Right of Use asset	1,558	-
Total Non-Current Assets	681,394	706,643
Total Assets	995,841	1,030,086
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Trade and other payables	813	3,745
Lease liabilities	505	-
Other liabilities	2,326	-
Total Current Liabilities	3,644	3,745
Non-Current Liabilities		
Lease Liabilities	1,090	-
Total Non-Current Liabilities	1,090	-
Total Liabilities	4,734	3,745
NET ASSETS	991,107	1,026,341
EQUITY		
Retained Earnings - Opening Balance	1,026,341	719,176
Net loss/profit	(35,234)	(16,559)
	991,107	702,617
Revaluation surplus (Library revaluation)	-	323,724
TOTAL EQUITY	991,107	1,026,341

(Worked to the nearest dollar.)

(**Note:** The audited financial statements and auditor's report are available to any member who requires a copy; please contact the Treasurer. The financial statements are available to read on our website at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/annual-reports/>.) ■

V-J DAY IN SAN MIGUEL, PHILIPPINES

'I am proud to have been a very, very minute part of this important function of the war effort.'

By Chris Griffiths

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As this year marks the 80th anniversary of the victory over Japan in World War Two, I thought I should write a companion piece to my Volume 45, No.1 article concerning my mother's experiences of V-J Day in her home town of Kingaroy. While my mother, Dorothy Griffiths, nee Dawson [1926-2017] was dancing in the streets, my father, John Walter Griffiths [1923-1998] was serving with the RAAF in the Philippines and definitely not dancing.

My father didn't talk much about his war service. His overseas service fell into two parts; service in New Guinea and then the Philippines. About the latter, he was almost totally silent. The pieces I know I have put together from his war service record from the National Archives, his war diary and a book, 'The Eavesdroppers', as well as some of his remembered comments. His NAA record is lacking in any detail connected to his Philippine service. This lack of information was for a very good reason.

Jack, as he was universally known, enlisted in January 1943 and was posted to Goodenough Island on 2 December that year. He was 'mustered' [assigned to a unit] as a Radar Fighter Control Recorder and spent about 16 months in this role with the 109 Mobile Fighter Sector Unit. His diary records brief notes on the conditions in the camps, the weather, the occasional Japanese air raids and most of all, the films and touring shows he saw. In April 1945 he was posted to Brisbane, being told, '...my mustering as RFC recorder was redundant and I would be remustered.' Jack had his suspicions about this 'ploy'. His diary finished in February 1945 so nothing was recorded about the Philippines service.

After spending some time at RAAF Command at Victoria Park and a month in hospital with malaria, Jack was promoted to Corporal. 'Redundant but promoted' was his comment. The new muster came through after he had attended a training course at Ascot Park. He was now a Recorder

'W'[wireless] and part of Sigint-Central Bureau. In other words, he was attached to the signal intelligence unit of the RAAF.

On 29 July 1945 Corporal J.W. Griffiths, in charge of a group of young recently enlisted Recorders [W], was flown to Manila and then transported to Camp Miguel where the RAAF 4 WU [Wireless Unit], 5 WU and 6 WU were housed. This camp was a US army operation and so lacked for nothing, despite the fact the occasional rifle shot came across the cane fields surrounding the campsite, and the fact that 14,000 troops under General Yamashita, 'the Tiger of Malaya', were only a few kilometres away in the mountains of Baguio.

On the morning of 6 August 1945, the day shift had taken over in the Ops room and were tuning into the Japanese frequencies. At 0845 hrs, there was a sudden stop on all the important enemy transmissions. When the wireless traffic resumed, there were frantic top priority messages pouring out of the Japanese networks. RAAF Sigint had eavesdropped on a significant moment of history - the dropping of the 'A' Bomb on Hiroshima. More intelligence was intercepted up to and after the second bomb was dropped on Nagasaki. The intelligence revealed the Japanese plans to repel the Allied invasion of the homeland. The US plan, called 'Operation Olympic', was a D-Day style invasion of the island of Kyushu.

Over the following days, the Allied Sigint listened closely to directives from Tokyo looking for indications of the Imperial Headquarters' desire for peace. There seemed to be none, as a general directive of 11 August stated: 'Every operating force must carry out the Imperial policy to preserve the fatherland as well as the complete annihilation of the fanatic enemy and not be affected by the numerous reports concerning the progress of the war.'¹

By 15 August something had changed. The Emperor's Imperial Rescript, issued that day, said that Japan accepted the full terms of the Potsdam Agreement and would surrender.

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This signalled for the Allies V-J Day, the end of the war. However, I doubt that Jack and the other RAAF WU personnel would have been celebrating.

The Japanese commanders around the South West Pacific Area [SWPA] had mixed reactions. Some accepted the surrender while the rest responded with cries of disbelief and vows to fight on. The wireless operators were kept busy as they gathered intelligence from commands in Marshall Islands, Northern China, Saigon and Singapore. There were more positive signs on 17 August, when a message from Southern Army HQ in Saigon stated, 'Imperial orders will be obeyed in full'². Over the days leading up to the signing of the formal surrender, the Japanese networks were closely monitored. The goodwill of the Japanese had to be monitored and proven. Sigint were still on active duty.

There was some respite for those not on duty as the lead up to the surrender got under way. Many spent the afternoon of 19 August watching the aircraft bring Japanese envoys to Manila to be informed of the surrender provisions. The next day everyone was searching the skies to see the plane carrying the Japanese envoys back to their homeland.

I have no idea of Jack's exact role with Sigint. His only hint was that he could read sufficient Japanese katakana [a shortened form of written and spoken Japanese] to be able to file reports. My father was certainly not a decoder nor was he involved in the interpretation of messages for intelligence. What surprised my family most was that Jack had studied Japanese for Senior in 1939 at Brisbane State High School. He had no idea as to whether this information had influenced his recruiting into Central Bureau.

The RAAF staff at San Miguel were shipped home on 9 October 1945 on a Liberty ship.

All WU and Central Bureau members were warned to keep their wartime activities secret. Operational personnel were required to sign declarations to the effect, enforceable by law. My father, like his RAAF comrades, had kept the secret and remained silent.

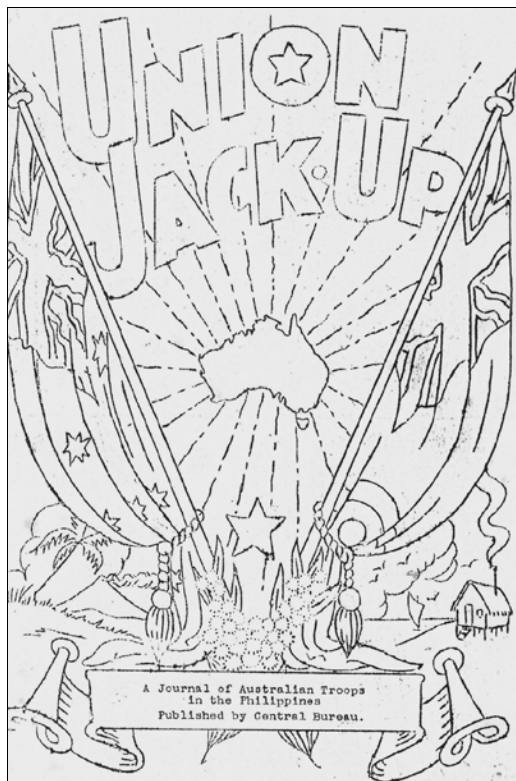
In 1992, former 5WU member, Jack Bleakley released his book as sufficient time had passed for the secrets to be revealed. My father received a copy for Christmas 1996 from his family and thoroughly enjoyed reading it as he discovered much about the WUs prior to 1945. He also spoke about some of the experiences he had being re-mustered into Central Bureau. While at the time he said he felt he was 'conned' into Central Bureau, his experiences in San Miguel and at Ascot Park changed his outlook. He was now proud to have been a small player in the larger war effort.

Sources:

¹ Bleakley, Jack, *The Eavesdroppers: The Best Kept Secret of World War Two*, Published by Brown Prior Anderson, Melbourne, 1992, reprinted 1996, p.222.

² *ibid.*, p.223.

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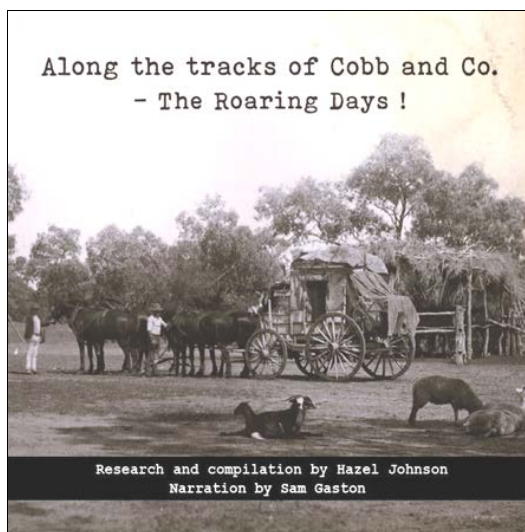
*A copy of Union Jack-Up
Produced by Australian forces in Philippines
Copy brought home by J.W.Griffiths*

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Jack Griffiths, 1943

(photographs provided by the author) ■



Hazel Johnson's first audiobook, *Along the tracks of Cobb and Co. – The Roaring Days!* is now live. This Cobb and Co collection brings history to life with the best stories and poems unearthed during years of research. Refer to www.cobbandcotracks.au and <https://cobbandcotracks.com.au/buy-audiobooks.html#/>.

If you would like to contact Hazel please contact our Editor. ■

FAMILY REUNION OF DIRECT DECENDANTS OF THOMAS WELLS AND MARTHA SHAW

A special Wells family reunion will be held on Saturday and Sunday, **September 12-13, 2026** to commemorate the 200th anniversary of the marriage of our convict ancestors, **Thomas Wells** (Baring1:1815) and **Martha Shaw** (Brothers: 1824).

For anyone descended from this union, please join “Wells Family Reunion 2026” on Facebook. For those without Facebook, please contact wellsfamilyreunion2026@gmail.com to express your interest.

Thomas and Martha settled in Lower Portland Head, and their union produced eight children, most of whom also married and produced large families.

At this early stage, the plan is to hold the celebration at the Female Factory in Parramatta where Martha lived in 1825 until her marriage to Thomas. They were married at the magnificent St John's Church of England at Parramatta by the Reverend Samuel Marsden.

Further information will be provided in the future to anyone interested. Please contact Beverley Murray at bafiggis50@gmail.com, Member, Steering Committee, Wells/Shaw Family Reunion. ■

ACQUISITIONS – PRINT LIBRARY

The Codes to the Library catalogue numbers are on display in the Print Library and can also be seen on <https://www.qfhs.org.au/resources/catalogue-search/qfhs-library-classification-scheme/> together with an explanation of how to read them. The second number sometimes found on the top tier indicates to which UK County or to which postcode area of an Australian State the publication is specific: for example, H4/170 is a local history for the Morningside area of Brisbane and N7/43 indicates vital records for Yorkshire, England. European countries will have an alpha coding to identify the countries: for example, W(GER)7 refers to German Vital Records and W(CH)4 to Swiss Local History.

While we are working on transferring our library catalogue you can still use V-Library to find a particular book or journal. Please check the *Library Catalogue (v-library)* either in the QFHS library, or from any computer via the internet, then search by various fields, e.g. Keyword/Title/Call Number, etc. at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/resources/catalogue-search>.

Due to the changeover from V-Library to the new program Koha to catalogue our library there are no new books to be listed this quarter. ■

OUR NEW LIBRARY PROGRAM, KOHA



Work on the new QFHS Integrated Library System is continuing. Volunteers are busy cross-checking items and updating the catalogue.

Special features will be available to easily expand the depth of searches that can be undertaken, making it easier to find the resources needed for your research from our bookshelves and computer network.

The system will simplify operations and management processes for cataloging, circulation and acquisitions. Added to this is the possibility of the library team providing helpful education services to members.

Diane Coster, Print Library

DATE CLAIMERS - UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

	Aug 3	Social - Toowong Cemetery Guided Walk
	Aug 8	Learn@ - Understanding your old photos (Online)
	Aug 20	Presenting... Mawson's Medical Men (Hybrid)
	Aug 25	Book Club - <i>Outrageous Fortunes</i> by Lucy Sussex and Megan Brown (Online)
	Sept 17	Presenting... Sir Augustus Charles Gregory (Hybrid)
	Sep 24	Talking About – Learning by Contributing (Online)
	Oct 1	Social - Coffee & Chat Northside
	Oct 10	Learn@ – Ten things.....newspaper research (Online)
	Oct 15	Presenting...Who? What? When? & Why? (Hybrid)
	Oct 27	Book Club - <i>One Free Woman: the true story of convict Hannah Rigby</i> by Jane Smith (Hybrid)
	Nov 19	Presenting...Muslims in Queensland (Hybrid)
	Nov 25	Social - Visit to Queensland Holocaust Museum

Please refer to Dates to Remember (p.116) for further details and register to attend at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/members-lounge/> or through the calendar. ■

SUBSCRIPTION WEBSITES AVAILABLE THROUGH QFHS

Queensland Family History Society offers members access to the following subscription databases both **within the QFHS library** and **from home computers** (member login required):

- [MyHeritage](#)
- o home login to MyHeritage [here](#)



QFHS offers free access, **within the QFHS library only**, to the library editions of the following subscription databases:

- [Ancestry](#)



- [Biographical Database of Australia](#)



- [British Newspaper Archive](#)



- [Emerald Ancestors \(Northern Ireland\)](#)



- [Findmypast](#)



- [Irish Ancestors \(Ireland\)](#)



- [TheGenealogist \(United Kingdom\)](#)



Our Society is a **FamilySearch** [affiliate library](#). You can reach limited-access FamilySearch databases and images on the QFHS computers.



All of these databases allow members to search millions of records, including birth, marriage, and death indexes, baptism and burial indexes and images, census transcripts and images.

Our Society is proud to offer a substantial collection of family history resources, which has developed over its long history. The collection is continually growing as we purchase new resources and receive generous donations.

New additions are usually listed in the [Queensland Family Historian](#) every quarter.

QFHS uses a [Library Classification Scheme](#) modelled on that designed for the Society of Australian Genealogists in Sydney, NSW. Download a copy of the [QFHS Library Classification Scheme](#).

The Family History Research Centre has a Reference Library section and a Lending Library section. The books in the Reference Library are not available for loan. The Lending Library has a small range of books available for loan.

Our Family History Research Centre collection includes:

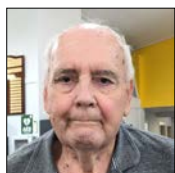
- [books and journals](#)
- [microfiche and microfilms](#)
- [maps](#)
- [digital resources](#)

As a member, you may access our extensive digital resource collection from any of the nine networked computers. You can use our digital library finding aids, such as the library catalogue, cemetery index, George Bond index, and pedigree index.

We hope to help your research at our Centre soon. ■

MEET YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President: Graeme Drew



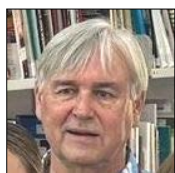
Graeme has been researching his family history since the 1980s. Graeme joined us on the Management Committee last year as our Treasurer.

Vice President: Charlotte Sale



Charlotte has been a member of the MC at various times since 2014, including Vice-President from 2019-2021. She is Convenor of the Welsh SIG, co-ordinator of the Research Team, and tutors the twice-yearly course Finding your family: the fundamentals of research.

Vice President: Clem Ditton



Clem started his family history research journey in 1986, and joined QFHS in 1995. After a career in IT, Clem is Coordinator of the Technical Advisory Group (aka the TAG team) and is focussed on the development of a new website for the Society. Clem is also an LA and member of several SIGs, and is now co-ordinator of our Family History Book Award. In 2022 he won the QFHS Family History Book Award with his book *Shaking the Mulga*.

Secretary: Lyndal Cosgrove



Lyndal has been on the MC since 2016. She is Members Interests Co-Ordinator, Speaker Co-ordinator for the Members Lounge Presenting... program, and is also Editor of our quarterly journal, *Queensland Family Historian*, creating the journals from 2008 onwards with coloured photos and weblinks to be added to the website for members. She also indexes the current journals to add to the searchable dataset Names Index. In 2020 Lyndal was honoured to receive the Society's Services to Family History Award.

Treasurer: Gayle Wallace



We welcome Gayle to our Management Committee. Gayle has been one of our Indexers and has been our Community Outreach co-ordinator before becoming our Treasurer.

Committee Members:

Carmel Bell



Carmel has been researching her family history for about 35 years. Carmel has been on the Management Committee for 2 years, and is also our Welfare Officer and Provider. Carmel continues to work with the Subscription Journals team and manages liaison between the ORCA Project and the Society.

Greg Crawford



Greg's research interests lie in our convict past, and family history in Belchamp and Bromsgrove, both in England. Greg joined our MC in 2022. He is our Emergency Response Adviser and is on the Emergency Planning Committee.

Dette Glenday



Dette joined the MC last year and has been an LA since 1990 and our Library Assistants Roster Co-ordinator and trainer since 2016. She is also one of the convenors of the Colonial India and Far East SIG.

Kevin Haley



Kevin volunteered as an LA for many years, and has served in executive roles on the Committee from 2013-2022 and again 2024-2025. He is also one of the convenors for The Master Genealogist SIG. ■

WEB LINKS

OVER HALF A MILLION NEW SUFFOLK PARISH RECORDS LAUNCHED ON FINDMYPAST

Do you have East Anglian ancestors? Over 554,000 new parish records have recently been added on Findmypast. These additions open up exciting possibilities for discovering Suffolk roots.

Suffolk [Baptisms \(1722–1855\)](#)—364,307 records added to the Suffolk Baptism Index, which includes 351 parishes and 747,204 records across the East Anglian county. Search by name, baptism date, parish, place, father's name, mother's name, relationship, father's occupation, notes county and country, source, and entry number.

Suffolk [Marriages \(1753–1816\)](#)—190,030 records added to the Suffolk Marriage Index, which includes 576 parishes with records that date back to 1536 and stretch through to the twentieth century. Search by name, marital status, parish, marriage date and place, spouse's name, spouse's marital status and spouse's parish.

Suffolk [Graves and Memorial Inscriptions](#)—20,837 records. This new collection includes over 20,000 new records relating to burials in the county, searchable by name, birth date, death date, location and cemetery.

With a special Suffolk focus recently, Findmypast has published one brand new newspaper title from the county and updated several existing Suffolk titles. The [East Suffolk Gazette](#) has been published online for the first time, with an initial run of 1,256 pages covering the years 1870, 1896 and 1897. The *East Suffolk Gazette* was established in the Suffolk market town of Beccles, in the east of the county, as its name belies. The paper was launched in 1857. Other updates include the *Suffolk Mercury*, *East Anglian Daily Times*, *Haverhill Echo*, and the *Newmarket Journal*. Search and explore at www.findmypast.co.uk.

CEMETERY SYMBOLS

Learn how you can recognize Greek symbols in your local cemetery in BillionGraves' blog post at <https://blog.billiongraves.com/ancient-greece-and-the-modern-cemetery/>.

FREE IRISH GENEALOGY WEBSITES LET YOU DISCOVER YOUR FAMILY HISTORY

If you have Irish ancestry that you want to find out more about, there are lots of free Irish genealogy websites where you can discover all about your family history. Accredited Genealogists Ireland (AGI) has published a list of ten useful websites where you can deep dive into your family history for free. Collating census records, parish registers, land records, and military archives, these websites provide insightful information into Ireland's historic population.

The guides provide an overview of reputable sources that provide insights into researchers' family history. So, if you're curious to find out more about your family history, check out these free Irish genealogy websites that let you discover your Irish roots.

1. [National Archives](#): Census records 1901, 1911, survivals 1821-1851.
2. [National Library of Ireland](#): Catholic Parish Registers, property records, newspapers, directories, and heraldic records.
3. [Public Record Office of Northern Ireland \(PRONI\)](#): The official archive for [Northern Ireland](#).
4. [Virtual Record Treasury](#): A reconstruction of the Public Record Office of Ireland, with archives destroyed in 1922.
5. [IrishGenealogy.ie](#): Includes records on births from 1864 to 1924, marriages from 1864 to 1949, non-Roman Catholic marriages from 1845, and deaths from 1871 to 1974.
6. [Logainm.ie](#): Information on place names, useful if you know where your ancestors lived.
7. [Griffith's Valuation](#): Land records from 1848 and 1864. Includes detailed information on where people lived in mid-19th century [Ireland](#).
8. [FamilySearch.org](#): Free family records from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.
9. [Irish Genealogy Projects](#): A volunteer-run website with genealogy resources by county.
10. [Military History](#): Records pertaining to Ireland's military history.

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THE GENEALOGIST UNVEILS SEARCHABLE COLLECTION OF HISTORIC BOOKS

[TheGenealogist](#) has announced the release of a major new collection of digitized, fully searchable historical books, spanning three centuries and a broad range of subjects, from professional directories and club yearbooks to literary works and social commentaries, and encompassing nearly 200,000 names from rare publications, providing family historians and genealogical researchers with an invaluable resource to delve beyond basic records. With these new volumes, users can uncover not just names and dates, but the rich social and occupational context that brings ancestors' stories to life. Each book is searchable by name, allowing researchers to find ancestors across different walks of life.

Books covered in this release are: The Incorporated Accountants' Year Book, 1936; The Lloyds of Birmingham 1907; A Flat Iron for a Farthing by J. H. Ewing (1873); The Village Blacksmith (Life of Samuel Hick); Leading Insurance Men of the British Empire; Memories of Land and Sky; Who's Who, 1897; Who's Who, 1923; Who's Who, 1928; (Moore's Almanack Improved) Wills's Farmer and Countryman Calendar 1821; Fire Over London, 1940-41; Universal Directory of Railway Officials 1943-1944; Great Western Railway Engines; Prevention of Accidents to Staff Engaged in Railway Operations; Railway Accidents 1st July to 31st December 1856; National Union of Railwaymen, Report and Financial Statements for 1913; The Railway Diary and Officials' Directory, 1920; The Universal Directory of Railway Officials, 1929; Auctioneers And Estate Agents Year Book 1929-1930; Directory for Surveyors, Auctioneers & Land and Estate Agents, 1929; The Royal Aero Club of the UK, Year Book, 1924-1926; Yorkshire County Cricket Club 1940; Yorkshire County Cricket Club 1936; The Company of Clockmakers, Register of Apprentices 1631-1931; The British Launderers' Year Book 1939-40; The Watch and Clock Makers of Northumberland and Durham, 17th and 18th Centuries, 1449-1801; A Handbook and Directory of Old Scottish Clockmakers, 1540-1850; London

Labour and London Poor, Extra Volume, 1850; London Labour and the London Poor, Vol II, 1850; London Labour and the London Poor, Vol III, 1850. Use [TheGenealogist](#) to find your ancestors, and read more detail at <https://www.eogn.com/page-18080/13485911>.

(Please note: *TheGenealogist* is available to search at our Research Centre.)

25 ALTERNATIVE SEARCH ENGINES YOU CAN USE INSTEAD OF GOOGLE

For over two decades, Google has been the search engine that most people use for everyday searches, product research, and staying up to date on the latest news. However, following the [introduction of ChatGPT](#) and Bing Chat, Google founders Larry Page and Sergey Brin reportedly returned to take an active role in Google's plans to add chatbot features to Google Search. Shortly after that, around May 2023, Google introduced the chatbot [Bard](#) (later renamed Gemini), and after a year, rolled out "[AI Overviews](#)" in May 2024, to USA-based searchers. OpenAI followed with ChatGPT search in late 2024, transforming the former SearchGPT prototype into a fully integrated search feature within ChatGPT. Google does still hold majority market share, but there are several alternative search engines that offer distinct advantages over Google, such as enhanced privacy, specialized content, unique algorithms, and tailored user experiences.

Here are 25 of the best alternative search engines you can try.

1. [ChatGPT Search](#)
2. [Google AI Mode](#)
3. [Perplexity.ai](#)
4. [You.com](#)
5. [Yep.com](#)
6. [Openverse](#)
7. [Bing.com](#)
8. [Yahoo.com](#)
9. [Ecosia](#)
10. [KARMA Search](#)
11. [DuckDuckGo](#)
12. [Startpage](#)
13. [Swisscows](#)
14. [Brave](#)
15. [Kagi](#)
16. [Mojeek](#)
17. [X \(Formerly Twitter\)](#)
18. [SlideShare](#)
19. [Wayback Machine](#)
20. [WolframAlpha](#)
21. [LinkedIn](#)
22. [Baidu](#)
23. [Yandex](#)
24. [Sogou](#)
25. [Naver](#)



QFHS NOTICES

BEREAVEMENT NOTICES



We extend our deepest sympathy on the following bereavements:

Nicholas Eugene Delaney, past member #2802, late of The Gap, who passed away on 19 June 2025, aged 88.

Expressions of sympathy have been conveyed to his family on behalf of the President and members of the Society.

Finding your family: the fundamentals of research



A six week course

Commences: Monday 8 September 2025

Time: 10.30 – 12 noon

Location: Online event

Cost: Members \$70, non-members \$105
Only 10 people per course

Content: Sources, methodology, organisation, repositories, DNA and much more.

Register at:

<https://www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/>

EDUCATION@QFHS

Further courses will be held as follows:

Topic: **Learn@ - Understanding your old photos, their past, present and future**
Date: FRI 8 August 2025
Time: 7.30 pm to 9.00 pm (online)
Presenter: Steve Gill, presenting from UK (Limit 50 people)

Topic: **Learning by Contributing**
Date: Wed 24 September 2025 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards (Limit 25 people)

Topic: **Learn@ - Ten things you need to know about newspaper research**
Date: FRI 10 October 2025
Time: 10.00 – 11.30 am (online)
Presenter: Sue Reid (Limit 50 people)

Topic: **Talking About - TBA**
Date: Wed 26 November 2025 (free)
Time: 10.00 am to 12 noon (online)
Facilitator: Nancy Edwards (Limit 25 people)

"Follow" QFHS and be advised as soon as new events are listed with

www.eventbrite.com.au/e/queensland-family-history-society-inc

Cost per presentation:

\$20 members (QFHS and GSQ) and
\$30 non-members

International speakers:

\$35 members (QFHS and GSQ) and
\$45 non-members

Cost per Talking About - free

CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE EVENTS

Bookings are required – you are invited to register to secure your place for these events through www.qfhs.org.au/events/learn-qfhs/.

JOURNAL ARTICLE OF THE YEAR: Members' Choice Award 2025

Nominations for your favourite article of 2025 are requested after publication of each journal.

*continued***GSQ EDUCATION EVENTS**

Topic: **Finding non-British Subjects in Queensland records**

Date: Sat 2 August 2025

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am

Presenter: Hilda Maclean

Topic: **Keys to solving family history mysteries: some case studies**

Date: Sat 30 August 2025

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am

Presenter: Stephanie Ryan

Topic: **Hail! Stranger, hail! Right welcome to our shore – Populating North-Eastern NSW 1842-1860**

Date: Sat 6 September 2025

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am

Presenters: Dr Jennifer Harrison and
Dr Dorothy Wickham

Topic: **Putting your Ancestors in their places**

Date: Sat 13 September 2025

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am

Presenter: Jill Ball

Topic: **Record as you Go, Cite as you Go and File as you Go**

Date: Sat 20 September 2025

Time: 9.00 - 11.00 am

Presenter: Cyndi Ingle

Cost per presentation:

\$21 members (QFHS and GSQ) and

\$31 non-members

International speakers:

\$31 members (QFHS and GSQ) and

\$41 non-members

Our society and the Genealogical Society of Queensland (GSQ) have a reciprocal arrangement re Education events. Each society makes their own member pricing for Education events available to members of the other society. QFHS members will need to input their member number when booking to obtain the GSQ discounted member pricing.

Register at <https://www.gsq.org.au/gsq-events/>. You can find the GSQ discount code on the QFHS Members Portal at <https://www.qfhs.org.au/members-portal/gsq-code/>. The code does not change for different events and generally provides a \$10 member discount.

QFHS INC. FAMILY HISTORY BOOK AWARD 2026

The Society invites entries for this Award which will be presented at a special meeting in August 2026 to the person or persons producing the best family history with a Queensland content published in book form within the past five years.

Full guidelines, conditions of entry and entry form are available on the website at <http://www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/awards/>.

Please check the guidelines. In brief, these include:

- It must be the story of a family or families with a family history focus rather than just one individual, and have significant Queensland content, and placement of family in its historical setting
- It should have an index
- Desirable features include illustrations such as photographs, maps, diagrams and tables, and a list of source materials.

Further information is available from:

Hon Secretary
QFHS Inc
P O Box 78,
Geebung Qld 4034

or

Clem Ditton, Convenor
fhaward@qfhs.org.au.



Entries close **30 November 2025**.

The Award is open to members of the Society and to the general public. For further information email fhaward@qfhs.org.au.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

When your Membership is due for Renewal you will receive an email reminder. If you're not sure, please contact our Membership Secretary, email at membership@qfhs.org.au, before making payment. Also don't forget to let us know if any of your contact details change so that we can update our records.

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

Irish Research Day



Researching Irish ancestors?

The next Irish Research Day is

Thursday, 13 November 2025

10.00 am to 3.00 pm

at

QFHS Family History Research Centre,
46 Delaware Street, Chermside.

(at intersection of Delaware St & Waring St)

A great opportunity to spend the day on your Irish family history research. Come and work alongside others and help each other as required. Bring your lunch or food to share.

To get the most out of your time, we recommend you prepare by:

- Reviewing your current research and bringing what you need with you
- Try to specify clear research questions or goals to focus your work

There will be friendly, helpful and experienced people available to assist each other.

Please register early as places are limited.

Contact Dale Fogarty, Irish Research Group at irish@qfhs.org.au with your QFHS membership number.

LIBRARY ASSISTANTS' CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION

Tuesday 7 October 2025

10.00 am – 12.30 pm

Family History Research Centre/Online

To be held as a hybrid meeting, using our state-of-the-art Meeting Owl.

This is an opportunity for Library Assistants to keep up to date with all the latest developments at QFHS's Family History Research Centre, contribute to the strategic plan for our service in the future, as well as learning about operational updates and opportunities for upskilling. Come along to a general get-together/update kind of day.



WRITING AWARDS AVAILABLE

E.M. Fletcher Writing Competition

The E.M. Fletcher Writing Award is for a short story on a family history/genealogy theme between 1,500 - 2,000 words. The competition opens on 15 February and closes on **15 July** each year. Refer to <https://www.familyhistoryact.org.au/writingcompetitioninformation>.

GSV Writing Prize

This must contain between 1200 - 2400 words. Closing date is **30 August** each year. Refer www.gsv.org.au/gsv-writing-prize-2024.

Alexander Henderson Award

The closing date is **30 November** each year. Further information can be found at www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au/index.php/awards/65-alexander-henderson-award.

The Don Grant Award

The closing date is **30 November** each year. For conditions of entry, etc. see www.familyhistoryconnections.org.au/index.php/awards/64-don-grant-award.

Lilian Watson Family History Award

This award is for a book with a significant *Tasmanian* content. Entries close on **1 December** each year. For details email secretary@tasfhs.org or refer to www.thra.org.au/newsletter-event-blog/2017/4/10/lilian-watson-family-history-award.

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QFHS AWARD FOR SERVICES TO FAMILY HISTORY SPECIAL AWARDS FOR SPECIAL PEOPLE

Members are invited to submit nominations for the 2025 QFHS Award for Services to Family History. This award is for Queensland Family History Society members only. Usually, up to two awards are presented each year.

An awardee will have made a significant contribution to:

- family history in general for the benefit of all family historians, or
- the Society, that is of benefit to all members whether it be to improve Society resources or to help with the general running of the Society.

You should make your nomination in the form of a citation, up to 500 words. If your nominee is successful, your citation will be read out at the presentation of the Award. It will also be published in the *Queensland Family Historian*.

Nominations close **30 September 2025**. The Awards will be presented at the Volunteers' Thank You morning tea on 8 December 2025.

You can download a nomination form at www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/awards/. Please email your completed nomination form to secretary@qfhs.org.au or send by mail to PO Box 78, Geebung, 4034 and allow seven(7) days for postage. Please include your contact details and membership number.

LES MORELAND SCRAPBOOK INDEX

There are 6,984 entries in the Les Moreland Scrapbook index, many from German sources. These point into a collection of 2,284 PDF files (not images). Some of the PDFs are excellent but other photocopies, done in the 1980s and 1990s, are not particularly clear. Nonetheless they can provide relevant information and may allow a better copy of the document to be located from current online sources. Members can check out the Index at our Online Access page, <https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/lesmscrapbooks/>.



OPEN DAY AT QFHS **SAT. 30 AUGUST 2025**

from 10.00 am to 3.00 pm

at our

QFHS Family History Research Centre,
46 Delaware Street, Chermside.

(at intersection of Delaware & Waring Sts)

OUR FIRST IN OUR NEW PREMISES

MARK IT IN YOUR DIARY TODAY

Come along, bring a friend, and
share some family history stories.
The more the merrier!

Members will be available to assist
you and pass on some valuable
research tips.

Our SIG convenors will be
available with tips and tricks.

If you have hit a brick wall in your
family research, this is the day to
ask experts what to try next.

BBQ lunch will be available,

Raffle and lucky door prize.

We would love to see you.

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

QFHS VOLUNTEERS' THANK YOU MORNING TEA

Monday 8 December 2025
10.00 am – 12.00 noon



**Sky Lounge,
Kedron-Wavell Services Club,
21 Kittyhawk Dr, Chermside, Q**

**Do Come Along For A Friendly
Get-Together And Meet Other
Volunteers**

also

**Presentation of the QFHS Inc.
Award For Services to Family
History 2025**

and

**Announcement of the
Journal Article of the Year
2025 Award**



BCC 100TH ANNIVERSARY 2025

Events are being added. Refer to
<https://www.greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au/>

- **Wed 1 October –**
City Hall 9.00 am – 4.00 pm
(second week of school holidays).
Community history and family day,
providing activities for families and
children.
- **Sat 11 October –**
City Hall 9.00 am – 4.30 pm
The Royal Historical Society Qld is leading
a conference to commemorate the
centenary of the amalgamation of the
Brisbane City Council. Historical Societies
are being asked to contribute a paper and
have a stand. Windsor, for example, will
present on William Jolly, last Mayor of
Windsor, first Mayor of Greater Brisbane.

RHSQ WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME LECTURES

Islam in Southeast Queensland:

The History of Intergenerational Transmission of Faith in a Minority Context

Wednesday, 20 August 2025, 12:30pm – 1.30 pm

Presented by Zerrin Afza, UQ

For more information, or to reserve your spot, please follow the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wll-islam-in-southeast-queensland-the-history-tickets-1406626520789?aff=oddtcreator> .

Queensland, New Guinea Colonisation, & the 50th Anniversary of Papuan Independence

Wednesday 10 September 2025, 12:30pm – 1.30 pm

Presented by Geoff Keating, UniSQ

For more information, or to reserve your spot, please follow the link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/wll-qld-new-guinea-colonisation-the-50th-anniversary-of-papuan-indep-tickets-1395650511249?aff=oddtcreator>.

The Commissariat Store Museum, 115 William Street Brisbane. ■



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ESTABLISHMENT OF GREATER BRISBANE

The Greater Brisbane Scheme was proposed because the town and shire councils in the Brisbane area were having difficulty making infrastructure improvements and providing local government services in an even way across twenty council areas. The Joint Board System in place was inadequate.

Brisbane Town had been proclaimed a municipality on 7 September, 1859, under the New South Wales Municipalities Act 1858. South Brisbane had been separated from Brisbane Municipal Council in 1888.

A Royal Commission in 1896 recommended some amalgamations occur, after which Booroodabin Council amalgamated with the Brisbane Municipal Council.

At the 1915 state election, both the Liberal Premier, Digby Denham, and the Labor Leader of the Opposition, Thomas Ryan, supported the Greater Brisbane concept.

Two bills were introduced to Parliament – a hurried one in 1917, which did not proceed beyond introduction, and a huge bill in 1923, which was considered too complex and failed to pass.

The Assistant Under Secretary of the Home Secretary's Department, Charles Chuter, redrafted the bill, which was introduced to Parliament and passed as the **City of Brisbane Act 1924**.

It created the Greater Brisbane City Council and came into effect on 30 October, 1924.

THE CITY OF BRISBANE REPLACED TWENTY LOCAL AUTHORITIES...

Two Cities

Brisbane & South Brisbane

Six Towns

Ithaca, Hamilton, Toowong, Windsor,
Sandgate & Wynnum

Ten Shires

Balmoral, Belmont, Coorparoo,
Enoggera, Kedron, Moggill, Sherwood,
Stephens, Taringa & Toombul

Plus parts of two Shires

Tingalpa & Yeerongpilly

The Greater Brisbane City Council comprised a Mayor, who was elected by the people, and 20 Aldermen, one for each ward, who were elected at triennial elections.

The first election was stipulated under the Act to be on 21 February, 1925, and the first meeting of the Council was held on 18 March, 1925, in the Central Technical College (now QUT) in George Street, Brisbane.

The old Councils continued to have meetings during 1925, effectively winding up their affairs, and Greater Brisbane came into effect on 1 October, 1925, under the leadership of Mayor William Jolly.



Centenary information compiled by
The Greater Brisbane Centenary Committee.
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greaterbrisbanecentenary.com.au

QFHS NOTICES (Cont.)

Unlock the Past conference — Adelaide

Wed 20 and Fri 22 Aug 2025

- English Apprenticeship Records
- Visualising Family History Data
- Context: Social History
- Artificial Intelligence & Family History
- Researching your Health History
- Mapping ancestors
- South Australian resources

bit.ly/utp-adelaide

with Helen Smith
Andrew Redfern





For a program, full details and bookings refer to <https://www.gould.com.au/unlock-the-past-conference-adelaide/> and <https://www.gould.com.au/unlock-the-past-tour-conference-cruise-mannum/>. ■

Historic Mannum

Birthplace of Murray River steam navigation

23-29 August 2025

bit.ly/utp-mannum



19th cruise — Murray Princess

STUCK ON A BRANCH? OUT ON A LIMB?

Our Family History Research Centre is a treasure trove of resources and information.

Do you live too far away?

Have you hit that famous brick-wall?

Do you know that members who live further than 50 km from the Brisbane GPO are entitled to 2 hours of free research per year?

A free Look-up Service for all members is also available.

Not a QFHS member? We can still help

Request help now by downloading a request form from

www.qfhs.org.au/about-us/research-service/extended-research

QFHS members - \$40 per hour (incl. GST)

Non-members - \$60 per hour (incl. GST)

Queensland Family History Society Inc.

P O Box 78, Geebung Qld 4034

Email: research@qfhs.org.au



VicGUM is a not for profit organisation which provides technical support to its members with their use of family history software.

VicGUM members receive a monthly newsletter, connection to Gumnet (which is a members' only web-based chat site), and ongoing technical support.

Our regular user group meetings for FTM and Reunion are held using Zoom. This allows any interested member to log in. Monthly events are also shared with members using Zoom. They will be recorded and will be viewable by members through the members' section of the website.

For details of member benefits visit the website

www.vicgum.asn.au and join on line.

email: info@vicgum.asn.au

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THE STORIES IN STONE 2025 CEMETERY HERITAGE AND HISTORY CONFERENCE

Saturday 16 August 2025, 9am – 4pm

Hamilton Town Hall, Brisbane - corner of Rossiter Parade and Racecourse Rd

Our old cemeteries are incredible repositories of history that provide a direct touchstone to the stories, narratives and cultures that shaped our past and present. The conference will share a range of fascinating insights into Queensland's historical cemeteries. Our highly knowledgeable presenters include:

- Kalila Matthews – (social media content creator): 'Bringing Community to Life Among the Graves: Social Media Engagement, Community, and Cemetery Care'
- Lisa Herbert (Cemetery Tours Toowoomba / author, *The Bottom Drawer Book*): 'A case study: the benefits of students taking part in cemetery and grave cleanups' / Repairing the vandalism: a case study
- Kelly Burstow (creator, *Cemetery as Place* / member, Friends of South Brisbane Cemetery): 'Quiet Paths and Silent Stories: Exploring Everyday Experiences at South Brisbane Cemetery'
- Kay Duke (author, *The Mail Train Murders*): 'Unique Information from Cemetery research'
- Lisa Herbert (Cemetery Tours Toowoomba / author, *The Bottom Drawer Book*): 'The search for the missing Wolston Park patients: what happened to the cemeteries and remains?'
- Rebecca Lush (Australian Death Studies Society): 'Cemeteries Reimagined: Interpreting Cemeteries as Heritage Places'
- Leah Cotterell and Narelle McCoy (researchers, creators and performers): 'Stardust, Wish Me Luck, and other stories: Live performance in cemeteries'
- Jenny Clark (vice-president, Friends of Balmoral Cemetery): 'Why BCC has so Many Cemeteries'
- Ben Kelly (Australasian Cemeteries and Crematoria Association): 'The Next 100 Years'

every one of them passionate about preserving and exploring our memorial heritage. Their perspectives will cover innovative headstone repair schemes; new forms of interpretation; challenges in cemetery management; heritage and community; and cemeteries as research sources. The setting for this unique not-for-profit event is the beautiful and heritage-listed Hamilton Town Hall. This conference follows on from the successful 'Stories in Stone' event held at Brisbane's Commissariat Store in 2024, and is organised by the Stories in Stone committee in partnership with Brisbane Living Heritage.

Refer to http://www.storiesinstone.org/2025/04/welcome_25.html#more and <http://www.storiesinstone.org/>

Facebook: Stories In Stone 2025 [Stories In Stone 2025 - Cemetery Heritage and History Conference | Facebook](#)

Bookings (eventbrite): <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/stories-in-stone-2025-tickets-1350734175279?>

Cost for the full day and catering (lunch and morning and afternoon tea breaks) is only \$45.

Please feel free to contact the committee with any queries you may have (email them at storiesinstone.bris@gmail.com or phone Chris Dawson 0432554470).

The Stories in Stone 2025 committee: Jenny Clark President, Jess Parker Treasurer, Chris Dawson Secretary. ■

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

FAMILY HISTORY WRITING GROUP



This group meets online via Zoom on the **third Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months at **9.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

20 September 2025 15 November 2025

If you are interested in joining us, please email fhwriters@qfhs.org.au.

Sue Reid
(Convenor)

IRISH RESEARCH GROUP



The Irish Research Group meets online via Zoom usually on the **second Saturday** of **even-numbered** months from **10.30 am** until **12.30 pm**. The next meeting dates are:

9 August 2025 11 October 2025

For further information, please email irish@qfhs.org.au.

Dale Fogarty
(Convenor)

ENGLISH WEST COUNTRY GROUP



This group researches the counties of Cornwall, Devon, Somerset and Dorset. The Group meets online via Zoom on the **fourth Thursday** of **odd-numbered** months at **noon**. The next meeting dates are:

25 September 2025 27 November 2025

For further information, please email englishwestcountry@qfhs.org.au.

Jenny Davidson
(Convenor)

SCOTTISH INTEREST GROUP



This group meets online via Zoom and in our new Family History Research Centre (hybrid) on the **second Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months (except January) at **10.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

13 September 2025 3 November 2025

If you are interested in joining this group, please email Chris on scottish@qfhs.org.au.

Chris Schuetz
(Convenor)

WELSH INTEREST GROUP

The Welsh Interest Group meets online via Zoom (or in our new Family History Research Centre) on the **third Sunday** of **odd-numbered** months from **10.00 am** until **noon**. The next meeting dates are:

21 September 2025 16 November 2025

For further information please email welsh@qfhs.org.au.



Charlotte Sale
(Convenor)

CENTRAL EUROPEAN GROUP

This group aims to encourage, educate and assist members in their family history research in the Central European area. The Group meets online via Zoom (or in our new Family History Research Centre) on the **first Saturday** of **even-numbered** months from **10.00 am** to **noon**. The next meeting dates are:

2 August 2025 4 October 2025

A \$2 donation goes towards purchasing relevant records.

For further information email Eric at kopittke@tpg.com.au.

Eric Kopittke & Noel Bergman
(Convenors)



FAMILY TREE MAKER USER GROUP

If you are using the Family Tree Maker™ program, or just want to learn more about it, this enthusiastic group is for you.

The group meets online via Zoom on the **first Friday** of **even-numbered** months and by hybrid meetings on the **first Saturday** of **odd-numbered** months (not January) at **10.00 am**. The next meeting dates are:

Fri 1 August 2025
Sat 6 September 2025
Fri 3 October 2025
Sat 1 November 2025



For further information, please contact Geoff Morgan on email familytree@qfhs.org.au.

Geoff Morgan & Debra Ricks
(Convenors)

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DNA INTEREST GROUP

This group seeks to share information on aspects of genetic family history. The group meets on the **fourth Saturday** of **each** month (except December) online via Zoom and in our new Family History Research Centre at **10.00 am to noon**. The next meeting dates are:

23 August 2025 **Advanced**
27 September 2025 **Beginners**
25 October 2025 **Advanced**
22 November 2025 **Beginners**

For further information contact Chris Schuetz or Ann Swain on email dna@qfhs.org.au.

Chris Schuetz & Ann Swain
 (Convenors)

COLONIAL INDIA AND THE FAR EAST GROUP

We welcome you into our friendly, collaborative group to explore the ever-increasing resources available to research Colonial India and the Far East. Our meetings share information, ideas and short presentations about this fascinating time and place. The group meets online via Zoom at **10.30 am** on the **second Sunday** of **even-numbered** months. The next meetings will be held on:

10 August 2025 **12 October 2025**

For further information please email indiafe@qfhs.org.au.

Dette Glenday & Wendy Angliss
 (Convenors)

FAMILY HISTORIAN USER GROUP

Family Historian - simplicity for the newer user, but still the ultimate 'power tool' for experienced family historians. To find out more, join our group's meetings via Zoom on the **first Sunday** of **each** month at **1:00 pm** for approximately 2 hours. The next meeting dates are:

3 August 2025
7 September 2025
5 October 2025
2 November 2025

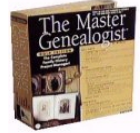
For further information please email familyhistorian@qfhs.org.au.

Malcolm Kingston
 (Convenor)

THE MASTER GENEALOGIST (TMG) USER GROUP

The group caters to the needs of all users, from novice to advanced, and meets online via Zoom on the **third Monday** of **most** months (except December) at **7.00 pm**. The next meeting dates are:

18 August 2025
15 September 2025
20 October 2025
17 November 2025



For further information contact Kevin Haley or Peter Frederick at tmg@qfhs.org.au.

Kevin Haley & Peter Frederick
 (Convenors)

QLD PRE-SEPARATION GROUP

Did any of your ancestors arrive in Queensland prior to separation from New South Wales on 10 December 1859? If so, you may become a certificate member of this group. The group also welcomes anyone interested in pre-separation families and history to its periodic meetings and activities. Meetings are held quarterly online via Zoom mostly on the **second Saturdays** of **March, June, September and December** at **1.30 pm**. The next meetings will be held on:

Sat 13 Sept 2025

Wed 10 Dec 2025 – Proclamation Day

For further information please email presep@qfhs.org.au.

Ann Swain & Jenny Davidson
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DATES TO REMEMBER, INCL. MEMBERS LOUNGE

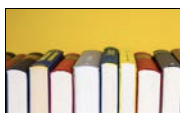
DATE	ACTIVITY	VENUE	TIME
AUGUST 2025 – AFFHO National Family History Month			
Friday	1 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	2 Central European Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Sunday	3 Members Lounge – Toowong Cemetery Guided Walk	Toowong Cemetery	10.15 - noon
Sunday	3 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Wednesday	6 Presentation of QFHS Family History Book Award 2025, and Local and Family History Writing Bookfest (<i>See p.95</i>)	Aspley Hornets Football Club, 50 Graham Rd, Carseldine	11.00 – 1.00 pm
Friday	8 Learn@QFHS: Understanding your old photos, their past, present and future (<i>See p.106</i>)	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm (speaker in UK)
Saturday	9 Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	10 Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	10.00 – noon
Wednesday	13 BRISBANE EKKKA HOLIDAY – RESEARCH CENTRE OPEN		
Saturday	16 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.118</i>)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Monday	18 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Wednesday	20 Presenting...Mawson's Medical Men Speaker: Dr Roger Wilkinson AM (<i>See Back Page</i>)	Hybrid	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Saturday	23 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.115</i>) <i>Experienced</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Monday	25 Members Lounge – Book Club <i>Outrageous Fortunes</i> by Lucy Sussex and Megan Brown	Online	7.30 – 9.30 pm
Saturday	30 OPEN DAY	Research Centre	10.00 - 3.00 pm
SEPTEMBER 2025			
Saturday	6 Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	7 Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	8 Finding your Family course Week 1 (<i>See p.106</i>)	Online	10.30 – noon
Saturday	13 Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Saturday	13 Pre-Separation Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	1.30 – 3.30 pm
Monday	15 The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Wednesday	17 Presenting...Sir Augustus Charles Gregory KCMG, MLA, FRGS, DistGM, an icon Australian explorer, exemplary citizen and notable freemason Speaker: Dr Gary Bacon AM, PGM (<i>See Back Page</i>)	Hybrid	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Saturday	20 Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	9.00 - noon
Sunday	21 Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Tuesday	23 Bi-annual General Meeting	Online	7.30 – 9.00 pm
Wednesday	24 Talking About - Learning by Contributing (<i>See p.106</i>)	Online	10.00 – noon
Thursday	25 English West Country Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	noon - 2.00 pm
Saturday	27 DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.115</i>) <i>Beginners</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Sunday	28 New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.118</i>)	Online	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Tuesday	30 CLOSING DATE QFHS Award for Services to Family History 2025 Nominations		
OCTOBER 2025			
Wednesday	1 Community History Commemoration Day – Greater Brisbane Centenary (<i>See p.110</i>)	Brisbane City Hall	9.00 – 4.00 pm
Wednesday	1 Members Lounge – Social - Coffee & Chat Northside	Eden Garden Centre, 1657 Gympie Rd, Carseldine	10.00 - 12.30 pm

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Friday	3	Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	10.00 - 11.30 am
Saturday	4	Central European Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Sunday	5	Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Monday	6	KING'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY – RESEARCH CENTRE CLOSED		
Tuesday	7	LA CONSULTATION AND TRAINING SESSION (<i>See p.108</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - 12.30 pm
Friday	10	Learn@QFHS: Ten things you need to know about newspaper research (<i>See p.106</i>)	Online	10.00 – 11.30 am
Saturday	11	History Conference at Brisbane City Hall <i>See p.110</i>)	Brisbane City Hall	9.00 – 4.30 pm
Saturday	11	Irish Interest Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	10.30 - 12.30 pm
Sunday	12	Colonial India and The Far East Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	10.00 – 12 noon
Monday	13	Finding your Family course Week 6 (<i>See p.106</i>)	Online	10.30 – noon
Wednesday	15	Presenting...Who? What? When? & Why? Brisbane Town 1842-45 Speaker: Dr Jennifer Harrison (<i>See Back Page</i>) and Presentation of Pre-Separation Certificates	Hybrid	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Saturday	18	New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.118</i>)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Monday	20	The Master Genealogist (TMG) User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	7.00 - 8.30 pm
Saturday	25	DNA Interest Group (<i>See p.115</i>) <i>Experienced</i>	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Monday	27	Members Lounge – Book Club <i>One Free Woman: the true story of convict Hannah Rigby</i> by Jane Smith	Hybrid	10.00 – 11.30 am
NOVEMBER 2025				
Saturday	1	Family Tree Maker User Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - 11.30 am
Sunday	2	Family Historian Software User Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Online	1.00 – 3.00 pm
Saturday	8	Scottish Interest Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 – noon
Thursday	13	IRISH RESEARCH DAY (<i>See p.108</i>)	Research Centre	10.00 - 3.00 pm
Saturday	15	Family History Writing Group (<i>See p.114</i>)	Online	9.00 - noon
Sunday	16	Welsh Interest Group (<i>See p.115</i>)	Hybrid	10.00 - noon
Wednesday	19	Presenting...Muslims in Queensland Speaker: Janeth Deen OAM (<i>See Back Page</i>) <i>Christmas meeting – please bring a plate</i>	Hybrid	1.00 - 3.00 pm
Sunday	23	New Members' Welcome & Orientation Session (<i>See p.118</i>)	Research Centre	9.30 – 12.30 pm
Tuesday	25	Members Lounge – Social - Visit to Queensland Holocaust Museum, St Stephen's Cathedral Precinct	168 Charlotte St., Brisbane	10.00 - noon
Saturday	30	CLOSING DATE QFHS Family History Book Award 2026		
DECEMBER 2025				
Monday	8	QFHS Volunteers thank you morning tea, Presentation of QFHS Inc Award for Services to Family History, Announcement of the Journal Article of the Year awards	Kedron-Wavell Services Club, Chermside	10.00 – noon

Management Committee meetings are usually held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.00 pm online on Zoom or in person at the Research Centre. If you would like to attend, please contact the Secretary.

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WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS of QFHS INC.

Membership numbers 6823 – 6841 including members who joined up to 30/6/25:

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Welcome back to the following member who is rejoining:

DICKSON Bronwyn, Waterford, QLD

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BARRY Beverley, Bracken Ridge, QLD

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Qld Day Pre-Separation Walk participants: Annette Kapitzke, Helen Spencer, Doug Eager, Jenny Davidson, Ann & Tony Swain and David Magee at the beginning of our walk

NEW MEMBERS' WELCOME & ORIENTATION SESSIONS

New Members' Welcome and Orientation Sessions are to be held on the **third Saturday of even-numbered months** and **fourth Sunday of odd-numbered months**, all from **9.30 am – 12.30 pm** (not December). The next meeting dates will be:

Sat 16 August at Research Centre

Sun 28 September Online

Sat 18 October at Research Centre

Sun 23 November at Research Centre

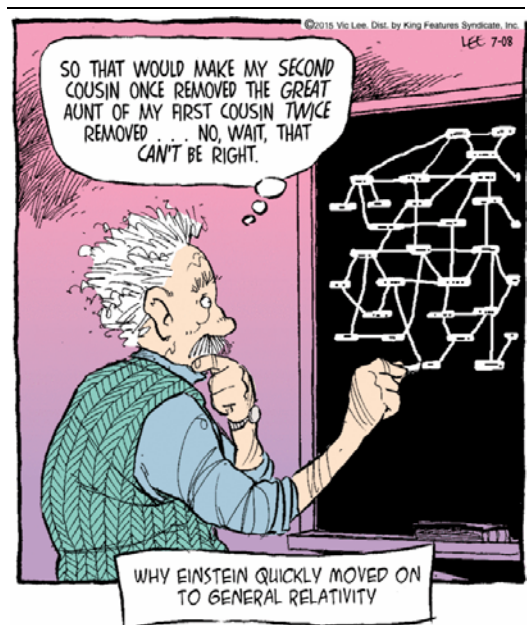
Enjoy an overview of research material and facilities available in the Family History Research Centre. We invite you to attend a New Members' Welcome and Orientation session when you join the Society or at any time you would like a refresher.

BOOKINGS: Essential

Numbers have to be limited in each session to ensure that everyone is able to participate fully in the program. Sessions are usually fully booked, with a waiting list, so please advise the organisers as soon as possible if you book and find you are unable to attend.

Ann Swain & Anne Long
Convenors

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ABOUT THE SOCIETY

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- Have free access to the Society's Family History Research Centre, Subscription Websites, useful weblinks, and journals from Australian and overseas FH Societies;
- Receive our *Queensland Family Historian* either by mail or email, and our e-newsletter *Snippets*;
- Submit two free *Help Wanted* queries in the journal per year; and a list of research interests for publication in the *Queensland Family Historian* and on our website;
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MONTHLY MEETINGS OF THE SOCIETY

Each month, February to November, a Guest Speaker is invited to address topics of interest to family and local history researchers in Queensland and beyond. Presentations are generally arranged for the **third Wednesday of the month** at 1.00 pm to allow as many members and visitors as possible to attend, either in person at the Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside, or via Zoom. Those unable to attend in person but unfamiliar with Zoom may contact the Secretary at secretary@qfhs.org.au for assistance. Bookings are essential and may be made via the QFHS website and Eventbrite. For the dates of the meetings of the different *Special Interest Groups*, please refer to p.114 or *Dates to Remember* on p.116 of this issue.

Presenting...MONTHLY GUEST SPEAKERS

2025

AUGUST 20 (1.00 pm) HYBRID

Presenting...*Mawson's Medical Men*

Dr Roger Wilkinson AM will chat about the four doctors who accompanied explorer Sir Douglas Mawson to Antarctica. Three medicos went on the first Australian Antarctic Expedition (AAE) of 1911-14 - Drs 'Archie' McLean, Evan Jones and Leslie Whetter. Dr. W.W. Ingram was the doctor on the British, Australian, New Zealand Antarctic Research Expedition (BANZARE) of 1929-31. Roger will uncover the backgrounds of all four men and put them into their places in the expeditions. There follows a detailed discussion on the medical aspects of both expeditions and the medical supplies available to the doctors. The AAE found Antarctica to be a fearsome and dangerous but beautiful place and mapped considerable areas of land in the vicinity of their two bases. BANZARE was a much more sedate and somewhat less risky venture in that they had two summer voyages mapping coastline and did not establish a land base. It was during this voyage that Mawson formally annexed the Australian Antarctic Territory for King George the Fifth.

SEPTEMBER 17 (1.00 pm) HYBRID

Presenting...*Sir Augustus Charles Gregory KCMG, MLA, FRGS, DistGM, an icon Australian explorer, exemplary citizen and notable freemason*

Presented by Dr Gary Bacon AM, PGM. The life of this extraordinary man (Birth: 1 August 1819: Farnsfield, Nottinghamshire, England; Death: 25 June 1905: Brisbane, Queensland, Australia) will be covered in three tranches, viz.: Explorer on the Australian Plateau, Early Queensland State Administrator and Community Leader, Patriarch of Queensland Freemasonry. He has been referred to as the 'Bradman of Australian Explorers' but few today have heard of him. He was also Queensland's first Surveyor General and Land Commissioner in 1859.

OCTOBER 15 (1.00 pm) HYBRID

Presenting... *Who? What? When? & Why? Brisbane Town 1842-45*

Dr Jennifer Harrison will once again speak about early Brisbane. On 10 Feb 1842 the Moreton Bay penal colony was declared open to free settlers. Who came? And Why? More importantly what was luring these pioneers? How did they get here? Did they stay? This presentation seeks to explore how a former penal colony transitions to a town. Let's look at initial development and appreciate how intrepid, strong yet foolhardy and trusting our forebears were.

NOVEMBER 19 (1.00 pm) HYBRID

Presenting...*Muslims in Queensland*

Janeth Deen OAM will chat about the cameleers' and hawkers' early history in bringing Islam to Australia. Also the early history of the first mosque in the east coast of Australia and the oldest continuous mosque in Australia, in Brisbane.

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