



NEWS

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

Well, Family History Month has come and gone! I trust all member societies took advantage of all that was on offer during the month.

As advised by our Secretary, Valerie Thornton, the Australian Taxation Office requires that not-for-profit groups with an ABN need to undertake a self-review of their tax obligations. If a not-for-profit group with an ABN has registered with ACNC as a charity, they do not have to undertake the self-review. The good news for our members is that History Queensland has made arrangements with ACNC for bulk registration of all our member societies which are not currently registered as charities, so that they will be exempt from undertaking the review of tax obligations.

If you have not done so and you wish to be part of the bulk registration application, please contact our Secretary at secretary@historyqueensland.org.au A big thank you to Valerie who has been dealing with ACNC and the Tax Office.

Also, a reminder that early bird registrations for the joint AFFHO and History Queensland conference will close on 30 November 2024. Speakers have all been confirmed and the program will be uploaded to the conference website shortly.

History Queensland is looking to find the host for our 2027 conference. It is usual to announce the host at the end of the previous conference and it is intended to do this on the last day of the 2025 Conference. It is a wonderful experience to organise and see a good conference through to fruition. History Queensland will give support to the host society through seed money and also practical suggestions and guidelines. Your management committee have been discussing the possibility of the 2027 conference being held in a hybrid fashion – eg in person as well as online for those who live regionally or remotely from the venue. Please send your expression of interest to our Secretary.

Until next time – happy researching.

Kay Ryan, President, History Queensland

9 September 2024

**AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE 21 TO 24 MARCH 2025
– CONNECTIONS – PAST – PRESENT – FUTURE**

Join us for Connections 2025 - Australasia's premier event for local and family historians, ancestry researchers and genealogists to uncover the past, celebrate the present and tap into the future.

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Full details and registration here:
www.connections2025.org.au
office@connections2025.org.au

The Conference themes are Diaspora (Migration), Looking Forward, and Local History.

The Conference will be held at the Brisbane Technology Park, 1 Clunies Ross Court, Eight Mile Plains, and that will be the venue for all Conference themes as well as the trade hall and vendor demonstrations, along with the Conference dinner for Saturday 22 March registrants only (\$66 with cash bar available), and the AFFHO Annual General Meeting.

Full details including the Conference program are contained on the Conference website, www.connections2025.org.au. The per day rate for one- or two-day attendance packages is \$260, the full conference rate is \$515 with an early bird discount (\$395 available for bookings to 30 November 2024). As at 12 August, there were 114 delegates registered, and 112 registered for the Conference dinner.

There will be six Master Classes with a limit of 25 attendees per class at \$75 per session per person. Details to be advised. As at 12 August, 63 delegates had registered for Master Classes.

There will also be four tours on offer, with the themes Convict Heritage, Early Settlers, or Military.

**ASSISTANCE FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF REGIONAL DELEGATES
TO ATTEND THE 2025 CONFERENCE**

The cost of travel and accommodation may exclude some members from regional areas who would otherwise like to attend the 2025 Conference. To assist regional delegates History Queensland will subsidise the attendance of up to four members of HQ member organisations at the 2025 Conference.

The amount of each subsidy will be up to \$1500 and the funds will be available for travel or mileage and accommodation. Such costs will be available for reimbursement after the Conference on production of receipts or other documentary evidence.

Preference in awarding subsidies will be given to applications from people living more than 200 kilometres from Brisbane.

Depending on the response from member societies, the management committee may in its discretion decide to grant no subsidies, or to grant more than four subsidies or to grant subsidies in amounts other than \$1500. The Committee's decision regarding the successful applicants will be final.

Applications must be in writing and reach the Secretary by Wednesday 30 October 2024. This will allow applicants – whether successful or not – to take advantage of the Early Bird pricing for the Conference, which closes on 30 November. Download the PDF form from the link on the History Queensland website, scan the completed form and forward it to secretary@historyqueensland.org.au, OR post the completed form to Secretary, History Queensland, PO Box 734, Golden Beach, Qld 4551. Whether emailed or posted, applications must be received by the deadline date.

The History Queensland Committee will consider all applications and make a decision by 6 November 2024. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be advised by 7 November 2024.

For full details about the conference including program, packages, accommodation, venue and more see: <https://www.connections2025.org.au/conference-program>. For more information, email: secretary@historyqueensland.org.au.

If you are an organisation that may have members interested in applying for a subsidy to support their attendance at the Conference, please circulate this information to your members.

HQ TRADE TABLES TO ASSIST SOCIETIES AT THE 2025 CONFERENCE

As a service to member societies who will be unable to send delegates to the 2025 Conference, or members to staff a table, History Queensland will have two tables for societies to display promotional material. The procedure for receiving material for the tables are yet to be finalised, but societies with representatives attending the Six-monthly HQ Meeting on Sunday 17 November may wish to have their representatives bring their promotional material with them and it will be held until the Conference.

Further details will be available later.

HQ'S OWN TABLE, AND SOCIETIES' OWN TRADE TABLES AT THE 2025 CONFERENCE

Conference organisers have said that each trade table will have a backboard for the display of posters, maps etc. HQ's exhibited material will include a reminder that 2025 is History Queensland's 30th anniversary year. HQ has been informed by the Conference organiser that there will be no objection to societies' trade tables being staffed by society members who are not registered as delegates to the Conference.

**TIME-LINE FOR ASSESSMENT OF APPLICATIONS MADE UNDER
HQ'S SMALL GRANTS PROGRAM 2024**

Applications to History Queensland in connection with the Small grants program for 2024 closed on 31 August. The independent Assessment Panel is expected to make its recommendations by 15 September and the Management Committee will consider the Panel's recommendations on 20 September. Successful and unsuccessful applicants will be advised of the results of their applications on 21 September.

**CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST IN HOSTING THE NEXT
HQ CONFERENCE AND ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, PROBABLY IN MAY 2027**

As Kay Ryan noted in her *'From the President's desk'* item, though it may seem early to be considering the hosting of the 2027 History Queensland Conference, to ensure that sufficient time is available to make all the necessary suitable arrangements, the Management Committee is calling for expressions of interest in hosting the 2027 Conference and Annual General Meeting, probably to be held in about May. The 2027 Conference will be a History Queensland Conference and will not be held jointly with AFFHO. Societies may wish to consider proposing different Conference formats, for instance a Conference in an electronic digital format only, or a combination of personal and electronic attendance, or a Conference of one day only rather than the customary 1½ or two days.



Peachester Heritage Centre

Peachester Hall,
960 Peachester Road, Peachester
Open: Mondays (by appointment only).
Every 4th Sunday of the month, 10am–2pm, or by
appointment
Cost: Adults \$5

THE PLAQUES RESTORED – PHC volunteers have been working at the Cemetery since the weather improved – placing the new plaques in the same position as before, and making sure they are well anchored to the wall. Looking good



DIGITISATION OF RECORDS, PHOTOGRAPHS ETC.

At HQ's Annual General Meeting in May, some members asked about the availability of grants to fund or assist in funding the digitisation of records, photographs etc. David Barnes, the Convenor of the Conference in March 2025, put us in touch with Max Petts of Imaging Australia & New Zealand, one of the sponsors of the Conference.

Max provided the following information. While the deadline for the 2024 round of grants closed on 30 June, Max suggested interested members could contact him to see if any further help may be available. He also seemed to indicate that grants were likely to be available in future years.

Imaging Australia & New Zealand (IANZ) is a leading brand in providing digitisation solutions to organisations of all sizes, both here and across the ditch!

In our commitment to preserving and conserving history, we are excited to inform you about our IANZ Digitisation Grants. These grants, which have been available since January, will remain open until 30 June 2024. Rest assured, this initiative is likely to continue in the future as well.

Our grant application process is straightforward, requiring only a few key details for our independent grants panel to review. You can find the application link below.

<https://ianz.com.au/ianz-digitisation-grants> . If you or any of your members would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Max Petts, Sales & Marketing Director

Imaging Australia & New Zealand

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ORAL HISTORY AUSTRALIA BIENNIAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE, MELBOURNE, 21-24 NOVEMBER

The Oral History Australia Biennial National Conference will be held in Melbourne, 21-24 November this year. An oral history icon, Alessandro Portelli, will be giving the Keynote Presentation. It promises to be an excellent conference. In conjunction with the conference, the 2024 Oral History Australia awards are now open. These are the Hazel de Berg Award for Excellence in Oral History and the OHA book and media awards. Applications closed on 31 August.

The conference website is <https://oralhistoryaustralia.org.au/biennial-conference-2024/> and enquiries may be made to conference2024@oralhistoryaustralia.org.au. The Conference theme, 'The Power of Oral History—Risks, Rewards & Possibilities' is described as tapping into 'the many powerful features of oral history practice including the potential to evoke powerful emotions, bring forth new voices and engage new audiences through multimedia.'

The Conference venue will be the state-of-the-art Trinity College Gateway Centre on the campus of the University of Melbourne, in inner city Parkville, close to cafes, restaurants, parks, public transport and accommodation. The venue is accessible with a dedicated lift.

**NOT-FOR-PROFIT SOCIETIES MUST BE REGISTERED AS CHARITIES
TO ACHIEVE TAX-FREE STATUS — POSSIBILITY OF APPLICATIONS IN BULK BY HQ ON
BEHALF OF INTERESTED MEMBER SOCIETIES**

This article was prepared by the Secretary after discussions with Commonwealth government officers.

NEW TAX LAWS

While History Queensland Inc is not in a position to provide advice to our members on taxation matters, or on how to complete an application for registration as a charity, we have been able to put together some guidelines of what individual societies might need to consider in moving forward.

The ATO recently advised that if your not-for-profit (NFP) organisation has an active Australian business number (ABN), you must lodge an annual NFP self-review return starting with the 2023–24 income year.

The ATO recognises eight categories of not-for-profit organisations that can self-assess eligibility for income tax exemption. Some organisations that fall into these categories could also have a recognised charitable purpose and may be eligible to register as a charity with the ACNC. If an organisation is eligible for charity registration, it will be ineligible to self-assess income tax exemption and will instead need to register with the ACNC and be endorsed by the ATO to be income tax exempt. It appears that historical/family history societies may not fall under one of the classifications for tax exemption and must become charities (if their constitutions meet certain standards) to achieve tax-free status.

If your organisation is already a registered charity, you do not have to do the self-review. You can search the ACNC Charity Register to check if your organisation is registered. **BUT**, if you are NFP, have an ABN, and are not registered with ACNC as a charity, you will have to do the self-review OR apply to ACNC for registration as a charity and ATO for tax exemption.

If you are a not-for-profit group, have an ABN, and are not registered with ACNC as a charity, and you wish to apply to ACNC for registration as a charity, you should look at their website: <https://www.acnc.gov.au>. Click on [For Charities](#), or on the link: <https://www.acnc.gov.au/for-charities>. There you will find information about charity registration and more.

There is also a Registration application checklist and guide which may be helpful: <https://www.acnc.gov.au/tools/guides/registration-application-checklist-and-guide>. Working out which category best reflects the main purpose of your organisation can be challenging. To help work this out, the officer at ACNC suggested you search by Charity (under 'For Charities') and a list of, for example, 'historical societies' (or 'family history,' 'museum' etc) will be given. You can also filter the search by State as below:

There you will find organisations/societies who are registered as charities with ACNC.

By clicking on the name of a society, you will be able to see '*who the charity helps*', '*Summary of activities*' and '*charity programs*' and this should give you some guidance about the type of activities and wording you could use in your application for registration. I note that many of our HQ members are listed under various categories. You can also type in the name of a society/organisation and check what they have entered. This may help if you know of a similar society/organisation in your area or doing the same types of things you are doing. You need to show that what you're doing is of benefit to the community.

History Queensland cannot give specific advice on these matters, but the officers at ACNC and ATO are very helpful. You can contact the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission (ACNC) on phone: 13 22 62 for further advice relating to your society. The contact number for the Australian Taxation Office for not-for-profit groups is 1300 130 248.

**HQ MAY BE ABLE TO HELP SOCIETIES BY MAKING AN APPLICATION IN BULK
FOR THE REGISTRATION OF MEMBER SOCIETIES AS CHARITIES —
PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION SOUGHT BY SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024**

Further to my email of 17 August 2024 in which I passed on information from the Australian Taxation Office that not-for-profit groups with an ABN need to undertake a self-review of their tax obligations. I also advised that if a not-for-profit group with an ABN has registered with ACNC as a charity, they do not have to undertake the self-review.

This week, ACNC contacted History Queensland Inc and told us that as the peak body for a number of local and family history groups, HQ can assist our members by making applications in bulk for registration as charities. This would save each small group from making their own application. HQ is already aware of which of our members are incorporated, and which of our members have an ABN. However, we have no record of which societies with an ABN have registered with ACNC as a charity, although I am aware that many society members of HQ are registered with ACNC as charities. I also know that there are some members who are currently applying to ACNC.

Before we can proceed with any application in bulk for registration, **we need to establish which societies with an ABN have not yet registered as a charity**. Of that group, we would also need to know which societies would be interested in seeking registration as a charity.

So that we can proceed, would you please let me know:

- Has your society registered with ACNC as a charity?
- Has your society previously applied for registration as a charity but been unsuccessful?
- If your society is in the process of registering with ACNC, are you happy to continue that process without being part of an application in bulk by HQ for registration as a charity by HQ?
- Is your society interested in being part of an application in bulk by HQ registration as a charity?

I'd be grateful if you could please email your responses to the questions above by Sunday 15 September 2024.

In the application in bulk for registration, we would be able to put the same description of purpose for each local history society, each family history society, each museum etc, and the little groups would not have to reinvent the wheel for themselves.

The registration application can be backdated according to the checklist. It may be backdated to the latest of:

- (1) the date your the society was established;
- (2) the date your society's ABN became active; or
- (3) 3 December 2012.

Your organisation's date of registration with the ACNC will determine when it is entitled to receive Commonwealth tax concessions, including income tax exemption. I'll double check the best date to use with my ACNC contacts, but I think for most societies (2) might be a good date.

ACNC will need a copy of each applicant's governing documents to ensure that they meet ACNC standards. If the governing documents, usually the Constitution, needs amending to meet those standards, there will be a time lag while societies decide on the required amendments, give their members notice and hold a meeting to consider and hopefully pass the amendments. ACNC will accept the document approved by members at a general meeting. Fortunately, they don't need to wait until the final step of Office of Fair Trading's approval of the amended Constitution (which could add months to the process). They will also help those societies which don't meet the ACNC standard to get their documents in order.

We have been told that it might be best if HQ made applications in bulk for, say, 10 member societies at a time.

If your society **IS** interested in being part of an application in bulk, I will require certain information in order to proceed. I will contact you later with the specific details I need: there are several tabs of information that need to be completed by each society that wishes to be included in the application in bulk. Also, each will be required to sign a declaration that they agree to being part of the application in bulk. I asked about HQ's and my liability and was told that each individual society will be required to have agreed that HQ include them in an application in bulk.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Kind regards

secretary@historyqueensland.org.au

**DATE CLAIMER:
HQ'S NEXT SIX-MONTHLY MEETING — SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024**

History Queensland's next six-monthly meeting will be held on

Sunday 17th November

in Auchenflower, Brisbane

hosted by:



Further details to follow.

SHAUNA HICKS, OAM (MEDAL OF THE ORDER OF AUSTRALIA)



Congratulations to Shauna Hicks, History Queensland's Patron, on her being awarded the Medal of the Order of Australia in the 2024 King's Birthday Honours for her service to community history. She has made an enormous contribution to family and local history through her work over many years as an archivist and genealogist. Her wonderful talks and guidance have helped so many of us over the years. We are truly honoured to have her as our Patron.

Shauna has been tracing her own family history since 1977. She has worked in government, mainly in libraries and archives for over 35 years. These included the State Library of Queensland and the John Oxley Library (part of the State Library), Queensland State Archives, National Archives of Australia and Public Record Office Victoria.

Shauna is currently undertaking a Doctor of Philosophy program with Griffith University. Her thesis subject is the 'Grass Wasn't Always Greener: the incarceration of women in colonial Queensland 1850-1900' and she is using a genealogical methodology to study these women and tell their stories.

CLOSURE OF NZ DIGITISATION PROGRAM AND ON-DEMAND SERVICE

AFFHO members were recently alerted to the recent closure of New Zealand's Digitisation Program and On-Demand Service. This was the message sent by Sonya Russell, AFFHO President:

'As you are aware, AFFHO advocates on behalf of member organisations to address challenges they or the family history community is facing.

I am writing to you on behalf of AFFHO's Council regarding the recent closure of the Archives New Zealand Te Maeatanga Digitisation Programme and On-Demand Service on 30 June 2024. The Programme has digitised over two million images from Archives New Zealand since 2017. The On-Demand Service allowed interested researchers, who could not attend the Archives facilities in person, to request the digitisation of specific records for a small fee.

Unfortunately, funding to continue the Programme has concluded and researchers will no longer be able to request items be digitised. Researchers will need to visit the Archives in person to access any records.

While I acknowledge the majority of AFFHO's membership body is Australia-based, the closeness of our two nations' history and geography means there is much overlap between our research and ancestry. The closure of the Archives New Zealand Te Maeatanga Digitisation Programme and On-Demand Service will therefore affect family historians from both of our nations.

If this closure will impact your members, you may wish to write to New Zealand's Minister for Internal Affairs and for Workplace Relations and Safety, the Hon Booke Van Velden <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/minister/biography/brooke-van-velden>. You may consider writing about the Programme's value to researchers, appreciation for the digitisation that was achieved, and support for future iterations of the Programme. With over 50 member organisations, AFFHO is well-placed to support each other as we face challenges. Please don't hesitate to contact the Council if we can provide support.'

INTRODUCING BRISBANE LIVING HERITAGE

This is a slightly edited version of a message received by History Queensland from the Community Engagement team at Brisbane Living Heritage.

'We just wanted to introduce ourselves as the Community Engagement team at Brisbane Living Heritage. We have been working hand-in-hand with Brisbane heritage organisations helping them with networking, promotion, training and professional development, for over a year now, and would love to see your organisation become part of and active in this wonderful network!'

We are funded by Brisbane City Council specifically for your benefit, and with some big heritage events coming up in the next year or two, we are ramping up our work with organisations like yours to help with social media, marketing, and opportunities for membership growth and succession planning.

You may have met us at some local events recently, with the gathering of history groups in Brisbane to talk about the Centenary of the Brisbane City Council next year, or you may know us as the volunteers behind Paddington Then & Now, the history organisation based in Paddington. Some may even know us from the Under the Lino Project. Either way, know that we are passionate about heritage, and about helping others who feel the same way, but might be struggling with membership numbers, volunteers, digitisation or event marketing.

... We are here to support you, and don't want you to miss out on what's ahead, especially leading up to the 2032 Brisbane Olympics. Any questions, please reply to this e-mail. There are links to application forms for membership of BLH on our website:

<https://brisbanelivingheritage.org/members/> .'

Caylie Jeffery and Kerry Forsythe
Community Engagement and Marketing Managers
<https://brisbanelivingheritage.org/members/>

ADELAIDE GATHERING OF FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETIES, 20 SEPTEMBER

This message was received from Sonya Russell, President of AFFHO, president@affho.org.au .

AFFHO seeks to support member family history organisations through networking opportunities so that these groups can better assist their members in the pursuit of family history research.

We are delighted to invite you to attend the *Inaugural Gathering of Family History Societies*, hosted by GenealogySA, in Adelaide/virtual on 20 September 2024. The Gathering is an opportunity for family history societies to discuss challenges and opportunities and to share experiences of running societies.

What: Inaugural Gathering of Family History Societies
Why: For representatives of family history societies who would like to share ideas on solving shared concerns unique to societies and not-for-profit organisations.
Host: GenealogySA
When: 10 am to 4 pm, 20 September 2024
Where: GenealogySA Library, 201 Unley Rd, Unley (Adelaide) or Virtual
Cost: Self-funded

GenealogySA is building a strong agenda that may cover a number of different challenges that we face – from insurance to membership to IT. We also welcome the chance to discuss the strategic direction of AFFHO.

AFFHO and GenealogySA hope the Gathering will be of great value to members and look forward to future iterations.

If you wish to attend or have any questions, please email Carolyn Wass – General Manager GenealogySA, saghs.genman@saghs.org.au .

Sonya Russell

President, president@affho.org.au



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A HISTORY GROUP IS SEEKING SUGGESTIONS FROM SOMEONE FROM A MEMBER SOCIETY WITH SOME KNOWLEDGE OF ASSIGNING COPYRIGHT

History Queensland's Secretary received the following email from Secretary of the Richlands Inala History Group. Members of the committee were unable to assist and it was thought that circulating Richlands' request to member societies might lead to some assistance being forthcoming.

If one of your members may be able to assist, please have them contact Richlands' Secretary directly.

Dear Secretary,

Our history group is considering assigning copyright of our publications to a reputable, long-term organisation.

Please recommend a member with an interest and perhaps some suggestions we might take into account.

Many thanks.

Vicki Mynott, vickimynott@gmail.com

Secretary, Richlands Inala History Group

100 YEARS OF GREATER BRISBANE COORDINATION COMMITTEE

2025 will mark the Centenary of the formation of the Greater Brisbane City Council. *The City of Brisbane Act 1924* created the Greater Brisbane City Council to consist of the twenty local authorities: the cities of Brisbane and South Brisbane; the towns of Hamilton, Ithaca, Toowong, Windsor, Sandgate, and Wynnum; the shires of Balmoral, Belmont, Coorparoo, Enoggera, Kedron, Moggill, Sherwood, Stephens, Taringa, and Toombul; and parts of the shires of Tingalpa and Yeerongpilly.

It was a remarkable achievement when it came into effect on 1 October 1925.

As many historical societies in Brisbane have been discussing ways to celebrate this event, a meeting was held on 17 June to gather ideas on how we can coordinate celebration activities. Lots of ideas were put forward and a Coordination Committee was established (see below for members). This committee prepared a submission to the Lord Mayor proposing a wide range of activities.

Among these was a day-long conference regarding the formation of the Greater Brisbane City Council, and a day in City Hall for the public, including children, to celebrate and learn about our history. Also included was a wide range of activities involving Brisbane's historical societies and local libraries.

At a subsequent meeting of representatives of the committee with the Lord Mayor and Chair Community and Arts, Cr Vicki Howard, the proposal was discussed. The Lord Mayor and Cr Howard are very supportive of the initiative and offered their assistance to make it all happen. We are discussing dates and options with them right now and will keep you updated as and when things happen.

We want your society on board, and we will do all we can to plan, facilitate and coordinate events, and to keep everyone informed about what is happening. To receive regular updates about this initiative simply reply to this email – Brisbane Living Heritage is assisting with communications and event marketing, and this e-mail is the way to communicate with the committee. Let us know if we have your correct email contact address, or would prefer another?

Thank you

Judy Magub (on behalf of the Coordination Committee)

Members of the 100 Years of Greater Brisbane Coordination Committee:

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| Judy Magub | Kenmore & District Historical Society |
| Caylie Jeffery | Brisbane Living Heritage and Paddington Then and Now |
| Kerry Forsythe | Brisbane Living Heritage and Paddington Then and Now |
| Jeff Brunne | Annerley-Stephens History Group |
| Marion Mackenzie | Oxley Chelmer History Group |
| Julia van Zon | Chermside & Districts Historical Society |
| Dr Ruth Kerr | Royal Historical Society of Queensland |
| Stephen Sheaffe | Royal Historical Society of Queensland |
| Gem Cowlshaw | Windsor & Districts Historical Society |

Contact:

Caylie Jeffery and Kerry Forsythe
Community Engagement and Marketing Managers
<https://brisbanelivingheritage.org/members/>

SMALL GRANTS AVAILABLE FROM WIKIPEDIA AND WIKIMEDIA

Wikimedia Australia is offering some small grants (\$5K-\$10K) to organisations or individuals to undertake Wikipedia, Wikimedia Commons (the photo database), or other Wikimedia projects. There is a strong desire to obtain more regional content and involvement by a broader range of people in contributing to Wikipedia.

https://wikimedia.org.au/wiki/Partner_Projects_2024-2025

I thought these grants might be of interest to member organisations of History Queensland and that you might be willing to distribute this message to your members.

I note that any application must be able to draw on appropriate Wikipedia experience (and this person must be identified on the application). If the organisation does not have access to that skill set, I am happy to provide advice to any Queensland organisation considering an application and provide training and guidance to any successful application (as a free service, not funded through the grant, either face-to-face or via Zoom depending on location) in relation to Wikipedia and Commons (the photo database).

Thanks for any assistance you can give in distributing this grant information.

Kerry Raymond, Wikimedia Australia member

NICK VINE HALL AWARD 2024

The Nick Vine Hall Award is awarded annually to member societies (in two categories based on membership) for the best family history journal/newsletter in Australia and New Zealand. AFFHO provides this award to encourage its member societies to produce quality journals/newsletters, and to honour Nick Vine Hall AM.

The late Nick Vine Hall fervently supported and represented AFFHO at a National level in a *Save the Census Campaign* in the mid 1980's. Nick utilised his personable skills as a researcher, author, radio presenter, and in speaking engagements towards the final achievement that was announced by the Federal Government of their acceptance of the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs report *Saving our Census and Preserving Our History*. This permitted citizens across Australia to 'opt in' and allow retention of their 2001 and future Census information, under closed access for 99 years, by the National Archives of Australia, and in so doing, made a valuable contribution to preserving Australia's history for future generations.

First prize – Wall plaque and \$300 to the Society; Certificate to the Editor

Second prize – Certificate and \$100 to the Society; Certificate to the Editor

Each year member societies of AFFHO are encouraged to select one of their journals/newsletters published in the previous year and enter it in the competition before the closing date (in 2024 the closing date was 30 April). Prize winners for 2024 were announced during August, National Family History Month.

This announcement appears on the website of the Genealogical Society of Victoria Inc (gsv.org.au)

It has just been announced by AFFHO that the Ancestor journal has won the 2024 Nick Vine Hall Award for the best family history journal/newsletter in Australia and New Zealand, in category B for societies over 500 members.

The announcement was made at the beginning of the 2024 AFFHO National Family History Month opening session (by Zoom of course). This makes the 6th time the journal has received this award since 2009 – a real endorsement of the continuing value of the GSV's journal to genealogy and family history.

We've long known that GSV has an Editorial and Creative team to be very proud of when it comes to producing our Ancestor journal. That pride is well-placed, as confirmed again with our journal receiving the great national accolade of winning the 2024 Nick Vine Hall Award. The Editorial and Creative team are all volunteers and we owe them a huge debt of gratitude for their great work for GSV. And many thanks to the contributors as well, who provide such interesting and valuable content for the journal.

Members can revisit and enjoy the award-winning edition – March 2023 – on the GSV website under the Ancestor Journal tab: log-in as a member to view our Ancestor journals, we have over 60 years of our journal online.

Stephen Hawke, President GSV

PLEASE INFORM THE HQ SECRETARY OF CHANGES TO MEMBER SOCIETIES' CONTACTS, EMAIL ADDRESS, OR PHONE NOS

History Queensland's Secretary asks that if a member society's contacts, email, or phone numbers change, could the Secretary please be informed as soon as possible? HQ has about 135 members and avoiding the need for the Secretary to follow-up undelivered emails or incorrect phone numbers would make her job more manageable.

MUSEUM OF BRISBANE EXHIBITION — NEW LIGHT: PHOTOGRAPHY NOW + THEN

A mesmerising display of photography spanning 1890 to 2024.

With the power to freeze and preserve time, photography has captured imaginations for centuries. This August, step into *New Light: Photography Now + Then*, an exhibition where past and present converge in a mesmerising display of photography spanning 1890 to 2024.

Extraordinary images by amateur Brisbane photographer Alfred Henrie Elliott (1870-1954) lay dormant for decades until they were discovered in 1983, stored in cedar cigar boxes beneath a home in Red Hill. Initially thought to comprise 300 glass-plate negatives and a trusty tailboard camera, the collection's narrative took an unexpected turn in 2014 with the discovery of an additional cigar box brimming with over 400 film negatives and 92 prints.

Drawing on this treasure trove of an archive, seven contemporary Brisbane photographers (names below) will debut exciting new commissions responding to different parts of the Elliott Collection. Brisbane's photography community have also responded to the archive and a selection of images will be shown in a display titled *Viewfinders*. By layering their own perspectives, knowledge and experiences onto the collection, the artists will encourage new ways of looking at our past, our present and this place.

Join us in celebrating the ever-inspiring interpretive capacity of photography. The exhibition opened on Saturday 17 August and runs until Sunday 13 July 2025.

Contemporary artists: **Marian Drew, Jo-Anne Driessens, Joachim Froese, Tammy Law, Carl Warner, Nina White and Keemon Williams.**



Alfred Elliott: Top end of Enoggera Reservoir, 1893

HISTORY QUEENSLAND SPEAKERS' LIST

Some of our member societies hold General meetings with a speaker either from among their members or a guest. The History Queensland website includes a drop-down menu of 18 possible speakers and their subject areas, with their email addresses.

If a society has another guest speaker and discovers that they would be interested in having their details added to HQ's Speakers' List, please let our Secretary know.

FAMILY TREE MAKER SEMINAR, 10 OCTOBER, TO BE HOSTED BY QFHS

The Queensland Family History Society is hosting a Family Tree Maker Seminar on 10 October. This event is part of VicGUM's 40th anniversary celebrations & will be the only appearance of international presenters, Duff Wilson & Stefan Harms, in Queensland. (VicGUM stands for Victorian Genealogists Using Microcomputers. VicGUM, established in 1984, is an association of family history researchers using computers. With a national membership around 500, GUM is Australia's leading association helping genealogists better use their computers, associated equipment and genealogy programs as part of their family history interest. GUM is not a family history association, although many GUM members belong to one or more family history groups. Rather, it provides help and full technical support to members on how to confidently use their computers and software. GUM communicates with its members in many different ways including monthly meetings, workshops, user groups, one-on-one training, monthly newsletter, Facebook and 'Gumnet', GUM's own on-line help and chat site.

If you are a user of Family Tree Maker software for managing your family history research or are interested in using a program that provides lots of functionality, this seminar is for you. If you are wondering how to publish all your research in an engaging manner and are a user of Family Tree Maker, you will be interested to discover Family Book Creator which works seamlessly with FTM.

The two individuals whose names are inextricably linked to these popular products are in Australia during October for VicGUM's 40th anniversary celebrations and Queensland Family History Society will host their only appearance in Queensland.

Duff Wilson, Executive Director of Family Tree Maker® (Software MacKiev, USA) has been involved in the design of every edition of Family Tree Maker since 2004. He has three decades of software design and development experience, working with products and people from many countries and cultures across the world. His broad but focussed experience has given him tremendous respect for all people and the importance of making products that are crafted out of a deep understanding of their values, wants, needs, and capabilities. He will introduce the much anticipated and soon-to-be-released upgrade to FTM.

Stefan Harms, author and creator of the FTM plugin, Family Book Creator®, has travelled from Germany for VicGUM's anniversary events. Stefan holds a degree in Applied Computer Science and runs his own business as an independent software designer. He became addicted to genealogy 25 years ago when he transferred his great-uncle's paper family history into a Family Tree Maker database. Stefan has helped thousands of FTM users publish their genealogy in professional-looking books after releasing the first version of Family Book Creator ten years ago. With many users of FTM wanting to publish the fruits of their research, Family Book Creator provides a powerful option that works seamlessly with FTM.

When: Thursday 10 October 10am-3.30pm (Registration 9.30am-9.55am)
 Where: Geebung RSL, 323 Newman Rd, Geebung (Brisbane northside)
 Parking: Plentiful in RSL carparks off Newman Rd and off Collings Street
 Train: Geebung railway station is 160m (2min walk) from Geebung RSL

Food: Morning tea and lunch provided
 Cost: Early bird until 14 September – members of QFHS, GSQ, VicGUM, GCFHS, or CFHG, \$60, non-members \$75
 After 14 September: members of QFHS, GSQ, VicGUM, GCFHS, or CFHG, \$70, non-members \$85
 Bookings: via Eventbrite (PayPal is the secure method of payment). Should you prefer to pay by bank transfer, contact the organiser for details (familytree@qfhs.org.au)

Don't miss out! Book now: [.https://bit.ly/4cFgeGZ](https://bit.ly/4cFgeGZ)

This is an in-person event & will not be available via Zoom. Recordings will be made available to registrants for a limited period after the event.



REGISTER NOW

Family Tree Maker® Seminar

Seminar Presenters:

Duff Wilson,
Executive Director
Family Tree Maker®

Involved in design of every edition of FTM since 2004, who better than Duff to inform us about the pending release of FTM 2024?



Stefan Harms, author & creator Family Book Creator®

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After 14 September
*Members: \$70
Non-members: \$85

*Members = QFHS, GSQ, VicGUM, GCFHS, CFHRI

Morning tea & lunch provided

Hosted by Queensland Family History Society, the seminar is an initiative of VicGUM (Victorian Genealogists Using Microcomputers) as part of their 40th Anniversary Celebrations



HISTORY QUEENSLAND INC — 2024-2025 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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LAW CHANGES FOR INCORPORATED ASSOCIATIONS, INCLUDING NOT-FOR-PROFITS

All incorporated associations need to be aware that legislative changes governing how we resolve internal grievances and disclose remuneration to our members came into effect on 1 July 2024.

The addition of a dispute resolution procedure to the model rules also took effect from 1 July. If a group already has a grievance procedure that complies with the one in the model rules, it can continue to be followed, but if it does not comply it will be invalid and the grievance procedure in the model rules must be followed. If a group does not have a grievance procedure it does not need to adopt one: the grievance procedure in the model rules will apply.

From 1 July, all incorporated associations will need to disclose remuneration and other benefits at their annual general meeting, even if the amount to report is zero. This applies to benefits and remuneration given to management committee members, senior staff, and their relatives. Remuneration and benefits may be disclosed as the total value given to all persons but must include the number of people who benefited.

The following link will take you to the Office of Fair Trading and further information about these law changes: [Office of Fair Trading – Incorporated Associations law changes, July 2024](#)



Drover's camp at Hughenden, ca. 1916, [Negative number: 63497, John Oxley Library](#)

**NEWS FROM HERE AND THERE, INCLUDING
FROM MEMBER SOCIETIES' NEWSLETTERS AND WEBSITES**



Upcoming education events. Further details are available on GSQ's website: click on the September eNews link. Bookings may also be made via links from the eNews. Except for the last of these, the cost of each is: Members \$21, Non-members \$31.

Women Teachers in Early Brisbane – Sep 21 @ 9am – 11am
Presenter: Sharyn Merkley – Virtual via Zoom

Undertakers' records: making the most of GSQ's collection – Oct 5 @ 9am – 11am
Presenter: Dr Hilda Maclean – Virtual via Zoom

Walls come tumbling down! – Nov 5 @ 7pm – 9pm
Presenter: Dave Annal – Virtual via Zoom

(Brickwalls are an inescapable component of every family historian's world. If you think about it, every line you've ever researched starts (or ends, depending on which way you look at it) with an individual whose parentage is unknown. ... In this talk, I take a practical, hands-on approach to solving brickwalls using a worked example.)

Delving into The National Archives (Kew, England) and its Records – Nov 16 @ 9am – 11am
Presenter: Helen V. Smith – Virtual via Zoom

Hardscrabble lives: Stealing Arms and Illegal Oaths – Transportation of Irish Protestors, 1821-1824 – Nov 30 @ 9am – 11am – Presenter: Helen V. Smith
Virtual via Zoom

Organizing, researching, and sharing with Legacy Family Tree 10 software
– **Dec 14 @ 9am – 11am**
Presenter: Geoff Rasmussen – This event is for Members Only and is FREE
Virtual via Zoom



Sandgate & District Historical Society & Museum

CABBAGE TREE HATS



Traditional hats made from palm trees, **Cabbage tree hats** were made as far back as 1799 and were still being worn at the end of the 19th century by bush workers and farmers in parts of New South Wales and Queensland.

The hats, woven from narrow strips of cabbage tree palm, were light and stood up to hard wear. They cost up to £3, depending on quality. Many country women were expert hat-makers.

ACU PARTNERSHIP



Joel Stopforth, history student and intern at the Australian Catholic University, who has been utilising the museum's resources, has completed his study of homelessness, *Between Pity and Fear: A view of homelessness in Sandgate and its wider surrounds during the Depression and post-war years*.

Congratulations Joel, we know it will generate much interest to our members and community. Joel plans to present his report with a talk at the museum in the future – will keep you posted

RHSQ

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Coming events. There are links on the RHSQ website for more information or to make bookings.

Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture: **The Aboriginal Workers who Bred Horses for the Queensland Police: 1909-1935 – 9 October**, 12:30pm. Presenter Lesley Syngé.

Wednesday Lunchtime Lecture: **History of the South Brisbane Dry Dock – 13 November**, 12:30pm. Presenter Keith Boulton.



Oral History Interviewing for Beginners – Online training, 12 and 19 November 2024

An opportunity to learn how to create an oral history interview, or to record the memories of elders in your family or community. This popular Oral History Victoria two-day online training workshop is for anyone who would like to learn how to prepare, conduct, record and document an oral history interview, whether recorded remotely or conducted face-to-face.

After the first Saturday sessions, you will conduct your own oral history interview (remote recording or face-to-face), which will be a learning resource in the second Saturday sessions. The workshop will be limited to 16 participants to enable lively discussion and practical work in an online format. Participants will need a computer with wifi connection – the Zoom link will be provided, along with Zoom instructions.

Presenters will be **Sarah Rood**, a professional consulting historian who has been working in the field for the past 20 years, and **Alistair Thomson**, national award-winning teacher and now Emeritus Professor of History at Monash University who taught his first oral history workshop in 1985.

Contact for further information: Alistair.Thomson@monash.edu



Queensland Military Historical Society Inc

The Society is one of our newest members. They are located at Fort Lytton National Park, 160 South Street, Lytton. The Society's Museum is open whenever the Park is open and is run by extraordinary volunteers: **entry to the QMHS Museum is free.**

Their usual hours are Sunday 10am to 4pm. The Park is also open on most Public Holidays. The Society has a website and [Facebook](#) page which are updated regularly.

Parking is available on-site. There is no public transport to Fort Lytton National Park. The nearest train station is Wynnum North.





Windsor and Districts Historical Society Inc



World War 1 Memorial – 100th anniversary 2025

The Society is planning a special celebration for the 100th anniversary of the Windsor WW1 memorial. The memorial was erected by the Windsor Town Council and officially opened on Anzac Day 1925.

There are 160 names of servicemen on the memorial who enlisted from the Town of Windsor and who paid the supreme sacrifice. For the anniversary, the Society is seeking stories that descendants may have of any serviceman who enlisted in WW1 from the Town of Windsor.



Greater Brisbane City Council 100th anniversary 2025

The Society will be contributing to the 2025 celebration events for the formation of the Greater Brisbane City Council in February 1925 by the amalgamation of all the local Towns and Shires (which came into effect in October that year). A special connection with this event is that a 5 times Mayor of the Town of Windsor was elected the first Mayor of Greater Brisbane.

William Alfred Jolly CMG



Queensland Family History Society Inc

Two of their coming events:

Members Lounge Social

Let's get together for a coffee & a visit to the

**Diamantina Health Care
Museum
(PA Hospital)**

Wednesday 9 October 10am

More Newspapers: overseas newspapers & more Australian newspapers

Presenter: Sue Reid

[Read more...](#)

**Friday 11 October 10am
An online event**

Cost: \$15 (members) \$25 (non-members)

Kilcoy District Historical Society Inc



Queensland Country Women's Association (QCWA) – Kilcoy Branch celebrates 100 years

Recently KDHS celebrated the 100th anniversary of Kilcoy's Country Women's Association Branch with a Special Issue Newsletter. Here are some excerpts:



100 Years Ago

On 18 September 1924, Mrs Nott journeyed from Toogoolawah and addressed a meeting of ladies. The object was to form a branch of the Country Women's Association in Kilcoy. There were 31 ladies present. Mrs Nott outlined the aims and objects of the CWA. It was then decided to form a branch in Kilcoy, with President Mrs Longland, Vice-presidents Mrs Musgrave and Mrs Smith, Secretary Mrs Ellie (Jessie) Jones, Treasurer Mrs L Webster. Monthly meetings were held in the supper room of Kilcoy's Memorial Hall, the last Thursday of each month. The rent of the hall was 2/- per meeting, and membership 3/- per annum. Florin afternoons were held regularly to raise funds. Mrs D Logan donated £3 to purchase books required. For many years an annual CWA Ball was held. It was also arranged to have a flower show and fete annually. When it was thought that a maternity ward was needed at the hospital, CWA members were asked to help. Members assisted the hospital committee with their fund-raising, and also provided quilts for beds when the hospital opened. Members visited patients and supplied cakes and flowers to patients on Mother's Day. Christmas gifts were distributed to all patients in hospital. We are pleased to say that through the years since the Kilcoy Branch formation in 1924, members have continued the practice of visiting the hospital with flowers and gifts.

Rest room



In 1938, the branch was still looking for a home. Alan Bradley kindly donated an allotment of land in Rose Street to the branch. In June 1939, it was decided to call tenders for a rest room to be built. Plans similar to that of the Palmwoods Rest Room were decided upon. Tenders were called and in January 1940, Mr Parry's tender was accepted. The rest room opened free of debt in May 1940.

During the war the rest room was used extensively to entertain soldiers camped around Kilcoy and for many activities such as making nets, packing parcels, etc. Red Cross used the Room to pack parcels also. CWA members joined the Comforts Fund, and the room was used for meetings, working bees etc. In 1949, it was decided to extend the Rest Room. Work was finished in time for the Silver Jubilee. A fete was held in the grounds, and Mrs Rawlins, Division president, opened the extensions.

Mothers' Hostel

In 1953, it was proposed to build a waiting Mothers' Hostel. To raise money members catered at balls, Apex dinners, tuckshops, cattle sales, street stalls, and raffles. In 1955, a start was made, and it was officially opened on 24 September 1955, by divisional president, Mrs Woulf. Many Kilcoy business houses gave generous donations towards the project. The hostel opened free of debt, the rooms being let to business girls and teachers needing accommodation, at the same time reserving a bed for a waiting mother or any person who had a sick relative in hospital, in keeping with the reason the Hostel was built.

The members raised funds for a rainwater tank. The Lions Club installed it and also built the hall's front entrance ramp for the aging members. A Gaming Machine Community Benefit Fund grant enabled Martin Engel to renovate the kitchen and bathroom in 2002. The hostel entrance ramp was also installed. Restumping took place in 2003. Esther Trousdell, daughter of Mrs E Jones, the first secretary, attended the 80th birthday in 2004. Donations over the years include Cancer Appeal, Qld Institute of Medical Research, Royal Flying Doctor Service, Bangladesh Flood Appeal, Leprosy Mission, Tsunami Appeal, Skin Bank, toys for Salvation Army and Smith Family, Comfort Teddies to ambulance and fire services. The local community card group plays euchre each Wednesday in the hall. On the third Thursday monthly, CWA hold a Coffee Morning, where guests enjoy morning tea and hoy, for the princely fee of \$3. Red Cross hold their monthly meetings in the hall.





Redcliffe Numismatic Society Inc.

New Coins

Australia: Olympic and Paralympics

The Royal Australian Mint has teamed up with Woolworths to give customers the chance to find limited edition coins in their change with any cash purchase!

First up is the 'Community' coin, featuring a pillar of the Australian Olympic Committee (AOC) combined with the AOC logo.

Next, meet the 'Allezaus' coin, inspired by the popular European sports chant "Allez", meaning "Let's Go". This coin showcases the Australian Olympic mascot, BK the kangaroo, breakdancing!

The 'Olympism' coin brings BK the kangaroo back, this time with boxing gloves and a beret in front of the iconic Eiffel Tower.

Meanwhile, the 'Paralympics' design features Lizzie, the frilled-neck lizard, playing the Paralympic sport of Goalball.

For collectors, the limited edition coin sets are also available for purchase from the Mint eShop, call centre, the Canberra Museum and Gallery, and participating Aus Post stores.

<https://www.7bu.com.au/trending/entertainment/limited-edition-olympic-and-paralympic-coins-unveiled-by-the-royal-australian-mint/>



Peachester Heritage Centre

12 Genealogy Research 'Rules'

- 1 Always cite your sources. Always
- 2 Never, ever assume another researcher's information is 100% correct
- 3 Remember that every name has variations. Check them all
- 4 Never copy another person's public tree. Use it only as a helpful aid
- 5 Share freely with others and they will share with you
- 6 Don't trust your assumptions, only sources
- 7 Check and double-check your facts before recording or sharing
- 8 Take a second look at records. Your answer may be right in front of you
- 9 Don't limit yourself to only one or two research sites. Look for options
- 10 Go offline or order hard copies to expand your research
- 11 Back up your files monthly. Keep at least two copies of your research
- 12 Never give up. You may not find what you're looking for, but the journey is always worth the effort.



Dayboro District Historical Society

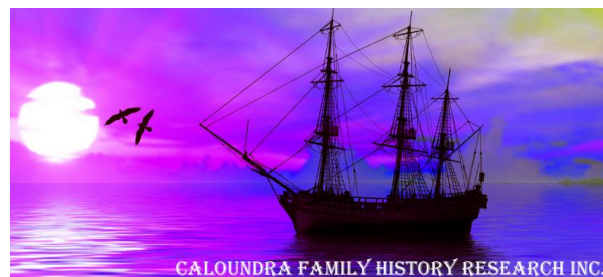
Est. 2004
“Dayboro Cottage”
27 Williams Street,
DAYBORO 4521

The Month of July 100 years ago.

Dayboro Presbyterian Church (Upper North Pine Presbyterian Church): The Brisbane Courier of Saturday 5 July 1924 reported: “... *The Rev. James Walker, of St. Paul’s Church, intends to visit Dayboro tomorrow afternoon in the discharge of his duties as Interim Moderator of the charge of Upper North Pine, of which Dayboro forms a part.*”



Hitherto the Dayboro church stood about three-quarters of a mile outside the town, but, under the direction of Rev. R B Bousefield, MA, it has been brought into the centre of th¹e town, where it will be much more convenient for those who attend it. A special service is being held tomorrow afternoon, to mark its reopening, and Mr Walker is to conduct it. It is expected that Mr R H C Crowe, the newly-elected Home Missionary, will be forward in time for that service...” (It is believed that the photo of the church above was taken c1926.)



A suggestion by member Paul Carty saw five of us travel to Beerburrum on Saturday 13 July 2024. We were celebrating the event of Matthew Flinders’ reinterment, in the North Aisle, adjacent to the Flinders Stained Glass Window, in the village Church of St Mary and the Holy Rood in Donington, Lincolnshire. This was his home, where he was baptised, and many members of his family are buried. Why were we in Beerburrum? In 1799 he was exploring part of the Queensland coast in HM Sloop Norfolk, entering the Pumicestone ‘River’ from the south. With his Aboriginal guide Bongaree and two seamen he climbed Mt Beerburrum on 26 July and camped overnight by Tibrogargan Creek. On exiting the passage, apart from his initial skirmish with the natives, he found them to be friendly, and described their achievements with respect and admiration, naming the area Skirmish Point.

There is a commemorative cairn and plaque in the Matthew Flinders Rest Area near the base of Mt Tibrogargan on Steve Irwin Way, Sunshine Coast.

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