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Welcome to our latest Snippets newsletter with titbits to whet your appetite for more information.

There are quite a number of events on in May, which will be of interest to our readers. Don't forget to click on the month bar in the QFHS Calendar on our website to get a full listing of our events.

If any of our readers come across items which they think would be of interest, please send details to snippets@qfhs.org.au so they can be considered for inclusion in future newsletters.

As the days grow shorter and colder we tend to spend more time at home where it is warm and cosy and have a bit more time for family research. Take advantage of the access that your society provides to the various databases worldwide both online and in the QFHS Research Centre. Our opening hours are on the website and everyone is welcome.

If you would like to be a part of the Centre's activities and volunteer to help, we now have a

new Volunteer Co-Ordinator, Jenni Doolan, who can be contacted on volunteering@qfhs.org.au. As the saying goes : 'Many hands make light work'.

We would like to wish all our members and readers a very happy Easter. We will be publishing on our usual date, 20th of the month, because our wonderful proofreaders, Laurie Lee and Geoff Morgan have squeezed their essential work into their Easter preparations.

For those travelling in the holiday season, please stay safe. The closure dates for the QFHS Research Centre can be found below in the newsletter.

Until next month, happy researching.

Sheena de Jager Miles and Deborah Clark-Dickson
Snippets Co-editors

NEWS

QFHS Annual General Meeting (online and in person) **Wednesday 18 June 2025 7:30pm-9pm**



Image from Pixabay

QFHS holds an Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June each year.

This year's meeting will be held online and in-person at the QFHS Family History Research Centre, that is, a hybrid meeting.

At the AGM, The Annual Report and Financial statements are presented to the membership.

Members will then elect a Management Committee for the next 12 months.

Draft Minutes and Agenda for the AGM will be found at [/events/general-meetings/documents/](#).

Members and visitors may attend either in person at the Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside, or online via Zoom.

Members unable to attend in person and unfamiliar with Zoom may contact the Secretary for assistance.

Members and visitors must register to attend the AGM, whether attending in person or via Zoom

[**REGISTER**](#)

Closure Dates for the QFHS Centre

Please note that the Research Centre will be closed on the following days:

18th April - Good Friday Public Holiday
19th April - Easter Saturday
20th April - Easter Sunday
21st April - Easter Monday Public Holiday
25th April - Friday ANZAC Day Public Holiday
5th May - Monday Labour Day (Qld) Public Holiday

We have a new Volunteer Coordinator

We are pleased to advise that Jenni Doolan has agreed to be the new Volunteer Coordinator. Thank you, Jenni, and welcome to your new role.



Irish Resources at the QFHS Research Centre

**6th May 2025
10am - 2pm**

The Irish Research Group is hosting a free tour of the Irish Resources at the QFHS Research Centre. Registrations close 28th April.

To book and for more information [.....](#)

Managing Eventbrite or Zoom

If you are booking in to access Eventbrite or Zoom to manage an event, you may be prompted to enter a code. This code is usually emailed to the Secretary.

As there is nothing in the code email to show who is trying to gain access, please email secretary@qfhs.org.au immediately so that she can forward the code to you. Please note this code is generated at the time of the request.



Brisbane 100 Volunteers Wanted

Brisbane 100 is an event taking place in October as part of the Greater Brisbane Centenary Celebrations. If anyone is interested in helping to organise this event please contact Reena Almeida on reena.almeida@outlook.com.



2026 National Library Fellowship applications now open

Researchers and creative writers are encouraged to apply for 9 philanthropically funded Fellowships offered by the National Library of Australia in 2026. This year, the amount of financial assistance has increased, with a total of \$315,000 of funding available.

Applications for National Library of Australia Fellowships and the Creative Arts Fellowship will **close on Monday 5 May 2025**.

[Learn more....](#)

Special Interest Groups (SIGs)

Next meetings:



Central European:

Colonial India & the Far East:

DNA (beginners questions):

DNA (some experience):

English West Country:

Family History Writing:

Family History Software:

Family Tree Maker:

Irish Research Day:

QLD Pre-Separation:

Scottish:

The Master Genealogist:

Welsh:

Saturday 7 Jun 25 - 10am - hybrid

Sunday 8 Jun 25 - 10.30am - online

Saturday 24 May 25 - 10am - hybrid

Saturday 26 Apr 25 - 10am - hybrid

Thursday 22 May 25 - 12 noon - online

Saturday 17 May 25 - 9am - online

Sunday 4 May 25 - 1pm - online

Saturday 3 May 25 - 10am - hybrid

Tuesday 6 May 25 - 10am - hybrid

Friday 6 Jun 25 - 1:30pm - excursion

Saturday 10 May 25 - 10am - hybrid

Thursday 19 May 25 - 7pm - online

Sunday 18 May 25 - 10am - hybrid

Meetings vary between: online; hybrid with some members online and some in person; or in person at our Family History Research Centre, 46 Delaware Street, Chermside. Please check the [QFHS calendar on the website](#) or contact the group Convenor to confirm your meeting location.

Learn more about Special Interest Groups

Would you like to learn more about a particular interest group or perhaps join them for a meeting? Click [here](#) and select an interest group. You can contact the Convenor if you have any questions or would like to join a meeting.

Next Management Committee meeting

The next meeting of the Management Committee will be held on:

13 May 2025 at 7.00pm until 9.30pm by zoom

QFHS members may submit items for the MC meeting via the Secretary at secretary@qfhs.org.au.

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EVENTS



New Members Welcome and Orientation: Get ready to make the most of your membership

These orientation sessions will be held either in person at the QFHS Family Research

Centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside or online via Zoom. It's your opportunity to learn more about our research resources, services and learning opportunities.

Not a new member but need an update on accessing resources at our Family History Research Centre? You're very welcome to join the sessions.

The next session will be held in person on Sunday, 25 May 2025 at 9.30am to 12.30pm at the QFHS centre, 46 Delaware St, Chermside.

Bookings are essential at welcome@qfhs.org.au

Members Lounge - Presenting ...



The Beginnings of Qld Railways

**21 May 2025
1pm - 3pm - Hybrid meeting**

Guest Speaker: Greg Hallam, Queensland Railways Historian. Greg will be attending at the Research Centre.

It will be 160 years in July 2025 since the first section of railway line opened in Queensland (31 July 1865). Greg Hallam, Queensland Railways historian, will once again tell us the history of Queensland Rail.

[Read more....](#)

Members Lounge - Social ...



Qld Muslim Museum

309 Nursery Road, Holland Park

26 May 2025
10am - 12:30pm

Housed in a hall adjacent to the historic Holland Park Mosque, the museum offers a fascinating glimpse into the history and contributions of Muslims in Queensland. Visitors can explore a variety of exhibits that highlight the significant role Muslims have played in the state's development, from the early Afghan cameleers to the diverse community of today.

To register and read [more](#)

Learn@QFHS ...



The Visitations Books in Genealogy

13 June 2025
10-11:30am online

Presenter: Patrice Connelly.

The Visitations Books were compiled in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries and are a unique genealogical resource. Compiled by the official Heralds, they are a fascinating source of information on the upper classes in England before the parish registers were established.

Register and [read more](#)



Book Club

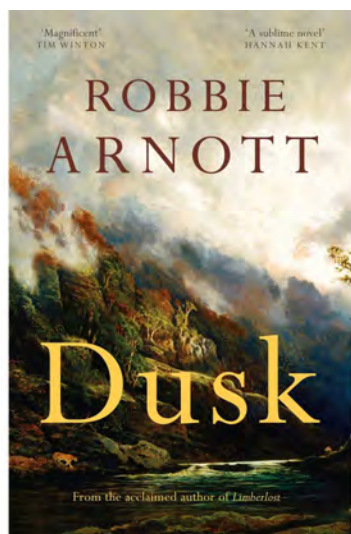
28 April 2025 at 7:30pm online

"Bee Miles"

by Rose Ellis

Bee Miles: Australia's famous bohemian rebel, and the untold story behind the legend

[Read more...](#)



Next Book Club

30th June at 10am online

"Dusk"

by Robbie Arnott

A captivating adventure with the Australian myth of the predatory Big Cat.

[Read more...](#)

NOTICEBOARD

STATE LIBRARY⁷
QUEENSLAND

The State Library of Queensland is currently presenting 'The unbroken spirit of the Kalkadoons', an exhibition that is an excellent example of family history and oral history documentation. For further information, click on the following link.

[Link](#)

[Click here](#)

1 Million New British Army Records Available at *The Genealogist*

Over 1 million previously unknown British army records have gone online at The Genealogist.

Apparently, when British forces captured enemy property or territory, the spoils (or their monetary value) were pooled and allocated to the officers and men as "prize" rewards. These newly-published records describe their allocation, whether to the soldiers themselves or a relative.



Enoggera Memorial Hall Centenary Celebrations

**Sunday 20th July
2-4pm**

Displays of the 1920 & 1930s ; Enoggera State School Choir ; Stump Capping - Yarns from over the back fence.

Book launch "The Enoggera School of Arts and Memorial Hall".

Celebration afternoon tea & Raffle.

[Tickets and info...](#)



**Moreton Bay History Seminar
8 May 2025
9am - 3pm**

Step into history at the 8th Annual Moreton Bay History Seminar!

Enjoy a day of discovery, storytelling, and connection. Hear from history experts, uncover captivating stories of legendary locals, and talk to Moreton Bay's many local history community organisations. Discover the full program below.

This year, we're proud to celebrate the event as part of the Australian Heritage Festival.

For more information, click [here....](#)

**Walking Tour of Clarence
Corner**

**Saturday, 10 May 2025
from 9am**

Join professional historian and BHG President, Robert Allen, for a two hour stroll around this historic precinct.

Limited numbers so book early.

[Book and read more...](#)





14th to 28th June

The Servant of Two Masters is a comedy by the Italian playwright Carlo Goldoni written in 1746. Goldoni originally wrote the play at the request of actor Antonio Sacco, one of the great Harlequins in history. The play draws on the tradition of the earlier Italian commedia dell'arte.

[Book and read more...](#)



The E. M. Fletcher Writing Award is an annual short story writing competition on a family history/genealogy theme.

The 2025 competition opened on 15 February and closes on 15 July.

[Read more...](#)



Australian Celtic Festival

1-4 May 2025

Held annually at Glen Innes, NSW, the 2025 festival will particularly celebrate the Festival's Year of Brittany, Cornwall & Wales.

[Read more...](#)

RESOURCES - NEW AND ONGOING



The Family History Federation is based in the UK but it puts out a "Really Useful Bulletin" each month on its website that may be of interest to our members with UK backgrounds.

[Read more...](#)



Welsh Place-Name Society

"Our place-names face a serious and regular threat when they are changed, translated or ignored. Once lost an essential and substantial part of our heritage and links to our past will disappear. Unfortunately the legislation that protects other elements of our heritage such as buildings, animals and plants has been denied to place-names."

[Read more...](#)



The Queensland State Archives

If you have water-damaged papers, photos and records, you might find it useful to read the attached article and watch the video on how to salvage them..

[Read more](#)



FamilySearch International

FamilySearch International is the largest genealogy organisation in the world. Millions of people use FamilySearch records, resources, and services to learn more about their family history. To help in this great pursuit, FamilySearch and their predecessors have been actively gathering, preserving, and sharing genealogical records worldwide for over 100 years. Their services and resources can be accessed for free online at [FamilySearch.org](https://www.familysearch.org) or by visiting a FamilySearch Affiliate Library -- QFHS is one, but there are over 6000 world-wide.

By going to <https://www.familysearch.org/en/newsroom/familysearch-library-webinars-november-2024>, you will gain access to view the newsletter, which gives information about the latest events and also further information about FamilySearch's expanding collection

Assisted Immigration to Queensland 1848 to 1912

A new dataset with 262,900 entries has been added to the QFHS online research resources.

See <https://www.qfhs.org.au/online-access/assistedimmigration/> - and please read its associated [ABOUT](#) document for details of the data.



Journals: a rich resource

Australia

[FAHS Newsletter 57 2025 03](#)

[Founders 56 2 2025 04](#)

[SAG Descent 55 1 2025 03](#)

ACT

[HAGSOC Ancestral Searcher 47 4 2024 12](#)

[HAGSOC Ancestral Searcher 48 1 2025 03](#)

NSW

[Blue Mountains Explorers Tree 126 2025 03](#)

[Cape Banks Kith Kin 155 2024 11](#)

[Cape Banks Kith Kin 156 2025 03](#)

[Hawkesbury Crier 2024 09](#)

[Orange Newsletter 2024 12](#)

[Orange Newsletter 2025 04](#)

[PFFF Newsletter 62 2025 03](#)

Queensland

[Caloundra Clipper 128 2025 03](#)

[RHSQ 905 2025 04](#)

[Sunshine Coast Kin Tracer 32 1 2024 09](#)

[Whitsunday Branching Out 2025 03](#)

South Australia

[South Australian Genealogist 52 1 2025 02](#)

Victoria

[Bridges Branches 137 2025 03](#)

[Gensoc Victoria Ancestor 37 4 2024 12](#)

England

[Buckinghamshire Origins 49 1 2025](#)

[Derbyshire 192 2025 03](#)

[Devon Historian 193 2025 02](#)

[Herefordiensis 16 01 2025 04](#)

[Northumberland Durham 50 1 2025](#)

[Nottinghamshire Journal 18 02 2025 04](#)

Ireland

[NIFHS News 70 2025 03](#)

Scotland

[Caithness FHS Journal 78 2025 03](#)

[Gallus 132 2025 03](#)

[Shetland Coontin Kin 133 2025 03](#)

Wales

[Cronicl Powys 124 2025 04](#)

[Dyfed 15 5 2025 04](#)

Canada

[Saskatchewan Bulletin 56 1 2025 04](#)

Check, check and double check.

When researching your family history be aware that Parish records are not always accurate.

With marriage certificates it was quite common for the participants to sign a blank document with the details filled in later. So check the signature against the name written at the top. They can sometimes be different.

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.

[Check out the Les Moreland Scrapbook Index here](#)

A reminder: QFHS Subscriptions to International Databases

QFHS provides free access to an extensive range of information available through the library editions of the following websites (check the QFHS website for member login details). Some can be accessed from home, and others the Research Centre in Chermide.

QFHS is a **FamilySearch** affiliate library.

You can reach limited-access FamilySearch databases and images on the QFHS computers.

MyHeritage's French historical record collection



MyHeritage offers an important historical record collection: France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970. This collection offers an index of deceased or officially missing people from various French departments, spanning 80 years of history. It includes 26 million records, with high quality scanned images.

Gain access to the collection here:

[Search France, Tables of Successions and Absences, 1890–1970](#)

Source of our cover illustrations



For the past several years, we have chosen an illustrated cover from *The Queenslander* to add to the header for Snippets.

The Queenslander was launched by the Brisbane Newspaper Company in 1866 and discontinued in 1939. It was the weekly summary and literary edition of the *Brisbane Courier*, the leading journal in the colony - and, from 1859, the State of Queensland.

With weekly publication spanning 60+ years, there were many (out-of-copyright) images to consider as a header for Snippets.

Acknowledgements

We would like to thank all those who have taken time out to send items of interest to our Snippets mailbox at snippets@qfhs.org.au

The more we receive, the more interesting to members our newsletter will be. If your submission does not appear in this issue, we will try to include it in a future edition. Please note that reference to any product does not imply endorsement. Members are cautioned to evaluate products prior to purchase.

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*The Family History Research Centre is located on
the traditional lands of the Turrbal and Jagera peoples.*

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