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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your eighth e-Bulletin for 2015 a day early as I'm away from home for a week. If you have information to share we would love to receive it. You can send information for the e-Bulletin to me at mulligan53@inet.net.au and use OHQ E-Bulletin in the subject line. If you have an event coming up, let me know as soon as you can to ensure it gets in the e-Bulletin on time. The editor reserves the right not to publish if any information is judged to be inappropriate. Please visit our web site: www.ohq.org.au and “Like” our Facebook page. Also check our Blog which is updated weekly with stories related to oral history. Feel free to add a comment. Any feedback is very welcome.

Suzanne Mulligan

1. OHQ Facebook Page

We're happy to have over 100 Likes so far for our Facebook page which we try to keep up-to-date with interesting news for oral historians. Even if you are not on Facebook, you can still look at our page but need to sign up to make comments or Like us. Please pay us a visit by clicking on the Facebook icon on our web page or <https://www.facebook.com/ohaagld>

2. International Oral History Conference

The International Oral History Association (IOHA) and the Oral History Association of India (OHA) are pleased to be hosting the XIXth [International Oral History Conference](#) at the Srishti Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Bengaluru, India from 27 June to 1 July 2016. The theme of the conference will be “Speaking, Listening, Interpreting: The Critical Engagements of Oral History.” Find out more [here](#).

3. Backtracks: Recollections of Remarkable Australians

Check out this book and purchase if interested [here](#).

4. Royal Historical Society of Queensland Publications

Helen Bracken, Manager, The Royal Historical Society of Queensland says:

“Dear Members, Librarians and Affiliated Societies,

Events occurring this month include:

- The September Wednesday Talk is by Tom Freeman on *The Epic Journey of the Wilesmiths*. The talk starts at 12.30pm on 9 September 2015, with a light lunch served afterwards.
- The RHSQ Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 10 September 2015, starting at 6pm. The Clem Lack Orator for 2015 is Michael Strong, speaking on *Recreating Aboriginal History*.

We look forward to welcoming you to these events.”

Read the RHSQ August Bulletin [here](#), the September Bulletin (800th edition) [here](#) and the August edition of the “Queensland History Journal” [here](#).

5. West Australian Newsletter

For your information and interest you may see the West Australian newsletter Playback, August 2015 [here](#). Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 August 2015.

6. Sound, Summary, Transcript

Here is a website which combines sound, transcript and a summary of the transcript in the one place. You may listen to the recording and follow the transcript as well as selecting a segment you’d like to hear. There would likely be a lot of work in producing this outcome, giving the web visitor these choices. These are interesting interviews about an important historical era, The Cold War [here](#). There are also a number of other interesting projects on the site which you can explore.

7. Advanced Workshop

I am pleased to advise that OHQ will be running an Advanced Workshop at QUT on 31 October 2015. This will be for those who have already done the “basics” workshop and want to take the next step – what to do with the recording? For more information click [here](#) for the flyer or see our website under Workshops.

8. History Queensland Conference – a reminder

History Queensland is holding a conference “In Time and Place” from 3 – 4 October 2015. For more information see <http://www.historyqueensland.org.au/> You will note that prominent oral historian, Janis Wilton, will be a Keynote Speaker. Oral History Queensland will have a table at this conference and will need people to man it during the conference. Could you please contact Suzanne Mulligan mulligan53@inet.net.au if you'd like to help.

9. 2015 Museums & Galleries Queensland Conference – Presentations Online

For those who missed out, or would like a refresher, some of the presenters from the 2015 M&G QLD Conference Parallel Sessions have made their PowerPoint slides available online. To access the presentations, visit <http://magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=8073#16512>
Videos of the Plenary Sessions are available <http://www.magsq.com.au/cms/page.asp?ID=8075>

10. "Generations and Memory: Continuity and Change"

Katherine Bischooping says:

“I write to draw you attention to a call for publications on "Generations and Memory: Continuity and Change", for a special issue of the journal *Oral History Forum d'histoire orale*. This issue will be co-edited by Dr. Yumi Ishii (Institute for Advanced Studies on Asia, University of Tokyo) and me.

The deadline for abstracts is October 1, 2015. The full information about the issue and journal can be found [here](#).

I would be grateful if you would circulate this message to others who might find it of interest.

Kind regards,

Katherine Bischooping
Associate Professor
Department of Sociology
York University”

11. Interesting products

Oral History Queensland has received this information from a member to share with you. OHQ does not endorse these products but advise you to make your own enquiries with the relevant companies if interested. Also if any of you know of similar apps that can be used with Androids, please let us know.

Rode App for iPhone (information)

<https://itunes.apple.com/au/app/r-de-rec/id528642521?mt=8>

External microphone for an iPhone/iPad (need to check with iPhone you have before buying)

Zoom iQ6 XY professional microphone <https://www.zoom.co.jp/products/handy-recorder/zoom-iq6-professional-stereo-microphone-ios>

The Zoom iQ6 iPhone 5/ 5s/ 5c, iPod Touch (5th Gen), iPad (4th Gen), iPad Air, iPad Mini. The Zoom iQ6 and iQ7 microphones for iOS...Zoom microphones with a Lightning connector that are small enough to slip into your pocket. They're the ideal audio accessories for the iPhone, iPad, and iPod Touch; perfect for blogging and podcasting, conducting interviews, and capturing the sound of live concerts, lectures, and meetings

Zoom iQ7 microphone compatible with iPhone (5, 5s, 5c, 6, and 6+), iPod touch (5th generation), iPad (4th generation), iPad Air, iPad mini, iPad mini with Retina display

Zoom's Handy Recorder app, [available for free from the iTunes App Store](#), provides a wealth of tools for your iQ6 and iOS device. In addition to offering onscreen level metering, it enables you to set the iQ6 headphone volume, as well as adding an automatic recording function—useful for capturing the sound of meetings, speeches, and other situations where you don't want to miss a thing. Choose linear PCM format for the highest quality sound or AAC format to conserve storage space, then apply compression, EQ, and reverb effects to your recordings. Handy Recorder even allows you to email your files to friends and to upload them to [SoundCloud](#) for sharing with the world.

Other External microphones for iPhones 4 and 5, iPad and Ipod audio

<http://www.lifeisaprayer.com/articles/photography/iphone-4-ipad-external-mic-audio-input>

Audacity Courses on Udemey

<https://www.udemy.com/courses/> then Search for Audacity (there are quite a few, but some clearly for bands recording their songs – my s-i-l uses Audacity to work on his recordings and some very expensive but the introductory ones seem reasonable)

12. Dr Doug Boyd Seminar in NSW

Oral History NSW and State Library NSW invite you to a seminar with Dr. Doug Boyd:
Play Record Pause: How Technology is Changing the Practice and Purpose of Oral History on Wednesday 16 September 2015

Doug Boyd, Director of the Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History in the University of Kentucky Libraries, will explore innovations to oral history and their impact on both the practice and purpose of oral history. Specifically, Doug will discuss the Nunn Center's use of OHMS (Oral History Metadata Synchronizer), an open source, free digital tool created for enhancing access to online oral histories, and how OHMS has empowered archives all over the world to meet user expectations with regard to improving access to oral history. Doug is internationally well known for the Oral History in the Digital Age collaborative initiative publishing current best practices and models for collecting, curating and disseminating oral histories. Doug Boyd will be in Perth in September as the keynote speaker at the Oral History Australia National Conference.

Date: **Wednesday 16 September 2015**

Time: **6.30 to 8 pm**

Venue: **Dixson Room, Mitchell Library, State Library of NSW, Macquarie Street, Sydney**

Cost: **\$25, or \$15 for Members of Oral History NSW**

Please note that no refreshments will be served at this seminar.

REGISTER ONLINE HERE

Enquiries to Anisa Puri, Events Manager, Oral History NSW events@oralhistorynsw.org.au or telephone 02 8094 1239.

13. SLQ Historypin – Copyright considerations

Hello everyone,

On 31 July, libraries around the country hosted morning teas to celebrate [Cooking for Copyright Day](#) in order to draw attention to copyright reform. Librarians and friends of libraries baked an assortment of tasty treats using ‘illegal’ recipes. Illegal, because these unpublished recipes were digitised and made accessible.

Under current Australian copyright law, copyright is limited to 70 years after the death of the creator for published works. However, **for unpublished works copyright lasts forever.**

This has repercussions for researchers, family historians and anyone interested in our history. FAIR (the campaign for Freedom of Access to Information and Resources) writes on their [website](#):

The National Library of Australia has approximately two million unpublished works in its collection, including handwritten letters from Jane Austen, Prince Albert, Captain Cook, Charles Darwin, Sir Charles Kingsford Smith, Dame Nellie Melba, Henry Lawson, Elizabeth Macquarie, Christobel Pankhurst and Banjo Paterson.

Yet none of these can lawfully be digitised and shared with Australians on the web because of our archaic copyright system. [...] And it's not just the National Library, this effects every library, museum, archive and historical society with items from before the 1950s. For example, the Australian War Memorial has diaries, letters, sketches from soldiers who died in World War I. Often publication on the web is the only way to connect descendants with these family records. [...] These national treasures are trapped by Australia's outdated copyright laws.

State Library has also produced a [Copyright permission for oral history and digital story interview](#) form that you might like to refer to.

Kind regards,

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14. *The JEWS OF KURDISTAN & their TRIBAL CHIEFTAINS: A Study in Survival*

A revised, 2ND Edition, Ebook, oral-history based, is now available: *The JEWS OF KURDISTAN & their TRIBAL CHIEFTAINS: A Study in Survival*, by Mordechai (Moti) Zaken (Jerusalem, 2015). The book is based on hundreds of first-hand oral history accounts, conducted by the author, between 1985 and 2002 mostly in Israel, with more than 60 elderly Kurdish Jews, originally from Kurdistan. The Jewish informants who were the product of an oral, verbal and traditional culture and society, and were blessed with incredible memory, were gracious enough to share their rich oral memoirs on their communities and on the tribal

Kurdish society with the author, who was then able to reconstruct the history of the Jews and the tribal Kurdish society. For more information about the book, click [here](#).

15. Panel Discussion – “Presenting the Interview”

Oral History Queensland (OHQ) is partnering with State Library of Queensland in October for a panel discussion - **Presenting the interview**. Guests on the panel include playwright and Brisbane author David Burton, historian and Radio National producer and presenter Michelle Rayner, Jennifer Barrkman from Red Threads, a playback theatre group and Gavin Bannerman, SLQ’s first appointed Oral History and Digital Storytelling Coordinator. OHQ President Margaret Ridley will facilitate the proceedings. Join the conversation about oral storytelling, the artefact, and the treatments often applied to them. For more information about the panel members contact OHQ at mulligan53@iinet.net.au.

If you are interested in attending this free event you are welcome to email: qldmemory@slq.qld.gov.au or register through [Eventbrite](#) under State Library of Queensland events **after Friday 4 September**.

Auditorium 2, Level 2 State Library of Queensland
29 October 6:00pm until 8:00pm
E: qldmemory@slq.qld.gov.au

16. Request for interview – Townsville area

I’ve had an email request for someone to be interviewed, as follows:

My mother, aged 91 and living in Villa Vincent in Townsville (born and grew up in Townsville) worked for US Forces during WW11 as a telephonist. Her stories and memories could be interesting as an oral history topic re Coral Sea victory and contribution of women in Aus to war effort.

If this is of interest to OHQ, I would be interested in following up with Mum (I do not have oral history collection skills)

I have contacted Annette Burns at the Townsville Library, but they are unable to help at this time. However, she said the Library could make a recorder and space available in the Library to conduct the interview, if necessary.

If you are interested in doing this project, please contact me at mulligan53@iinet.net.au before 7 September.

17. Baralaba & District Historical Group

We are pleased to welcome this new member who joined after Lesley Jenkins went out to Baralaba to conduct a workshop for them. Secretary, Gwen Petersen, says:

“Our Group made the decision to join Oral History Qld following a very effective workshop with Lesley Jenkins, here at Baralaba. We have some members who are particularly keen to follow the Oral History pathway for gathering information.

Re ‘A Project’ – our town has some important anniversaries looming in the next few years – 100th of the Railway coming to the town in 2017, and then 100th of the School

in 2018. The History Group is hoping to make use of people's stories and photos to publish information in book form. Much work to be done!"

If you are, or know of a rural community group who would like Oral History Queensland to provide a workshop for them, please let me know at mulligan53@iinet.net.au. In the near future we plan to apply for a grant to provide workshops for rural communities so we are keen to hear from you.

18. Oral History Queensland Annual General Meeting

We are having our AGM at 1.00 pm on Saturday 10 October 2015 in Room 4D, 4th Floor, State Library of Queensland. This is also a great opportunity to talk about your projects. Making connections at the AGM can be valuable for your own work. Please email me at mulligan53@iinet.net.au to tell me whether or not you are coming. All executive positions are vacated and everyone then has the opportunity to nominate for President, Treasurer, Secretary. I hope to see lots of you there as it's always a fun meeting.

"I often say, 'You mightn't know your great-grandmother's story, but make sure your great-granddaughter knows yours!'" – Alana Johnson.