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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your sixth e-Bulletin for 2015. If you have information to share we would love to receive it. You can send information for the e-Bulletin to me at [mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@iinet.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](http://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. Oral History Association 2015 Meeting (USA)**

You are invited to the 49th Annual Meeting of the Oral History Association at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel in Tampa, Florida. The meeting is scheduled for October 14-18, 2015, and the theme is “Stories of Social Change and Social Justice”.

Registration for the Oral History Association annual meeting, to be held October 14-18, 2015, in Tampa, Florida, is now open. OHA members receive a discount for registration. In addition, there is an "early bird special" discount for individuals who register by August 15. For more information click [here](#).

## **2. Top 5 Oral History Tips**

Sylvia Wong Lewis says “Conducting oral history interviews takes patience and planning. Your family and community members hold precious stories and memories that are legacies of tradition, culture and history. But, what should you do if relatives are reluctant to be interviewed? As a genealogist, I do what I call the ‘un-interview.’” Read more [here](#).

### **3. Welcome to new members**

Oral History Queensland is pleased to welcome the following new members:

Tereza de Guara  
Margie Brown  
Peter Marquis-Kyle  
Alison Bailey  
Dallas McDougall  
Jenny Lanyon  
Renae Robinson  
Kay Hallt  
Margie Benson  
Sharon Bouttell  
Sasha Mackay  
Texas Queensland Inc.  
RSL Sunshine Coast Region & District Inc.

### **4. Renewal fees due on 13 July 2015**

Fees for renewal of memberships will be due on 13 July 2015 and those who are due to pay will have received an invoice from our Treasurer. We have a number of recent new members who will carry over their membership into the 2015/2016 financial year, so will not be receiving invoices.

### **5. Royal Historical Society of Queensland – newsletter and journal**

OHQ is a member of RHSQ and you can read their latest [Newsletter](#) and [Journal](#) which have lots of interesting information.

### **6. Royal Historical Society of Queensland July Meeting**

RHSQ Manager Christina Michie says: To enable you to plan ahead, we would like to inform you that our guest speaker for Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July will be Nigel Allsopp. His topic will be "War Animals". Nigel Allsopp is a world authority on canines. He spent 15 years as a military working dog handler in the Royal New Zealand Air Force Police, responsible for all aspects of Canine Operations and training within the NZ Defence Force.

Nigel has written several books on War dogs and Police Dogs including the best sellers two *Australian War Dogs* and *Cry Havoc: The History of Military War Dogs* and his new release *K9 COPS*. Nigel has written numerous articles on Canine training for International Law Enforcement Magazines and has been a contributing author to the prestigious British Royal Army Veterinary Corps Journal and other Military journals in the United States. Click [here](#) for more information.

Advanced expressions of interest in attending this event would be greatly appreciated.  
Phone (07) 3221 4198.

## **7. Soundtrails ABC interview with Hamish Sewell**

Member Hamish Sewell has done more work on his Soundtrails project and was recently interviewed on the ABC. Find the link [here](#) to have a listen.

## **8. University of Tasmania – Family History Unit**

*Introduction to Family History* is designed for people interested in their own family histories or genealogy in general. You will learn how to research family history accurately and efficiently using the growing range of online family history resources. You may be surprised at what you discover and what you can share with family and friends. Find more information [here](#).

## **9. Oral History Australia National Conference**

A reminder about our national conference in September 2015. See this [link](#) for an update on the conference and early bird registration. You can download the Conference [Abstracts](#) and [Programme](#).

## **10. Storytelling: Global Perspectives on Narrative**

Member Lena Volkova attended this conference that took place in Dubrovnik, Croatia. Read her comprehensive report [here](#).

## **11. Children and War: Past and Present**

Third international multidisciplinary conference to be held at the University of Salzburg, Austria, on 13-15 July 2016. Organized by the University of Salzburg and the University of Wolverhampton, in association with the UN Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict.

All research proposals which focus on a topic and theme related to "Children and War" are welcome, ranging from the experience of war, flight, displacement and resettlement, to relief, rehabilitation and reintegration work, gender issues, persecution, trafficking, sexual violence, trauma and amnesia, the trans-generational impact of persecution, individual and collective memory, educational issues, films and documentaries, artistic and literary approaches, remembrance and memorials, and questions of theory and methodology. Specific conference themes anticipated are:

- Children as victims, witnesses, and participants in armed conflicts.
- Holocaust, genocide, and forced labour.
- Deportation and displacement, refugees and asylum seekers.
- War crimes, trials, and human rights.
- Reflexions on research in politically and culturally diverse contexts.
- Sources produced by NGOs and their public and academic use.

Please send an abstract of 200-250 words, together with biographical background information of 50-100 words by 31 October 2015 to: [J.D.Steinert@wlv.ac.uk](mailto:J.D.Steinert@wlv.ac.uk). All proposals are subject to a review process. Successful candidates will be informed at the end of 2015 and will be asked to send in their papers by the end of May 2016 for distribution among

conference participants on a CD. Further information will be made available in due time.  
Conference language: English.

## **12. Baylor Institute for Oral History**

The Baylor Institute for Oral History (USA) has produced an introductory manual on how to do oral history, published 2014. It is a good resource, however, bear in mind that parts will not be relevant to Australia such as the legal and copyright aspects. You can download the whole booklet or look at individual sections [here](#).

## **13. Queenslanders in World War I**

Member Suzanne Mulligan attended this recent RHSQ Seminar. Read her report [here](#).

## **14. History Queensland Newsletter**

OHQ is a member of History Queensland. You will find their latest newsletter [here](#).

## **15. Annual New Zealand Oral History Awards**

Scoop Culture Independent News says: "These awards enable people to tell their stories and ensure they are recorded for both current generations and those who follow," Alison Parr, Senior Oral Historian, Manatū Taonga Ministry for Culture and Heritage (Ministry) said today. "Nine oral histories have received a total of more than \$55,000 in NZOH awards funding for projects which will make a significant contribution to understanding New Zealand's history," Alison Parr said. For full story click [here](#).

*"If only memory were a library with everything stored where it should be." –  
The Love Song of Miss Queenie Hennessy by Rachel Joyce.*