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Hi Oral History Queensland members, here is your 9th e-Bulletin for 2014. If you have information to share we would love to receive it. You can send information for the e-Bulletin to Suzanne Mulligan at mulligan53@inet.net.au and use OHQ E-Bulletin in the subject line. 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. Any feedback is very welcome.

Suzanne Mulligan

1. Studs Terkel Radio Archive to go Online

From the WFMT Radio Network and Chicago History Museum.



Over the course of his 45 years on WFMT radio, Studs Terkel discussed every aspect of 20th-century life with movers, shakers, artists, celebrities, and working people. From civil rights to labour to jazz, his work spanned an impressive array of topics and figures. These enchanting, historically-significant interviews – which have been largely inaccessible to the public – will soon come to life in a new website hosting the comprehensive Studs Terkel Radio Archive. Public media station WTTW recently received a \$60,000 grant from the USA's National Endowment for the Humanities to digitise nearly 5,000 Terkel interviews. More – see <http://studsterkel.org/>

2. Australian Homosexual Histories Conference 2014

The Pride History Group, in conjunction with the Australian Centre for Public History. Friday 28th and Saturday 29th November 2014 University of Technology, Sydney. More detail here - <https://www.facebook.com/events/316840871822355/?ref=22> Enquiries, email Robert French - phg@optusnet.com.au

3. Community Voices: Oral History on the Ground Conference Review

Nearly 150 delegates attended this year's annual conference of the Oral History Society (<http://www.ohs.org.uk/>) whose theme was community oral history. The conference, which was held in association with Manchester Metropolitan University (<http://www.hssr.mmu.ac.uk/mcrh/>), highlighted the diversity and richness of community oral history with papers covering a huge range of topics.

The conference began with a keynote speech by Simon Elmes, creative director of BBC radio's documentaries unit, who spoke about the Listening Project (<http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/the-listening-project>), the short conversations between friends and family which are played daily on Radio 4. Elmes' key question was whether the Listening Project is oral history. See <http://oralhistorynoticeboard.wordpress.com/2014/09/12/community-voices-oral-history-on-the-ground/>

4. The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre

Call for Public Assistance. The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame and Outback Heritage Centre is embarking on a new project to redevelop one of its galleries to honour and acknowledge the contribution made by Indigenous people to the Australian pastoral industry. Indigenous people (both men and women) worked as stockmen, governesses, cooks, drovers, ringers, maids, domestics, labourers etc. However, they do need public assistance- if you have photographs, objects or documents, and correspondence relating to Indigenous peoples' work in the pastoral industry, and are interested in helping by donating these to the Stockman's Hall of Fame they would like to hear from you. Please contact the Museum Curator, David Masel, on 07 4658 2166 or via email - david.masel@stockmanshalloffame.com.au .

5. Churchill Fellowships Information Sessions

The Churchill Trust in partnership with the Churchill Fellows' Association in Queensland, are holding Churchill Fellowship Information Sessions as part of their 2014 National Roadshow. Attend a free information session to understand what a Churchill Fellowship offers and how it enables the exchange of knowledge and experience across the world! This session will also allow you to discuss your project ideas as well as find out how to apply! Listen to some of our extraordinary Churchill Fellows share their Fellowship experiences, impart insights on their fascinating projects and inspire you with their Fellowship findings and how they have contributed to Australian Society. It is free to attend these sessions but bookings are essential. For more information about the Winston Churchill Memorial Trust please visit the website - <http://www.churchilltrust.com.au/>

Brisbane

Thursday 30 October 2014, 6-8.30pm

Bright HQ

3A/54 Vernon Terrace

Brisbane

Book your place now through Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/national-roadshow-churchill-fellowship-information-session-brisbane-tickets-12994981339?ref=elink>

Toowoomba

Friday 7 November 2014 6-9pm

Supper Room Theatre

Empire Theatre

56 Neil Street

Toowoomba

Book your place now through Eventbrite - <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/national-roadshow-churchill-fellowship-information-session-toowoomba-registration-12996762667?ref=elink> .

6. The Gift of Memory Conference, Wellington, New Zealand

Our member, Helen Klaebe, attended the National Oral History Association of New Zealand conference earlier this month. Read her report here -

<http://www.isoftwareengineer.com.au/blogs/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/National-Oral-History-Association-of-New-Zealand.pdf>

7. Australian Generations Oral History Project Conference

After hundreds of interviews with Australians across generations for the past few years, this major project is nearing completion. Here is a flyer for the conference -

<http://www.isoftwareengineer.com.au/blogs/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Australian-Generations-Conference-Flyer.pdf>

8. A new app for recording stories

One of our members found this in a history magazine and passed it on to me. It may be useful for some of you.

Saving Memories Forever is a system that consists of an app and a website. The app provides great mobility for interviewing and easy uploading to a secure and private storage on the website. The app also gives you the opportunity to announce your newly recorded story thru Facebook. Listen to your recorded and uploaded stories on the website. Also use the website to share and “manage” your stories.

<https://www.savingmemoriesforever.com/>

9. Oral History Queensland Annual General Meeting – a reminder

We are having our AGM at 10.00 am on Saturday 11 October 2014 in the Bank of Queensland Room, 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@inet.net.au to tell me whether or not you are coming (some have already done so). All executive positions are vacated and everyone then has

the opportunity to nominate for positions – President, Treasurer, Secretary. I hope to see lots of you there as it's always a fun morning.

10. Oral History Basics Workshop – a reminder

We are having our second Oral History Basics Workshop for the year at Queensland University of Technology on 1 November 2014. Please read more information on our website here <http://www.ohq.org.au/index.php/workshops?id=292> or print out the flyer here http://www.isoftwareengineer.com.au/blogs/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Oral-History-Basics-Workshop_QUT1.doc and circulate amongst your other networks please.

11. Stories Matter software

This software was shown at the international conference in Barcelona this year. Steven High says:

On behalf of the Centre for Oral History and Digital Storytelling, I would like to announce an update to our popular oral history database called “Stories Matter.” In phase I (completed in May 2009), oral historians could download the software and build oral history databases on their local computers. In phase II (completed in January 2010), the database allowed us to merge our local databases to an online server and therefore access them remotely.

See - <http://storytelling.concordia.ca/storiesmatter/> If anyone has used the software, please email me so I can share your experience with our members.

“Memory is a house with ten thousand rooms,” Anthony Doerr, “Village 113” in *Memory Wall*