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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your ninth e-Bulletin for 2017. As always send me any information you have to share in our e-Bulletin 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 in 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. During September, myself and a few other members of OHQ presented and attended the Oral History Australia National Conference in Sydney. I attended the Podcasting workshop with Siobhan McHugh and thoroughly enjoyed it. This and the subsequent presentations at the conference were both very stimulating and exhausting. My head is spinning with all the great papers presented.

Suzanne Mulligan

1. Australian Refugee History

A panel discussion on asylum and resettlement policy. Friday 13 October 2017.
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. In store at Avid Reader Bookshop. Join historians Dr Claire Higgins, Dr Jayne Persian and Dr Alexandra Dellios for discussion of the hidden stories and behind-the-scenes decisions in Australian refugee history. For more details click [here](#).

2. Podcasts and Oral History

The podcast’s format draws from James Andrew Miller’s background with written oral histories. Each subject — whether it’s a TV show, a company, or a historical event — will be presented as a “chapter,” which is spread out across five episodes. The rollout will follow a unique structure: On the first Wednesday of every month, the show will drop all five episodes of that month’s inquiry at the same time, but it will also periodically release the various conversations that make up the composite oral history. For full article click [here](#).

3. Taking it on – Audio Archiving for the Next Generation

The Australasian Sound Recordings Association has its conference on 25 and 26 October 2017 in Canberra, Early bird registration extended to 7 October. This year's conference theme 'Taking it On - Audio Archiving for the Next Generation' explores the impact of generational change on sound and audiovisual archives. For more information click [here](#).

4. Some Oral History Basics

“How often has it been said, “I wish I had asked my mother/father/grandparents more questions before they died”? The memories that could have been recorded for posterity are lost.” Here is an article that reiterates for us the importance of oral history and has some basic tips included. Read full article [here](#).

5. Get to Know Trove

National Library of Australia's Trove team has completed uploading the content delivered during the [2017 Trove Roadshow presentations](#). The video presentations created for small and large organisations are available now, and the slides and notes can be downloaded. If your organisation is interested in sharing a collection, or improving discoverability of an existing collection in Trove, the Trove Roadshow is a great place to start the journey.

The team has also released a series of how-to videos, aiming to improve the Trove browsing experience. These cover topics such as basic and advanced searching, making lists and exploring zones in Trove. These are available through the [Trove Help website](#), and via [Trove's YouTube channel](#). More videos are planned in the future.

*Cheney Brew, National Library of Australia
from Queensland Memory*

6. New heritage guide of Brisbane

Brisbane's Living Heritage Network (BLHN) has launched the new edition of *The Heritage Guide: Discover Brisbane's Stories*. Copies of the free pocket-sized guidebook is available to collect from the Queen Street Mall Visitor Information Centre and is a great resource for tourists and locals exploring the many and varied heritage sites, museums and galleries of Brisbane. For more information, visit www.blhn.org

7. Lost Trades Fair

“Master artisans and traditional tradesmen and women with hundreds of combined years of training will demonstrate and share their skills and talent for heritage trades at first *Lost Trades Fair* to be held in Queensland.” Saturday 7 October & Sunday 8 October 2017 10am to 4pm. For more information and booking click [here](#).

8. Lebanese Storekeepers in Queensland

Member, Anne Monsour, has written an interesting article featured on the SLQ Blog. “There has been a Lebanese presence in Queensland for almost 140 years. This is not obvious

because until the 1940s, immigrants from Modern Lebanon were called Syrians. The arrival of increasing numbers of Lebanese in Queensland in the last two decades of the nineteenth century was part of a mass emigration from the Syria/Lebanon region.” To read the full article click [here](#).

9. Oral History Australia National Conference – report from Hamish Sewell

Member, Hamish Sewell, has written an excellent report on the recent OHA National Conference in Sydney. Read his report [here](#).

10. Oral History Queensland Annual General Meeting – a reminder

As advised in our last e-Bulletin, our next Annual General Meeting which will be held on 14 October 2017 at the State Library. All positions on the Executive will be vacated – President (currently Margaret Ridley), Treasurer (currently Sandy Liddle) and Secretary (currently Suzanne Mulligan). These people will not continue in these positions. So we urge you to consider taking on these roles. If you would like to know more information about what the roles entail, you may email me, Suzanne Mulligan mulligan53@inet.net.au. Unless we can fill these positions at our AGM, we will be compelled to consider “what next” for Oral History Queensland and I really don’t want to think about that. I have been encouraged by the feedback from members since the last e-Bulletin. Please email me to formally advise which of the three positions you would like to take on. As well as the “formalities” the AGM is always a great opportunity to talk about your projects and make connections which can be valuable for your own work. Please email me if you will attend.

11. New Zealand Newsletter

For your information and interest, you may see the New Zealand newsletter, NOHANZ, August 2017 [here](#).

12. Crush Festival WriteFest 2017

On Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th October in Bundaberg the event will begin with a [keynote address](#) from author, teacher, novelist and award-winning human rights advocate Arnold Zable. For more information click [here](#).

13. Brisbane Square Library Events

Emma Peters, Acting Senior Librarian, Brisbane Square Library says:

“We have a few events coming up at Brisbane Square Library between now and November that might be of interest to you and your members –

- **Meet Tim Bullamore: The art of obituary writing*** – Sunday 15 October 11am-12noon. Tim Bullamore is an award-winning British obituary writer for publications such as *The Times*, *The Daily Telegraph* and *The Guardian*. In a career spanning 24 years, he has written obituaries of the good and the bad, the rich and famous, the quirky and unusual, as well as household names, royalty, celebrities and establishment figures. Join Tim for an entertaining discussion covering the history of

obituary writing and tales and anecdotes from the field. Book by calling 3403 4166.
Facebook Event link - <https://www.facebook.com/events/1922358454756783/>

- **Meet David Dufty*** – Sunday 29 October 11am-12noon. A ground-breaking work of Australian military history, *The Secret Code-Breakers of Central Bureau* tells the story of the country's most significant code-breaking and signals-intelligence achievements during the Second World War. It reveals how Australians built a large and sophisticated intelligence network from scratch, how Australian code-breakers cracked Japanese army and air force codes, and how the code-breakers played a vital role in the battles of Midway, Milne Bay, the Coral Sea, Hollandia and Leyte. This is a rich historical account of a secret and little-understood side of the war, interwoven with lively personalities and personal stories. It is the story of Australia's version of Bletchley Park, of talented and dedicated individuals who significantly influenced the course of the Pacific War. Book by calling 3403 4166.
- **Meet Richard Fidler and Kári Gíslason*** – Friday 24 November 6-7.30pm. Broadcaster Richard Fidler and author Kári Gíslason are good friends. They share a deep attachment to the sagas of Iceland – the true stories of the first Viking families who settled on that remote island in the Middle Ages. These are tales of blood feuds, of dangerous women, and people who are compelled to kill the ones they love the most. The sagas are among the greatest stories ever written, but the identity of their authors is largely unknown. Together, Richard and Kári travel across Iceland, to the place where the sagas unfolded a thousand years ago. They cross fields, streams and fjords to immerse themselves in the folklore of this fiercely beautiful island. And there is another mission: to resolve a longstanding family mystery – a gift from Kári's Icelandic father that might connect him to the greatest of the saga authors. Join Richard and Kári as they discuss this incredible journey and experience of writing their book *Saga Land*. Book by calling 3403 4166.
- **A brief history of the universe***—Sunday 26 November 11am-12 noon. Learn about the formation of the universe with University of Queensland cosmologist and astro-photographer Josh Calcino. Spanning the very first moments of time to the present day, Josh will discuss the creation of protons and neutrons, elements, cosmic radiation, stars, planets and galaxies. Book by calling 3403 4166.”

14. More on Dignity Therapy

In our last e-Bulletin I showed you something I'd come across in a declutter. This is more on the topic on our OHQ Blog - <http://www.ohq.org.au/blogs/?s=palliative+care>

“When we think of the past it's the beautiful things we pick out. We want to believe it was all like that.” — Margaret Atwood, *The Handmaid's Tale* [from GoodReads Quotes]