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Hi OHAA-Qld members, here is your 3rd e-Bulletin for 2014. If you have information to share we would love to receive it. Please also check out our Blog which is updated weekly. You can send information for the e-Bulletin to Suzanne Mulligan at [mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@iinet.net.au) and use OHAA 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.ohaaqld.org.au](http://www.ohaaqld.org.au) and "Like" our Facebook page.

**Suzanne Mulligan**

## **1. Oral History Basics Workshop – a reminder**

A reminder we are having our first Oral History Basics Workshop for the year held at Queensland University of Technology on 12 April 2014. Please read more information on our website here <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/index.php/workshops?id=292>

## **2. Sydney International Storytelling Conference – Weaving Stories Together**

This conference offers professional and personal development for primary and secondary teachers, adult educators, oral historians, librarians, counsellors, chaplains, health and welfare workers. All who love storytelling.

For full details see

<http://conference.storytellersnsw.org.au/>



## **3. Oral History Victoria Symposium – Elaine Rabbit abstract**

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Title: Accredited training: Enhancing the prominence of oral history in Australia

How can oral history practitioners enhance the prominence of oral history in Australia? Why should community oral historians and academics undertake nationally accredited oral history training and be qualified in their field?

This paper is twofold. Firstly it aims to present a step by step process on how the newly accredited oral history unit Record and Document Community History can be taught around Australia by members of the oral history branches.

How to get the qualifications required to deliver the training, including a Certificate 4 in training and assessment and the procedure to gain recognition of prior learning will be clarified. Also, the necessity of having to partner with a registered training organisation scoped to issue the nationally recognised certificate and the procedure will be explained. This information will then be used as the basis to encourage discussion on why gaining accreditation and being qualified can enhance the prominence of oral history in Australia. Theme: Current projects: approaches, methodology, challenges  
Key Words: Community, accreditation, training, education

#### **4. BLHN Members' Seminar 2014: The Future of Our Past**

Thursday 8 May 2014, Queensland Museum Theatre, Melbourne Street, South Brisbane.  
1:30pm - 5pm (4:30pm informal drinks).

Brisbane's Living Heritage Network's annual seminar provides a behind-the-scenes insight into Brisbane's museums and heritage places. Key speakers and BLHN Member organisations will present on the finer issues and successes of managing, preserving and presenting heritage. Held in partnership with the National Trust of Queensland. All are welcome to attend.

Announcing our speakers for The Future of The Past:

- Professor Suzanne Miller, Chief Executive Officer and Director, Queensland Museum Network
- Edith Cuffe, Director, Abbey Museum of Art and Archaeology
- Claire Lees, Vice-President, Diamantina Healthcare Museum
- Peter Hyde, Vice-President, Brisbane Tramway Museum
- Emeritus Professor Norman Heckenberg, Director, UQ Physics Museum, The University of Queensland

\$15 BLHN Members/\$10 Non-Members (includes afternoon tea).

RSVP by **24 April 2014**. Contact Natasha Lewis Honeyman, Coordinator, on 07 3223 6606 (Monday to Thursday) or email [info@brisbanelivingheritage.org](mailto:info@brisbanelivingheritage.org). For more information see <http://www.blhn.org/portfolio/blhn-members-seminar-2014-the-future-of-our-past/>

#### **5. World War I Commemoration Tour**

Thursday 24 April 2014 - 10.00am to 11.30am approximate end time

Commemorate WW1 and ANZAC Day on this walking tour which honours Brisbane's military heritage. Guided by Major John Wright, this tour will begin at Anzac Square and include a visit to the MacArthur Museum Brisbane. Tour physical rating: easy (some stairs).

Cost: \$20 BLHN Member/\$25 BLHN Non-member

RSVP: Bookings essential and places limited. Please indicate your interest by **Thursday 3 April 2014**.

To book your place in this tour, contact BLHN on 07 3223 6606 (Mon to Thurs between 11.00am and 3.00pm) bookings preferred by email [info@brisbanelivingheritage.org](mailto:info@brisbanelivingheritage.org). Participants will be sent full tour and payment details after their booking is confirmed.

## 6. Text Queensland

Text Queensland (<http://www.textqueensland.com.au/>) is 'Queensland's past online' — a website hosting links to digitised content of full text, searchable sources about Queensland's colonial and state history. A collaboration between The University of Queensland (UQ) and the Centre for the Government of Queensland, the site was launched in 2011 by Professor Paul Greenfield AO Vice Chancellor of UQ. It features books, journals, theses, early newspapers and government sources, such as Hansard, which are helpful to researchers. *Anne Scheu, State Library of Queensland*

## 7. National Oral History Association Conference – September 2013

Did You Miss The National Oral History Association Conference In Adelaide Last September? Please note: a number of presentations are yet to be edited but will be uploaded as soon as possible after permissions have been received.

Keynote Addresses:

- Re/Imagining Salinas' Chinatown : a 'third space' Oral History Walking Tour - Professor Rene Benmayor
- Reading writing and recording adoption history in Australia: some reflections after the event - Professor Emerita Marian Quartly
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Here is the link to download audio/video presentations -

<http://oralhistoryaustraliasant.org.au/conference2013/> Please note there are currently some problems with the site which are being rectified. The first session is available, but keep checking back to the site to see when the others are ready.

## 8. Crowded Houses, Empty Nests

The second program in ABC Radio National's series using interviews from the Australian Generations Oral History Project Collection was aired on Hindsight on Sunday 23 March.

"Utilising the collection of interviews from Australian Generations oral history recordings, Hindsight goes inside that personal space we call 'home'. We open the door on Australian houses and homes to discover the way we lived inside them over the last 80 years. Boarders and lodgers, landladies and lovers all figure in households of the past. One of the surprising shifts that has taken place in this story, over this period, is that while the houses that Australians live in have got bigger, the number of people living in them has shrunk. Housing has always been an matter of acute importance; now, with rising house prices and falling home ownership, the need to

consider future living arrangements is pressing. This program takes a long view of the subject of house and home in Australia across the 20<sup>th</sup> century.”

The program, produced by Jennifer Bowen, is available online at <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/hindsight/>.

## 9. Scientist Websites (UK & USA)

Recently someone on the H-OralHist Discussion List <http://www2.h-net.msu.edu/~oralhist/> asked for Scientist websites. There were a number of responses including the following which include video, audio or transcript:

Cold Spring Harbour Laboratory Oral History Collection - <http://library.cshl.edu/oralhistory/>

Nevada Test Site Oral History Project - <http://digital.library.unlv.edu/ntsohp/>

Computer History Museum Oral History Collection - <http://www.computerhistory.org/collections/oralhistories/>

Voices of the Manhattan Project - <http://www.manhattanprojectvoices.org/oral-histories>

Oral Histories at the Niels Bohr Library & Archives - <http://www.aip.org/history/nbl/oralhistory.html>

Charles Babbage Institute Collections - <http://www.cbi.umn.edu/oh/index.html>

Simons Foundation Advancing Research in Basic Science & Mathematics - <https://www.simonsfoundation.org/category/features/science-lives/>

Smithsonian Institution Archives - [http://siarchives.si.edu/research/oralvidhistory\\_intro.html](http://siarchives.si.edu/research/oralvidhistory_intro.html)

Chemical Heritage Foundation - <http://www.chemheritage.org/research/policy-center/oral-history-program/index.aspx>

## 10. Genealogical Society of Queensland Seminar

The Genealogical Society of Queensland is holding their Annual Seminar on Sunday 25 May 2014. Full details are here –

<http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/03/GSQAnnual-Seminar2014.pdf>

**“The photograph represented a tiny piece in the mosaic of her memories, the pattern still bright and sharp in places but rubbed into a featureless monochrome in others.” – Rosie Thomas, *The Kashmir Shawl***