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Hi OHAA-Qld members, here is your 5th e-Bulletin for 2014. There's quite a lot to read here this month. 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 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.ohaaqld.org.au](http://www.ohaaqld.org.au) and "Like" our Facebook page.

**Suzanne Mulligan**

## **1. Mother's Turn**

The third program in ABC Radio National's series using interviews from the Australian Generations Oral History Project Collection aired on Hindsight.

*Memory meets imagination to reflect on the changing nature of motherhood in Australia, over the past sixty years. Mothering is an inevitable part of life, but cultural expectations about the role of mothers have varied considerably. Mothers are sometimes described as*

*angels- an embodiment of virtue- but they've also been villains, and at other times, victims. Alongside personal recollections, we also hear how a selection of Australian poets have given voice to their ideas about motherhood.*

'Mother's Turn', produced by Jennifer Bowen, is now available online here: <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/hindsight/mothers-day/5426494>

We hope you tune in and enjoy the program.

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## **2. Renewal fees due on 1 July 2014**

Fees for renewal of memberships will be due on 1 July 2014 and those who are due to pay will receive an invoice from our Treasurer shortly. We have a number of recent new members who will carry over their membership into the 2014/2015 financial year, so will not be receiving invoices.

## **3. West Australia newsletter**

For your information and interest you may see the West Australia newsletter, Play Back, May 2014 here <http://www.ohaqlld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/WA-May-Play-Back-2014.pdf> This has many very interesting articles. Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 June 2014.

## **4. Hot Modernism**

As part of the upcoming SLQ exhibition *Hot Modernism*, we are running a film competition for people to talk about post-WWII buildings they feel should be preserved. \$1500 prize money is on the table for the winner. More information here: <http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/whats-on/awards/hot-and-bothered>

Gavin Bannerman | Acting Manager, Original Content | Queensland Memory  
State Library of Queensland

## **5. Source**

The latest edition of Museum & Gallery Services Queensland publication *Source* is now available to download at [magsq.com.au](http://magsq.com.au) Published quarterly, *Source: news, information and resources* provides updates on M&GSQ programs, events and services. If you have trouble accessing or downloading the publication, please phone 07 3215 0820

## **6. South Australia/Northern Territory newsletter**

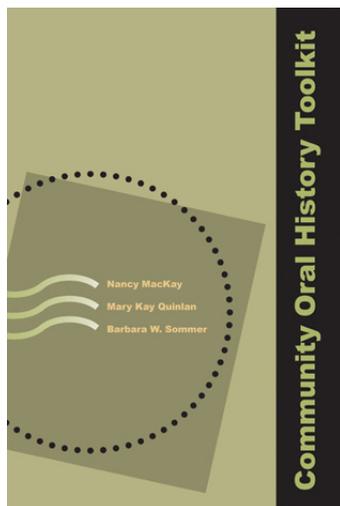
For your information and interest you may see the South Australia/Northern Territory newsletter, Word of Mouth, Autumn 2014 here <http://www.ohaqlld.org.au/blog/wp->

[content/uploads/2014/05/WOM-66-SA-NT.pdf](http://content/uploads/2014/05/WOM-66-SA-NT.pdf) This has many very interesting articles. Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 June 2014.

## 7. Australian Generations Oral History Project Conference – a reminder

This Conference will be held in Melbourne 30-31 October, 2014. Pioneering US oral and public historian Michael Frisch will be an international participant at the Australian Generations Conference to be held at Monash (Caulfield Campus) in Melbourne. He will join members of the research team for a day workshop on 30 October, in which project researchers will discuss a set of draft articles presenting empirical and theoretical findings from the research project. Michael Frisch will deliver the Conference Keynote Address in the evening of Thursday 30 October at the State Library of Victoria. The public launch of the Australian Generations project findings will take place on Friday 31 October at Monash University Caulfield. The conference will be open to the public and it is hoped that many of the project's advisors and interviewers will be able to attend. Email [anisa.puri@monash.edu](mailto:anisa.puri@monash.edu)

## 8. Community Oral History Toolkit



I am pleased to announce that following a request to the Brisbane City Council, their library network now has the *Community Oral History Toolkit* available to borrow. There are five volumes in this Toolkit and they are listed separately in the library database:

- Volume 1 *Introduction to Community Oral History*
- Volume 2 *Planning a Community Oral History Project*
- Volume 3 *Managing a Community Oral History Project*
- Volume 4 *Interviewing in Community Oral History*
- Volume 5 *After the Interview in Community Oral History*

See this site for more information - <http://www.fishpond.com.au/Books/Community-Oral-History-Toolkit-Nancy-MacKay-Mary-Kay-Quinlan/9781598744088>

I encourage members in the regions to request that your libraries purchase this set. Let me know if you need any help in this regard.

## 9. Conflict in History

Australian History Association at University of Queensland 7-11 July, 2014. Given the centenary of the outbreak of World War I, the Conference theme is "Conflict in History". As is usual with Australian Historical Association Conferences, the theme will be interpreted broadly. Keynote speakers and plenary panels will concentrate closely on the theme but other papers and panel proposals addressing the theme in a looser fashion will also be welcomed. See [www.theaha.org.au/conferences.html](http://www.theaha.org.au/conferences.html)

## 10. Australian Homosexual Histories Conference

Call for Papers - this conference to be held on Friday 28 and Saturday 29 November 2014 at the University of Technology, Sydney. This Conference presented by the Pride History Group, in conjunction with the Australian Centre for Public History, marks the thirtieth anniversary of law reform decriminalising sex between adult males in NSW. Proposals are invited for day one that examines the history of homosexual decriminalisation and/or anti-discrimination legislation in Australia. For the second day of the conference, proposals for papers are invited in the broad field of sexuality and gender studies with the primary focus on LGBTI in Australia. Abstracts for papers should be approx 100 words and must be received by 30 June 2014. Accepted papers must adhere to a 20 minute time limit.

Abstracts, questions and queries should be addressed initially to Robert French at [phg@optusnet.com.au](mailto:phg@optusnet.com.au) Read more here - <http://www.historycouncilnsw.org.au/news/post/call-for-papers-australian-homosexual-histories-conference-2014/>

## 11. New Zealand Oral History Conference

Attached please find the conference flyer <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/NOHAConfFlyer2014.pdf> and registration form <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/NOHANZConf2014RegistrationForm.pdf>.

We look forward to seeing you in Wellington in September.

Best wishes

Ann Packer

for Conference Committee

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## 12. Scholarships for New Zealand Oral History Conference

Oral History Queensland is pleased to offer members 2 x \$500.00 scholarships towards the cost of attending the New Zealand Oral History Conference in Wellington, New Zealand from 19 to 21 September 2014. Application for the scholarships will close on 10 June 2014 and preference will be given to first-time applicants.

To be eligible for a scholarship:

1. You must be a current financial member of Oral History Queensland (and also financial for 2014/2015).
2. You are attending the New Zealand Oral History Conference in Wellington in September 2014.
3. You must have no funding from any other institution, grant etc.
4. You must be currently enrolled in tertiary studies involving oral history OR currently working on an oral history related project and demonstrate how you are using oral history as part of your project or research.

5. You will be expected to attend the whole conference (including workshops on the first day).
6. You will provide a comprehensive report on the conference – reviewing the sessions you attend, a general overview of the conference, impressions of speakers and fellow attendees – which will be published in the October 2014 e-Bulletin (to be forwarded to Newsletter Editor Suzanne Mulligan [mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@iinet.net.au) by 17 October 2014). To this end you will need to take thorough notes and photographs to accompany the report. If practicable you may add posts to our Facebook page while in Wellington. Depending on your availability and location you will also be required to give a presentation at our Annual General Meeting in October 2014.

You must provide name, contact details, details of university course (if applicable) and provide a statement of approximately 500 words explaining what you hope to gain by attending the New Zealand Conference addressing all the issues as shown above.

Please email your application to Suzanne Mulligan at [mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@iinet.net.au) by 10 June 2014. The successful applicant/s will be advised by 18 June 2014.

### **13. International Oral History Conference**

As you will be aware, the International Oral History Conference is being held in Barcelona, Spain from 9 to 12 July 2014. We know of two Queensland people who will be attending and we'd like to know if any other Queenslanders are going. Could you please email me at [mulligan53@iinet.net.au](mailto:mulligan53@iinet.net.au) if you are going.

Also, if you are attending the conference, would you be prepared to fill the role of IOHA Oceania Representative? This is alternated between New Zealand and Australia and it is now our turn. The role involves providing a link between IOHA and the relevant national oral history associations, ensuring representation of issues relevant to this part of the world, and taking on a role within IOHA e.g. editing the newsletter. Please email me if you're interested.

### **14. Models of Consent Form for Family Oral History**

Karen Reeds recently asked about consent forms on the on the H-OralHist Discussion List. She said:

“My family is engaged in our own informal oral history project -- one of us (not me) interviewing our two oldest members every weekend by phone/Skype. Although the elders doubt their stories would interest anyone outside the family, I'm very conscious that historians might find some of the material fascinating.

Because I raised the issue of an "advanced directive" for the interviews, I've been delegated to find models of consent forms that would let our elders decide how these interviews get used and preserved. (I can think of at least two suitable institutions with existing oral history collections.)”

Read her complete post and a response from Mary Stewart from the UK Oral History Society here - <https://networks.h-net.org/node/16738/discussions/26413/wanted-models-consent-form-family-oral-history#reply-26497>

## **15. Samuel Proctor Oral History Program Podcasts**

In spring 2014, the Samuel Proctor Oral History Program is releasing its series of over 50 podcasts online, compiled over years of student and staff work on a variety of projects, including the African American History Project; World War II, Vietnam, and Korean wars; Mississippi Freedom Project; Peace Corps; University of Florida history; and many more. The Samuel Proctor Oral History Program's official series of community podcasts offers oral history episodes for download and features first-person interviews with individuals from all walks of life. Read more about this here - - <https://networks.h-net.org/node/16738/discussions/26676/samuel-proctor-oral-history-program-releases-new-podcast-series>

## **16. National Oral History Conference 2015 – Date claimer**

Oral History Australia's national conference will be held on 7–9 September next year in Perth, Western Australia, so put the date in your diary now.

## **17. Tasmania newsletter**

For your information and interest you may see the Tasmania newsletter, Real to Reel, April 2014 here <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/Real-to-Reel-APRIL-2014.pdf> This has many very interesting articles. Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 June 2014.

## **18. Boston College's Belfast Project**

This controversial project has been in the media for the last year, finally culminating in the inevitable arrest of Gerry Adams this month. There has been debate in the media about the ethics of the project that allowed a small and specific release of interviews connecting Gerry Adams to one particular murder in Northern Ireland in the 1970s. The interviewees in the project consented to be interviewed on the condition they would not be released until after their death. This has raised concerns about the confidentiality of oral history interviews. To read some of the newspapers stories, see our 6 May Blog post "Boston College Project – arrest of Gerry Adams" <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/?s=gerry+adams> .

Two prominent oral historians Cliff Kuhn, Oral History Association (USA), and Rob Perks, Oral History Society (UK) have commented on the H-OralHist Discussion List about this issue.

Two posts from Cliff Kuhn

<https://networks.h-net.org/node/16738/discussions/24968/arrest-linked-belfast-project>

<https://networks.h-net.org/node/16738/discussions/25113/oha-response-developments-belfast-project-case>

One post from Rob Perks

<https://networks.h-net.org/node/16738/discussions/26878/oral-history-society-uk-statement-boston-college-belfast-project>

## 19. Alistair Thomson at State Library

Alistair Thomson, oral historian and author will be speaking at Auditorium 1, Level 2 at the State Library of Queensland at 1.00 pm on Thursday 5 June 2014.

Join Alistair Thomson, Professor of History at Monash University as he discusses his role as Project Leader of the Australian Generations Oral History Project (<http://artsonline.monash.edu.au/australian-generations/>). Exploring everyday life in each decade from the 1930s to the 1980s through interviews with 'ordinary' Australians, this national project examines the nature and meaning of Australian 'generations'.



This is the first major national project to investigate intergenerational dynamics and the impact of dramatic social, technological and environmental changes on the experiences and attitudes of succeeding Australian 'generations'.

Professor Thomson is an internationally renowned oral historian, author and radio documentarian. His publications include *Anzac Memories: living with the legend*; *Moving Stories: an intimate history of four women across two countries* and *Ten Pound Poms: Australia's invisible migrants* (co-author with A. James Hammerton). For more information and to book see <http://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/talk-alistair-thomson-oral-historian-and-author-tickets-11689693187?aff=eorg>

## 20. National Conference Presentations

Last September we had our National Oral History Conference in Adelaide. You may now view many of these presentations here: <http://ohaa2013.org/> Some are yet to be included. Our thanks to Anne Johnson in South Australia for setting this up.

## 21. Professional Development Day

Museums Australia Education Queensland (MAEQ) is pleased to invite you to their first professional development day at the Pine Rivers Heritage Museum from 9.30 am to 3.00 pm on 17 June 2014.

This is a fantastic opportunity to see how a regional museum has developed, established, promoted and is delivering a very successful site-based school program. RSVP is essential by **6 June** to Catherine Gordon at: [edcreations@hotmail.net.au](mailto:edcreations@hotmail.net.au). For more information, go to [www.educationcreations.com.au](http://www.educationcreations.com.au) or contact Catherine Gordon.

## 22. The Return

Our member Lena Volkova says:

"I hope to see you at the premiere of the play, "The Return", which is based on my interviews with the soldiers and on extensive research by both Linda Hassall (the playwright) and myself. The material is authentic. It is the soldiers' own stories. The play highlights the issues facing returning service personnel and their families,

including PTSD. Any questions, please ask directly through The Difficult Return site (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Difficult-Return/153667128150433> I manage it, so I'll get your message). See you there. Lena”

The Difficult Return is the Griffith University project that explores arts-based approaches to mental health literacy and building resilience with recently returned military personnel and their families. The Difficult Return is a partnership between Griffith University, Centre for Military and Veterans Health (University of Queensland) and Chapman University (USA). The project is funded by the Australian Research Council. Griffith University presents the World Theatre Premiere of “The Return” by Linda Hassall on 25 and 26 June. Book here <http://bemac.org.au/events/the-return/>

For more information: <http://app.griffith.edu.au/news/2014/05/21/theatre-highlights-trauma-of-returned-soldiers/> and view the trailer here <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgOa-zBctXI>

### **23. Write Around Queensland**

Final chance for emerging writers to Write Around Queensland. With submissions closing 20 June 2014, emerging writers in writers groups around Queensland are invited to participate in Write Around Queensland which encourages writers to share their talent and get edited in the process. See <http://www.ohaaqld.org.au/blog/wp-content/uploads/2014/05/WAQ-MediaRelease-LastChance.pdf> .

### **24. Angling for Ancestors**

Gold Coast Family History Society Inc. will be holding a Family History Seminar 'Angling for Ancestors' on 11 and 12 October 2014. You are invited to come along and hear guest speakers Jan Gow from New Zealand and Graham Jaunay from South Australia. For more information see <https://sites.google.com/site/anglingforancestors/>

### **25. Going Away to School**

Interviews from the Australian Generations Oral History Project are the basis for a short feature which will air on ABC Radio National's Hindsight at **1.40pm on Sunday 1 June and Thursday 5 June**.

*Going away to school has been part of the education of a wide range of people in Australia. This program draws on the memories of eight people born between the 1920s and the 1980s, all of whom spent part of their schooling away from home. The circumstances varied, from an elite boarding school to a state hostel. Their experiences reflect attitudes of the time, some of which have changed, while others persist to the present day.*

Going Away to School, produced by Jennifer Bowen, is now available online here: <http://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/hindsight/boarding-school-memories/5473898>

### **26. Queensland Memory Awards**

State Library of Queensland honoured four award recipients at its annual Queensland Memory Awards Ceremony this week. Minister for Science, Information Technology,

Innovation and the Arts Ian Walker said the Queensland Memory Awards, supported by the Queensland Library Foundation, recognise important new contributions to the state's history and documentary heritage. Read full story here - <http://blogs.slq.qld.gov.au/jol/> and click on QUEENSLAND MEMORY AWARDS 2014.

***“There’s no need to start explaining to other refugees how you feel about being a refugee. What refugees discuss permanently is their memories.”***  
Kyril Zinovieff