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Hello Oral History Queensland members, here is your tenth 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 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 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. Logan District Oral Histories

State Library of Queensland has recently digitised a collection of 40 interviews regarding the history of the Logan District. The audio and the transcripts are available online - <http://hdl.handle.net/10462/eadarc/4883>

2. World War I Portrait Hunt

Museum of Brisbane Marketing Coordinator Brianna Mackey says:

"Museum of Brisbane is currently seeking original studio portraits of Australian men and women in uniform who served in WW1 to help tell the powerful story of this momentous time. The portraits will become part of our upcoming exhibition Facing WW1: Stories of loyalty, loss and love.

We would like to invite members of your organisation to participate in the portrait hunt and share any original studio portraits they may have of their family or loved ones.

If any of your members have a portrait they would like to share, they are welcome to scan their own photograph and email it to the Museum at facingWW1@museumofbrisbane.com.au by 30 November. If using this method, please note that images must be 600 dpi and jpeg format.

If they have any queries about the portrait hunt or exhibition, please invite them to contact our Curator, Phillip Manning, on 07 3339 0827."

3. IRB Approval no longer required in USA

Here is a discussion about ethical clearance in the USA, which is also relevant in Australia. Don Ritchie says: "All of those presidential candidates who promise to change the world on "my first day in office" have a lot to learn about the federal government's glacial pace. The government does tend to do the right thing, so long as you have the patience to wait a few years (or decades). On 8 September 2015, a 20-year struggle culminated in a ruling from the US Department of Health and Human Services that specifically excludes the following from human subject regulation: "Oral history, journalism, biography, and historical scholarship activities that focus directly on the specific individuals about whom the information is collected." Read full story with comments [here](#).

4. Don Ritchie interviewed by Doug Boyd

Here we have a very interesting interview with Don Ritchie which describes the history of oral history in the USA and internationally. Note that the OHMS system is used.

Doug Boyd says: "It is a rare opportunity in life when you get the chance to interview someone who has profoundly changed and shaped your professional practice. Last month, I interviewed Donald A. Ritchie, Senate Historian Emeritus, about his involvement in the field of oral history, as well as his participation in the Oral History Association. If you have taken an oral history course, at any level, you have probably read his work. In this oral history interview, Ritchie talks about discovering "oral history" during his research for his dissertation on James Landis, and how he became involved in the wider field of oral history. He talks about being hired by the Senate Historical Office, and beginning to participate in the Oral History Association. He describes the administrative structure of the organization, as well as the creation of the International Oral History Association. He talks about becoming program chairman, some of the early issues within the organization, and the beginning of long-range planning within the OHA which led to various changes. To read the full article and listen to the interview click [here](#).

5. Fishing industry oral history project

Member, Elisabeth Gondwe, presented a paper at the recent national conference. Part of her paper was about the fishing industry on North Stradbroke Island. Read more [here](#). One of the outcomes of the project is a documentary which will be screened at 3.00pm Saturday 7 November 2015, Concert Hall, Redlands Performing Arts Centre. Read more about the film and watch the trailer [here](#).

6. Brisbane's History Expo

Invitation from the Lord Mayor Graham Quirk to Brisbane's History Expo morning tea and display. Lord Mayor Quirk says:

I am writing to invite you and members of your historical society to attend Brisbane's History Expo morning tea and display on **Thursday 19 November 2015**.

This event celebrates Brisbane's rich history and the vital role Oral History Association of Australia and other historical societies play in promoting interest in our city's rich heritage.

Morning Tea

Brisbane's History Expo morning tea will be held from **9am to 11am** in the Main Auditorium located on the ground floor of Brisbane City Hall. During the morning tea, a number of presentations will occur that I am sure will be of interest to your members. Please RSVP for the morning tea by Monday 10 November 2015 to the Lord Mayor's Administration Office by phone on 3403 6202 or email at LMRSVP@brisbane.qld.gov.au.

Please quote in full: 7975 - 0010664 and provide the names of the representatives from your society and details of any dietary requirements.

Display

The display will take place in the Sherwood and Toowong rooms in City Hall after morning tea. The display will be open to the public between 11 am and 5pm."

7. izi.TRAVEL inner city audio tour live

Brisbane's Living Heritage Network says:

"You may have heard about a new way to explore heritage stories? Using the [FREE izi.TRAVEL app](#) on your mobile device you can explore heritage stories in Brisbane and all over the world! We have prepared a FREE [Discover Brisbane's heritage stories audio tour](#) and many of our members also have tours available on izi.TRAVEL as well."

Note: I am reliably informed by member, Elisabeth Gondwe, that izi.TRAVEL is easy to set up and use. Elisabeth has this set up at her [North Stradbroke Island Historical Museum](#).

8. History Queensland Conference

On Saturday 3 October 2015, some OHQ members attended the "In Time and Place" Conference, an inaugural conference bringing together local and family historians, organised by History Queensland, The Genealogical Society of Queensland and Queensland Family History Society. For full report click [here](#).

9. NSW Newsletter

For your information and interest you may see the NSW final newsletter Voiceprint, October 2015 [here](#).

10. Beyond Text in the Digital Age

The Oral History Society in the United Kingdom is holding a conference in July 2016. For more information click [here](#).

11. Oral History Victoria Innovation Awards

See the projects which attracted awards [here](#).

12. Veterans in Focus Exhibition



....to come to the **Veterans In Focus** exhibition.

Adrian Lowe says:

“Hello folks,

Here are the details for the **Veterans In Focus** exhibition where 80 images (20 x 30 Inches) are being displayed at the Bribie Arts Centre, Sunderland Dve, Banksia Beach, from Tuesday 10th to Sunday 15th of November from 10 am to 4 pm. It's a stunning portrayal of veterans as the normal guys and gals in the street, not formally posed in jackets and medals - that brings out their true character.

The grand opening - There will be a dedication by Rev Colin Baxter on Tuesday the 10th at 3pm followed by the opening by Cr. Gary Parsons, with a good assortment of nibbles and wine available for \$5 per head.

Important: Please let me know if you're coming to the opening, for catering purposes, by Friday the 6th of November. You can go anytime in that week of course. Take family and friends. Entry for visitors to the display is free and one can hire a Self Guided Tour tablet and headphones for \$2 that will provide short stories and movies of about 24 veterans.

You can see a sample of the Tour at www.infocentre.com.au/vetsinfocus/sample.htm which includes some photos as well.

Could you forward this email to your contacts to invite them to the exhibition please. The photos have come out brilliantly, pin sharp and huge at 20 x 30 inches and those who've seen them are most impressed. The tour system has impressed people too. It's a first for Bribie and will help to engage visitors more and help them appreciate what we're trying to get across.

Adrian Lowe
0400 51 7979”

13. South Australia/Northern Territory Newsletter

For your information and interest you may see the South Australia/Northern Territory newsletter Word of Mouth, Spring 2015 [here](#). Please note, this newsletter will be removed from our website on 14 November 2015.

14. OHA Conference Report

Sharee Cordes received a scholarship to attend the OHA Conference in Perth where she presented a paper. Here is [Part 2](#) of her conference report.

15. RHSQ November Newsletter and Journal

OHQ is a member of RHSQ. Helen Brackin, Manager, Royal Historical Society of Queensland says:

“Please find attached your copy of the November edition of both the [Queensland History Journal](#) and [November Bulletin](#).

Upcoming events include:

- The November Wednesday Talk will be given by Susan Kellett on *The Woman in the Window*. This paper reveals the fascinating story of some of the men – along with one woman – who populate the windows of the Australian War Memorial, and why their artist never revealed their identities. The talk starts at 12.30pm on 11 November 2015, and we will be commemorating Armistice Day with a minute’s silence before the start of the talk. A light lunch will be served afterwards.
- The Separation Day Cocktails event will be held at the Commissariat Store again this year, on Thursday 10 December 2015. This year’s celebrations will feature works by local artist Pamela Gough, whose inspiration comes from Brisbane’s built heritage. The cost is \$55 for RHSQ members or \$60 for non-members. Please see the flyer attached for more details.
- The Annerley-Stephens History Group Inc, in conjunction with The Royal Historical Society of Queensland, will be holding a history conference on Saturday 27 February 2016 at the Marymac Community Centre, 616 Ipswich Road, Annerley. Papers will be presented on the history of the Stephens Area, local Aboriginal history, tramway history, Junction Park, Annerley and Fairfield history and eminent pioneering families of the locality. Registration costs \$40 per person. Please contact Stephen Sheaffe (0417 770 176 or stephen@sheaffe.com) or Bill Elliott (0417 713 200 or billelliott@optusnet.com) to register or if you have any questions about this exciting event. A flyer will be circulated shortly.

We look forward to welcoming you to these events.”

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16 Presenting the Interview

I went to the panel discussion “Presenting the Interview” at the State Library on Thursday night. Everyone to whom I spoke later said how much they enjoyed it. Our President, Margaret Ridley, was the moderator and the panel comprised Michelle Rayner, David Burton, Jen Barrkman and Gavin Bannerman. The discussion was videoed and I will let you know when that is available.



From left, Gavin Bannerman, David Burton, Jen Barrkman, Michelle Rayner



Margaret Ridley

17. Recent NSW Seminars

Dr. Doug Boyd - Play Record Pause: How Technology is Changing the Practice and Purpose of Oral History

Doug Boyd, Director of the Louie B. Nunn Centre for Oral History in the University of Kentucky Libraries, will explore innovations to oral history and their impact on both the practice and purpose of oral history. He was the Keynote Speaker at the OHA Conference in Perth and later spoke at a Sydney seminar. Listen to Doug’s presentation in Sydney [here](#).

“Time and memory, ... Death throws them up in the air and they fall in a different order. Ageing does it more gradually.” – The Soul of Discretion by Susan Hill